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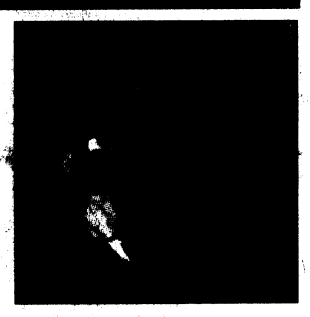

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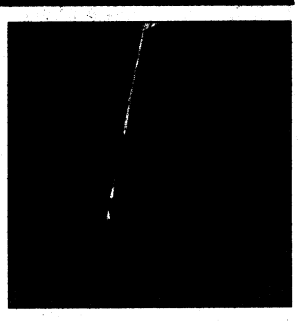

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3rd Brigade leaves for NTC

Rotation to prepare unit for deployments

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Soldiers from 3rd Brigade returned from two weeks of holiday leave and began another deployment. They're heading out to face what the brigade commander, Col. Steven Salazar, called "probably the best armed force in the world."

The brigade will participate in a training rotation against other U.S. Soldiers from the Opposing Force at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

Although the training and maintenance efforts involved in preparing for a monthlong deployment to yet another desert are not most popular with Soldiers, Salazar said he was proud of the Soldiers and their families.

"The last six months (since the brigade returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom) have been difficult and it's been incredibly hard work," Salazar said. "But it's exactly why Time Magazine named (the Soldiers) 'Person of the Year.'"

Salazar said the unit redeployed with a shift in mission to reconstitution, a period of rest and refit used as far back as World War II. Once a unit reached a culmination point in combat, it was pulled off to rest and refit and prepare for the next mission.

With the addition of the NTC requirement, the brigade had a small dose of rest and a large dose of refit as the Soldiers had to perform maintenance on some 2,400 vehicles that sat idle for the nearly 13 months

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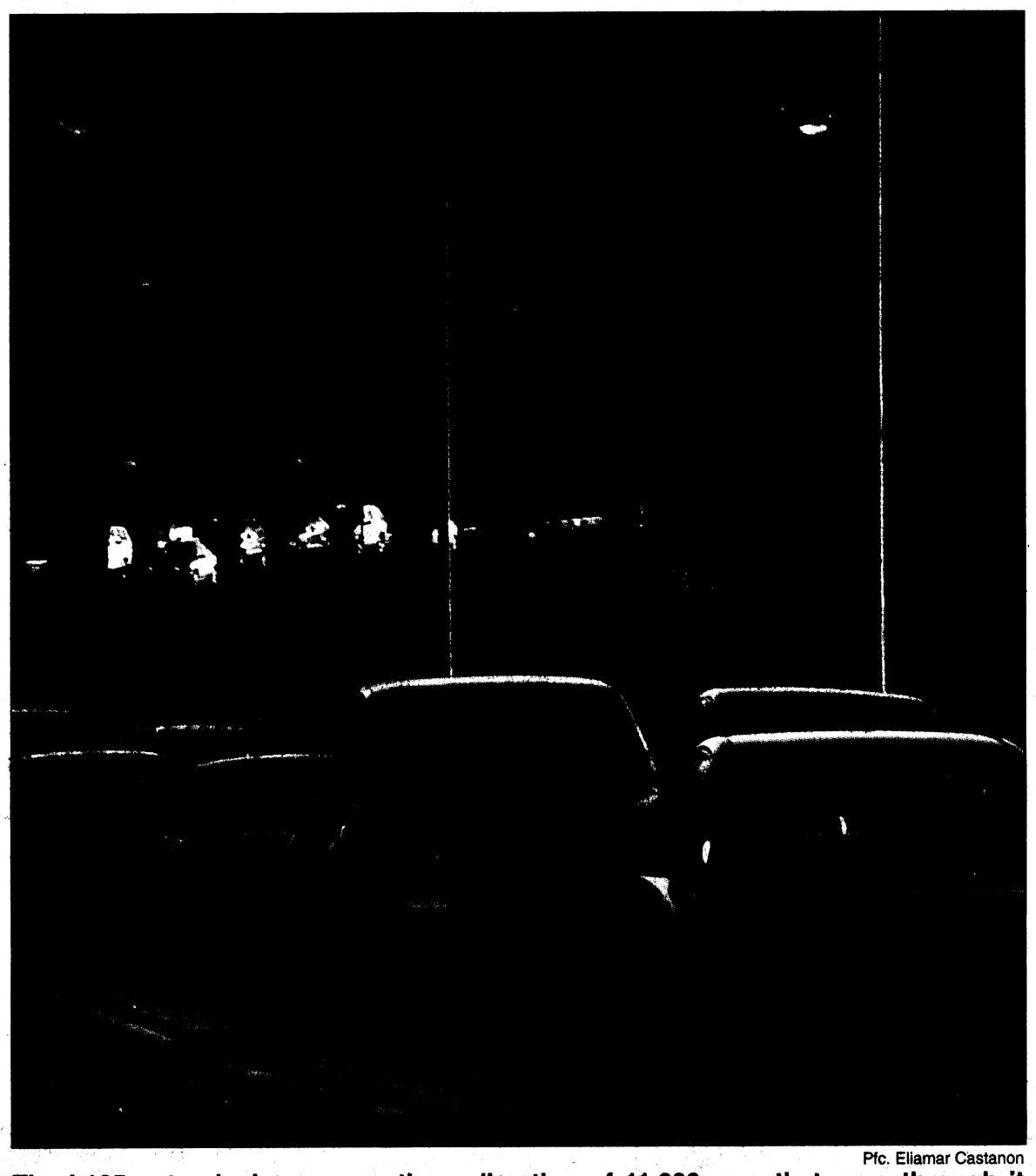

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon

The I-185 gate closing causes the redirection of 11,000 cars that pass through it daily. "When we developed the traffic plan, we focused first on getting people on post, then on keeping traffic flow throughout the post," said Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan, provost marshal. "What we did not anticipate was the tremendous volume of traffic leaving the Main Post area between 4:30 and 6 p.m." MPs directed traffic at the intersection rather than relying on the traffic light, which has helped, Finnegan said. Speed bumps were removed from the outbound lanes at the Custer and Lumpkin roads' access control points to ease traffic flow. Plans are in the works to open Marne Road at Hwy. 27 Northbound from 4 to 6 p.m. to help move traffic leaving Kelley Hill. Everyone leaving post during peak departure times needs to review all the ways available to leave the installation, Finnegan said.

Deputy to get star

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's deputy commander, Col. Stephen Layfield, will be promoted to brigadier general at a 3 p.m. ceremony today on York Field.

"The fact I am fortunate enough to be selected as a general officer is a privilege and an honor," Layfield said. "I take this with the utmost seriousness of commitment to the Army.

"I am committed to this country, this Army, the Soldiers and their families," he said. "With this promotion comes a rededication of my commitment."

"I've learned so much about being an aide and leadership just by watching his leadership style and dealing with problems," said 1st Lt. Kristian Yun-Thayer, Layfield's aide de camp. "In my opinion, you have leaders and examples of leaders, and he exemplifies leadership in every aspect of his life."

Actually, becoming a general officer wasn't something Layfield expected to happen when he started out his life in the Army. Layfield said he didn't even expect to make the Army a career. But being part of something bigger than himself made his future clearer every year.

During his time in the military, Layfield said he's also seen changes for the better in the Soldiers joining the ranks.

"The single greatest change I've seen since the day I came in (the Army) 26 years ago is the quality of Soldiers improving," he said. "The technology is good, but it pales in comparison to the Soldiers and leaders today. We are the best and

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Drill sergeants lead way straight to Middle East

NCOs to train new Iraqi army soldiers

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Drill sergeants spend their time training America's newest Soldiers to be the force protecting our nation. Now, a whole company of drill sergeants has volunteered to go to Iraq and train a new army to protect the recently freed nation.

B Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, Basic Combat Training Brigade, is ready to deploy to support the war on terrorism.

"It's bittersweet to get to go," said Staff Sgt. Robert Fortenberry, drill sergeant, B Co. 2nd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt. "Finally, (I get to do my) part, 'cause I've been on the trail pretty much the whole war. The way I see it is the faster we get these guys trained, the quicker everyone comes back."

The company is projected to deploy for six months to a year, tasked with training the new Iraqi army.

"I think it's a good idea to keep us as a company instead of people from here and there," said Sgt. 1st Class Hubert Wright, senior drill sergeant. "When they keep us together, we've already been working together for at least a year, and we're pretty tight-knit because of all the hours we work. Cohesion makes a more successful deployment."

"We graduated a cycle in early November," Fortenberry said. "Then two weeks later, we all got called in to the office and were notified. It was a no-brainer — everyone wanted to go do their part from the beginning."

Keeping the whole company together for the deployment also gives the battalion the

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Spc.Brian Trapp

Staff Sgt. Robert Fortenberry, drill sergeant with 2nd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt., cleans a weapon Tuesday preparing for his deployment.

THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

A farewell to friends

Bridgett Siter
Staff writer



I turned my back for just a minute, and they're gone.

Some of my favorite people saw the end of 2003 as a good time to bid this world adieu. I reckon that's just the way it happened.

My family and I went home for the holidays and returned to discover that some of our friends had gone on without us. Not that we wanted to go with them, mind you, but it would've been nice to say goodbye. To say thank you.

When the elderly die with their mental faculties sharp as ever, I often think they choose their timing. Time to let go. Time to move on.

Though I really thought Alfonso Biggs, *Mr.* Biggs to his "youngers" — and everybody was his younger — would stick around a little while longer. He would've been 100 Feb. 14, Valentines Day — entirely appropriate since he was such a sweetheart. There were those planning to fuss over him on his birthday, and Mr. Biggs never liked that sort of thing. I suspect he decided to skip it.

He was the authority on the history of race relations in Columbus. The grandson of slaves, he grew up in the segregated South. He saw it all.

He knew Fort Benning when it was Camp Benning. He served as a driver and a cook for some of our early commanders and three of our presidents, including FDR, who convinced Biggs to accompany him to Hyde Park for a while where he dished up his famous "Country Captain."

And he watched Fort Benning being built. He sat in the stands during Gowdy Field's heyday, when the black Soldiers who built the field were forbidden to play there. He knew which housing areas were relegated for "colored Soldiers."

Mr. Biggs spoke very matter-of-factly about the way things were, and he had an incredibly positive opinion about the state of race relations in the 21st century.

"That was then; this is now. Life is good," he said.

Mr. Biggs was buried Jan. 2, the same day retired Sgt. 1st Class Elwood Gibson was laid to rest in the Fort Benning Cemetery.

I knew Mr. Gibson well, though I probably never spoke more than 10 words to him. I knew he served in three wars and raised a very fine family. Those two facts speak volumes about him. What more did I need to know?

Gibson's twin sons, Alan and André, are Soldiers here at Fort Benning. Alan and his family live two doors down from mine. Our children play together. My youngest girl, Mckenzie, claims Ariel Gibson as her very best friend in the whole wide world.

Ariel's grandfather was not a wealthy man, but he was rich beyond measure. He left a legacy of love that will last for generations.

You see, despite the prejudice Elwood Gibson knew in the early days of his career (He was a "black Soldier." Everything he was and everything he did was defined by the color of his skin.) He rejected racism and raised his children to see the good in all people.

And the Gibson kids raised the Gibson grandkids to be loving and kind and accepting. They'll raise their children to do the same.

That is Elwood Gibson's legacy.

Nellie Nearen passed away Dec. 27. You may not have known her by name, but if you've lived on Fort Benning for any length of time, you've seen her here and there and everywhere. Miss Nellie got around, because she liked to take care of business, and her business was taking care of people.

The 80-year-old widow of a retired Soldier, Miss Nellie was born in Vienna, Austria, and survived the German and Russian occupations.

She had no family to speak of, so she adopted a great big one. It consisted mostly of Soldiers and Soldiers' families, but it was never limited.

She took care of nearly 20 families in Alabama, families in need of food and clothes. She took care of them regularly, even when failing health and eyesight made her depend on friends to cart her to and fro.

"She gave and gave and gave. She wouldn't take a thing, and she wouldn't talk about what she did," said one of her friends. "She was a hero of Fort Benning."

I couldn't have said it better.

Nearen listed among her closest friends many Fort Benning commanders. In fact, the names of her pallbearers reads like a list of former Riverside residents: Hendrix, Ernst, Wetzel, White ... . They came from far and wide to pay tribute to the little lady who graced Fort Benning with goodness for more than 35 years.

But I wasn't there. Like Mr. Biggs and Ariel's grandfather, Miss Nellie snuck out while I was away. So here are my "thank yous" and "goodbyes."

Our corner of the world is truly a better place because they were here for a short while.

Courtesy is contagious

Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner
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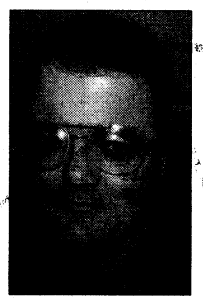

Like a child returning to school after the holidays, I sat behind the wheel of my truck on the verge of tears as I tried to fight its seemingly automatic and surely inevitable commute back to work.

Thoughts of my daughter tucked in bed with a big grin and one more day of vacation wasn't helping either.

It wasn't the thought of work that troubled me as much as the thought of facing the reality that the Interstate 185 gate would be closed for eight months.

It was shortly after passing the St. Mary's exit I got one of those feelings that I should have taken that exit. But it was too late. I was stuck.

I waited patiently in the right lane and resisted the urge to move to the left lane with the other drivers who seemed to have no regard for the fact that that lane was ending and their eventual merge would only add to the mess of traffic.

A normally 20-25 minute ride became 50-60 minutes. The ride home was equally time consuming.

It was interesting Monday walking around Infantry Hall and riding in the elevators, as I overheard bits and pieces of ideas around the Exit 1 mess.

Those residing on post seemed indifferent.

Those with ideas, though, would have traded Grandma's prize-winning fried chicken recipe before divulging their plans.

I now take an alternate route, and if you e-mail me, I might send you my Grandma's prize-winning recipe for fried chicken.

Meanwhile, I have an idea. Let's all start an alternative lifestyle. No not that one. This one just requires drivers to use courtesy and common sense at least until August.

Try alternating turns moving into or out of traffic, such as at the on-ramps and off-ramps of exits 1A and 1B or at yield and stop signs where now there is an unusually high amount of traffic.

I think wearing mittens might be another good idea. Friendly waves are always appreciated and often contagious.

Together, I know we can make it through the spring and summer. Follow me! Uh, ... on second thought, follow somebody else. I'm sure my detour is not a good one.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The combat airborne Soldier deserves the best parachute for mass jumps, but ATPS (Advanced Tactical Parachute System) is not the best parachute.

Not all combat jumps can be dropped at low altitude. If a jumper has total parachute failure at 500 feet, he will hit the ground in a few seconds and will not have adequate time to deploy his reserve parachute.

Free falling (skydiving) from high altitudes (due to problems), I have opened my parachute at 500 feet, or less than three seconds from the ground. Higher altitude jumps expose the paratrooper to more enemy fire, because the lower rate of descent results in a longer hang time.

Without excessive loads, the huge size of the chute's main canopy is more exposed to horizontal wind velocity that appears to carry the jumper — without the ability to reduce speed by steering into the wind — to a much greater landing impact. The extra weight and bulk of the main parachute will also be a problem, adding to the jumpers' load and creating seating problems on the aircraft.

The increased packing time will require more parachute riggers to repack ATPS. This will cost the taxpayer for many years. Para-Flite appears to continue deceiving and pressuring civilian, military, political and media personnel to support ATPS.

Darrell F. Branstetter
Roanoke, Va.

This year, Fort Benning raised more than $724,000 for the Combined Federal Campaign.

This is unprecedented in the records of previous campaigns.

Thanks to all of you — our leaders, Soldiers, civilians, family members and alumni.

You showed what a giving, caring community this is.

As we close down the office and return the staff back to their units, I just want to say thanks to all of you for making this campaign the huge success it was.

It's all about teamwork, and there is no better team than you.

Chuck Walls
Garrison manager

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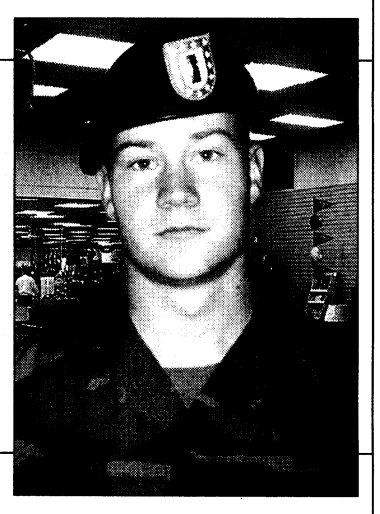
VARIOUS VOICES

How has someone who is no longer with us inspired you?



Lisa Pabon, family member — "My brother, Ricardo Reyes, inspired me not to take life so seriously, to live life to its fullest and to express my feelings to others because I'll never know how long they are going to be around. He passed away September 2003."



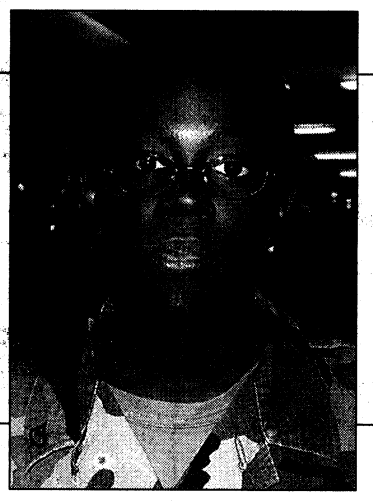
2nd Lt. Kent Keirsey, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "Donald Hanson, my grandfather. He was in the Vietnam War. Reading his journal, I learned what he was faced with and it made me want to be a good officer. I only hope to be a leader with half the character he had."



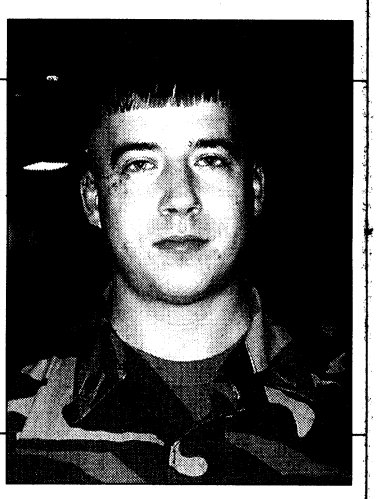
Spc. Joslynn Scarver, 203rd Forward Support Battalion — "Grandmother Susie inspired me to do my own thing and be the best that I can be, no matter what anybody said. That's the type of person she was."



Lucas Pino, retiree — "Private Jerry Abuhadba's dedication to the Army and to education inspired me to serve my time in the Army with motivation and to get a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He was killed by a landmine in 1979. He was my battle buddy in Korea."



Pfc, Larhonda Tatum, 160th Military Police Battalion — "My mom always told me to be the best I could be, and I have to make her proud. Everybody liked her because she always spoke the truth. I'm just like her."



Spc. Michael Callahan, 317th Engineeer Battalion — "Private (Gregory) Huxley's dedication to the mission inspired me to learn everything I can so I may help my battle buddies stay safe in battle. He was in my company and was killed in Iraq."

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Benning's tax center to open doors Jan. 21

Shop to give post headstart on taxes

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning Tax Center's grand opening is scheduled for Jan. 21. The center will provide Soldiers and their families with free tax services throughout the tax-filing period.

The staff at the tax center, which is comprised of Soldiers, civilian employees and volunteers, is being trained by representatives of the Internal Revenue Service and state tax representatives.

Each staff member will be required to pass a test before working on anyone's tax forms.

They will be filing federal 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040 returns from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

They will also provide state tax filing services.

Ann Pratcher, Financial Readiness Program manager, said Soldiers should wait for the tax center to open before filing their taxes because it is the best way for them to have their taxes prepared and they will get as much money back as legally possible.

Pratcher said some of the "fly-by-night" agencies that are filing taxes off post are either charging Soldiers exorbitant rates or using illegal tactics to get a higher return.

Carrie Snyder, one of the employees at the tax center, said the only way someone can get a larger tax return than what the Fort Benning Tax Center can get them is to file the forms incorrectly.

Snyder, who volunteered last year, saw firsthand what can happen when people use less-than-reputable organizations to file their taxes.

She said one of the Soldiers who filed his taxes at the Fort Benning Tax Center last year had used another agency in 2002 and felt the repercussions in 2003.

He was supposed to pay about $300 in 2002, but the company that filed his taxes lied on the forms to get him a return of nearly $1,000.

When the Soldier filed his taxes in 2003, he ended up having to pay the money back instead of getting a return, Snyder said.

Such situations are not uncommon with companies that file tax forms for profit.

She has worked with Soldiers who filed their taxes through "instant refund" companies and lost more than they planned.

"Instant refunds are not actually refunds," Pratcher said. "They are loans in anticipation of what they think the return will be.

"If the return is not as much as anticipated, (the customer) is required to pay back the difference."

The tax center is a great way for Soldiers to save money and make sure their taxes are filed correctly, Pratcher said, because the employees are trained and the services are free.

Pratcher also has advice for those who are getting a return this year.

"Decide what to do with the money ahead of time," she said. "If you have debt, it is a good idea to use one-third to pay down debt, put one third into a savings account and spend one-third on something fun."

Pratcher said even though people want to get the largest return possible, getting an exceptionally large return can reveal a flaw.

"People who are getting really big refunds should look at the number of exemptions they are claiming throughout the year," she said. "If they don't claim enough exemptions, they are making an interest-free loan to Uncle Sam."

Pratcher said by claiming more exemptions on a W2 form, a person can put the extra money into a savings account and earn interest on it throughout the year, rather than letting the government have it.

CLOSER LOOK

Soldiers should take the following documents with them to the Tax Center

- Valid active duty, retiree, or dependent ID card.
- Current Social Security card for self and any dependents.
- A voided check if the Soldier wishes to have refund directly deposited.
- Any W2s, 1098s, 1099s (-R, -DIV, -INT, etc.)

Army stop loss affects deployed troops

Soldiers in Iraq to face extensions under restrictions

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Army's expansion of the stop loss/stop movement program is expected to affect about 7,000 active-duty Soldiers deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Col. Elton M. Manske, chief of the Army's Enlisted Division, said the expansion, to be announced "within days," will affect only Soldiers already in theater who have upcoming service expiration dates or approved or scheduled retirement dates.

Most deployed Soldiers, he explained, are not affected because they have service obligations that extend beyond their deployments.

The stop-loss restrictions bar voluntary separations and retirements for Soldiers in designated units throughout their deployments and up to 90 days after their unit returns to its home station.

In addition, the stop-movement policy will suspend the normal rotation of Soldiers into and out of affected units.

The expansion essentially levels the field for all Soldiers deployed in the war on terror, Manske said. Units slated for the next rotations to Iraq and Afghanistan already are subject to stop-loss restrictions based on a Nov. 13 Army announcement. In addition, mobilized Reserve and Guard troops are subject to a stop-loss policy that took effect in November 2002.

Manske said readiness requirements drove the Army leadership to expand the program to include troops deployed to participate in the first rotation of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the fourth rotation of Operation Enduring Freedom.

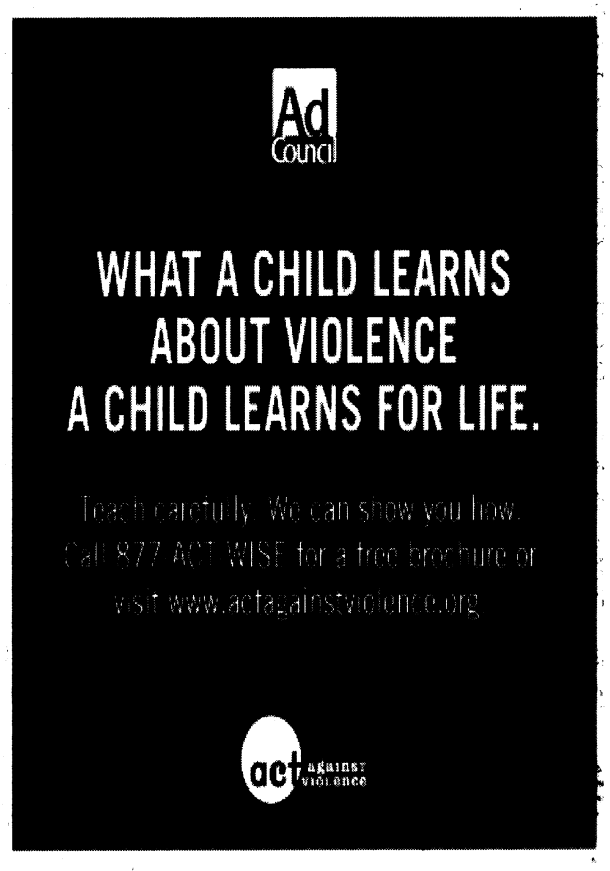
"This decision is really being driven by the readiness of units and the absolute intent to keep the units themselves intact down to as low as the squad and crew level," he said, "so we are assured of putting the best fighting force on the battlefield in support of the Soldiers as well as the Army at large."

Manske said the Army leadership recognizes that the decision probably will create hardships and disrupt plans for some of the affected Soldiers.

"The Army and Defense leadership are very sensitive to the impact that this potentially has on individual Soldiers and their families," he said.

"I would emphasize that there is no intent to keep Soldiers any longer than is absolutely necessary to sustain unit readiness beyond their contractual obligations or to keep them from moving on to other assignments," Manske said.

"We intend to take care of our Soldiers."



"If you want it all, we've got it all."

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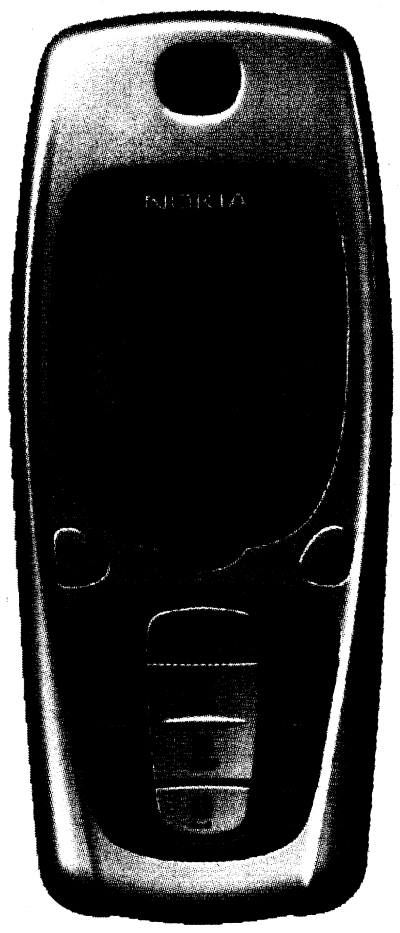

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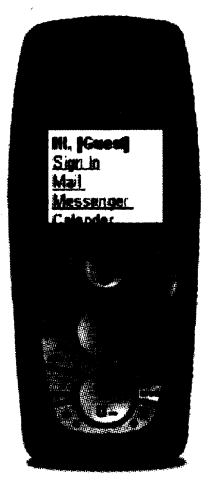

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2145th GSU welcomes new commander

Garrison Support Unit farewells Kirk

Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner
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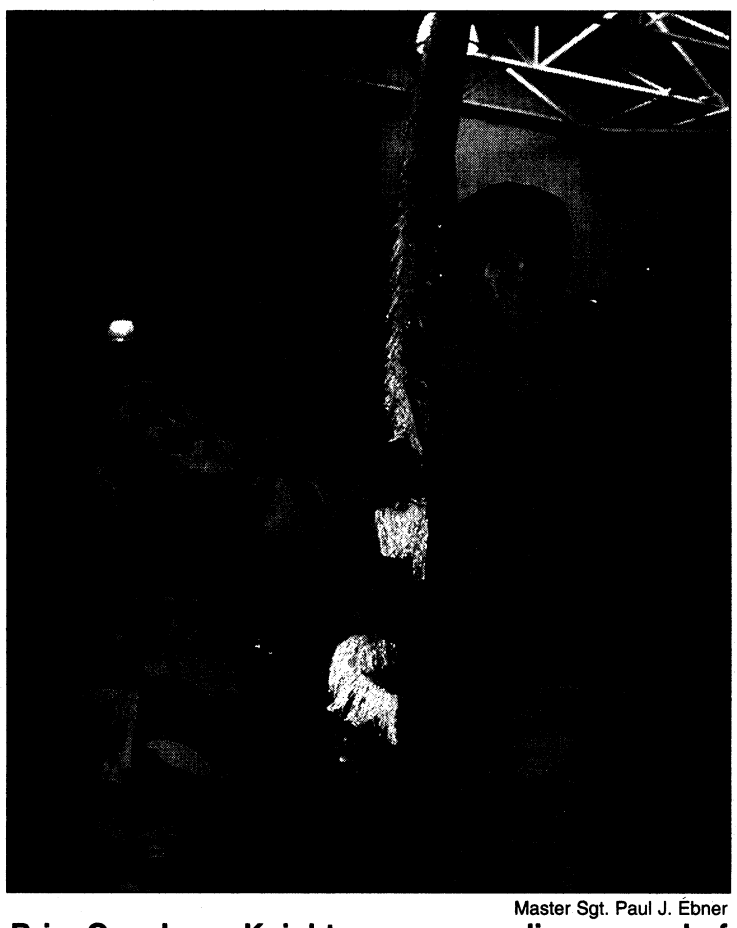

Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner

Brig. Gen. Larry Knightner, commanding general of the 81st Regional Readiness Group hands the unit colors of the 2145th GSU to Col. Daniel Schultz.

The 2145th Garrison Support Unit welcomed its second commander since its activation in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Iraqi Freedom during a change of command ceremony Dec. 12 at Audie Murphy Gym.

Col. Daniel Schultz succeeds Col. Dale Kirk, who is moving on to an assignment at U.S. Army Forces Command.

He will be missed, said Command Sgt. Maj. Mikal Patterson, 2145th GSU.

"He was a very good commander. The whole unit was very attached to him and will grieve his leaving for some time," Patterson said.

Schultz, a Dundee, Mich., native, is also a transportation officer with a great deal of experience in movement operations.

He said he sees some tweaking in the way his unit does business.

The 2145th has been on active duty for more than a year. The Soldiers know the routine and are doing a great job, said Schultz. However, he said, every commander likes to see improvement. There is always room for improvement and a chance to take it to the next level.

There are always changes expected with a new commander, said Patterson. Because of the work Kirk has done to prepare the unit, Schultz just had to step into command. He has a great bunch of well-trained Soldiers.

"It should be an easy command for him," he said.

While the Soldiers and their mission are important, Schultz recognizes the importance of the customers the unit serves.

"Garrison support is in our unit name. We recognize the importance of being customer-oriented. Our whole mission is to support," he said. "We never want to get the attitude that the units we support are a bother. If it weren't for them, we wouldn't be here. It's important that everyone in the unit retain that customer focus."

Benning to celebrate Martin Luther King Day

Post honors late civil rights leader

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

In 1948, President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981, which stated, "There shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin."

However, in 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. and his civil-rights movement followers were still fighting for "unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" for civilians.

Now, in honor of the 75th anniversary of the late civil-rights leader's birth, the Infantry Center and the Equal Opportunity Office say, "Remember, celebrate, act. A day on, not a day off."

The Infantry Center and the EO Office will host a commemoration ceremony at 10 a.m. Thursday in Infantry Hall's Marshall Auditorium.

"We're doing this to remind people of what Dr. King's vision was and what he was trying to accomplish," said Master Sgt. Kevin Elliot, EO advisor.

King helped break down barriers, tear down walls and educate and enlighten people about civil rights, said Sgt. 1st Class Juan Rodriguez, event chairman and EO advisor.

"We want to do the same," he said.

King was born in Atlanta Jan. 15, 1929, to Martin Luther King Sr., pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, and Alberta Williams King, a former school teacher.

He was assassinated April 4, 1968, on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tenn., because of his civil rights efforts.

Scheduled to perform at the commemoration ceremony is the Columbus State University's Gospel Choir and other CSU students, who will dance, sing and recite poetry in memory of King.

On-post performers include Celeste Lee, with the Directorate of Operations and Training, accompanied by Deana Chambliss, with the Family Practice Clinic, in a performance of the song "Stand."

In addition, Staff Sgt. Kenneth Carruthers, B Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, and Faith Middle School sixth-grade students of the Advanced Via Individual Determination program are scheduled to perform a rendition of King's 1968 March on Washington speech.

Rev. Tim Reynolds, pastor of the Saint James Missionary Baptist Church in Cottonton, Ala., is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

Reynolds is retired from the Air Force and will speak as a service member, an African American citizen and a religious man, Rodriguez said.

The event is free and open to the tricommunity.

For more information, call 544-7262.

Commissary/PX Council

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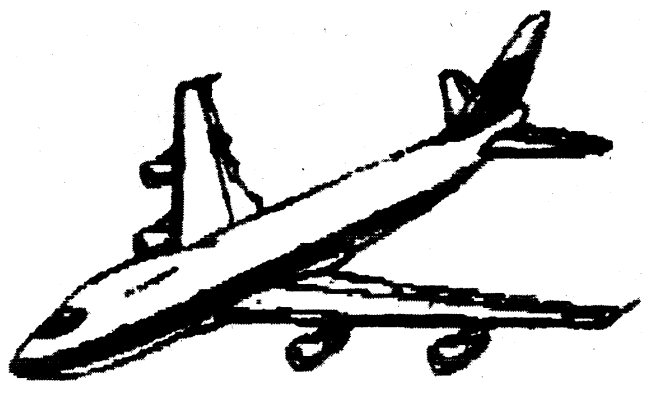

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Training Soldiers' Exodus goes off without hitch

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The annual Exodus of Basic Combat and Infantry Training Brigade Soldiers came and went without any major glitches, and that's no small feat considering the two units had almost 4,000 Soldiers traveling home for the holidays.

They went by plane, bus and automobile and, with a few exceptions, left Fort Benning and returned at the same times.

A successful Exodus represents a concerted effort of both military and civilians from cadre of the two brigades to staff at various transportation agencies in Columbus and Fort Benning. This year, the command and control element was ITB.

"We've been working on this hard and heavy since the June-July time frame," said Capt. Ed Gould, ITB personnel officer. The Exodus plan was conducted much like any other military operation, by following a detailed, six-phased plan.

The initial phases in September and October revolved around travel planning, the third phase was the actual "deployment" of the Soldiers, the fourth phase was the holiday leave period, followed by redeployment of the Soldiers Saturday and redeployment Wednesday of Soldiers who celebrated Three Kings.

Working on the premise that knowledge is power, ITB commander, Col. Brian Baldy had an Exodus section added to the brigade's Web site. Soldiers mailed a card with the Web address to their families, said brigade operations officer, Maj. Jay Pitz.

"It was a way to alleviate concerns of parents and answer questions they had about Exodus," Pitz said. "And we got great positive feedback." The Web site contained general information like phone numbers and addresses for all of the ITB units as well as detailed procedures for obtaining medical care while at home and reporting any travel delays. There was also a sample physical training plan.

Laura Schelling, manager of the Omega Travel office at the Main Mall Post Exchange said she and her staff used lessons learned during last year's preparations to make things run more smoothly. The 2003 Exodus was Omega's second.

"We figured out what we needed to tweak," Schelling said. "We streamlined and consolidated and got a lot of positive feedback from the battalion commanders."

The streamlined operation consisted of two main ticketing weekends. Ticketing this way, Schelling said, meant they didn't have to ticket into the wee hours as they had for Exodus 2002.

Processing 600-1,000 tickets a day meant Schelling needed additional help for her regular staff of three. She hired two part-time agents and flew in four agents to help on the big weekends.

Schelling said her meeting in the fall with Capt. Raul Romero, the ITB action officer in charge of scheduling, paid off. She was able to lay out her ticketing plan and Romero was able to help mesh it with unit training schedules.

Soldiers traveling home by bus were taken care of by Tyesha Brown, manager of the Columbus Greyhound Bus terminal.

"It's not complicated," Brown said. "It's just all paperwork and typing. The drill sergeants bring in all the information."

Brown's buses took Soldiers southbound as far as Miami, northbound to Chicago and as far west as Dallas, Dec. 18.

Soldiers flying out left Fort Benning Dec. 19 based on flight departure times, said Capt. Arnold Noyola, BCTB assistant operations officer, who worked with Romero on scheduling.

"It's all synchronized," Noyola said. "And we have people at the airport to supervise the Soldiers and areas set up for them to wait for their flights in." Not only did ITB and BCTB cadre coordinate the airport movements of Fort Benning Soldiers, but they also coordinated movements of Soldiers at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Fort Gordon, Ga., so that all the Soldiers wouldn't arrive at the airport on the same days and times.

Pitz said the 20 Soldiers who did not leave for the holidays were well taken care of.

"We had a number of planned activities for them," he said. "They went to Destin (Fla.), the movies, had Christmas dinner at a bed and breakfast and went to a Riverdragons basketball game."

By today, it was back to training as usual.

Finance guru retires

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

"We are not only losing a man; we're losing an institution," said Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley of Bobby King at King's retirement ceremony Dec. 19.

Freakley referred to King, former director of Resource Management, as an institution because every day King has worked since 1966, he has worked at Fort Benning.

For 37 years, King has been working at Fort Benning as "a good steward of taxpayers' money," Freakley said.

An Alabama native, King started working as a Department of Defense civilian for the finance office on post in September 1966.

Not even a year later, in July 1967, he was drafted into the Army.

"I was willing to go, but then again, I really didn't have a choice. It was a mandatory draft," he said laughing.

As a Soldier, he completed basic training at Fort Benning and was then offered the opportunity to do on-the-job training in the same finance and accounting office he worked for before the draft.

"It was the best deal I'd heard yet," King said.

He served a two-year enlistment, then came back to Fort Benning to work as a civilian for the comptroller's office.

"From the beginning, he's had a reputation of being a frugal man," Freakley joked about King at his retirement ceremony.



King

"That's not fair," King replied. "I like my job, and I just want to make sure Soldiers get what they need when they need it."

Before becoming director of Resource Management, King worked various finance positions, including Mil-Pay, travel and the finance and accounting office.

"I worked my way up the ladder," he said.

"I worked with (King) when he first came to Fort Benning as a DoD civilian, and while he was a Soldier and then as a civilian again," said Peggy Lambert, chief of installation budget and a friend of King's since 1966.

"We grew up together," she said.

Freakley and Lambert both said King has always been dedicated to his job and could come up with a solution to any financial problem that came up.

"He's a workaholic. A few years ago he stayed at work without going home or sleeping for three days," Lambert said. "When we finally convinced him to go home, he fell asleep at a red light!"

"That was a long week," King said, blushing at the mention of himself asleep at the wheel of his car.

The next time a similar situation came up, King took a nap on a table in his office, instead, Lambert said.

"I owe everything to my staff," King said. "They are the ones who listen to my ideas and tell me if they are good or bad and how to improve them. I couldn't have done it without them," he said.

Although King officially retired Jan. 2, he has been back at work since Monday, this time for the office of Installation Management Activity.

"IMA looks after installation needs and provides support," King said.

"I'm coming in as they are trying to create a new accounting system to replace the 20-year-old system (in use) today. I'm hoping to have a part in that project," he said.

Is King ever planning on retiring for good?

Not yet if King's wife, Ann, has a say in it. King's high school sweetheart and wife of 35 years is a housewife. He said he's not sure she is ready to put up with him all day, every day.

Until then, King will be doing what the commanding general said King does best — working miracles with the installation's money.

"I've really enjoyed working here," King said. "I've had great support from the command group and the Soldiers. They have made me look good.

"It's nice to work for an organization that you are proud of, and I am very proud of whom I work for."

Benning cancels cab contract

Interim taxi service available

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Fort Benning recently terminated its contract with the post's taxi service, the Independent Taxi Company.

The termination was mutually agreed upon between the Morale Welfare and Recreation Fund and the taxi service due to a Department of Labor decision regarding part of the contract, said Charlotte Jackson, chief, business operations division, Directorate of Community Activities.

The change did not come about as a result of customer service complaints, she said.

A new contract with another taxi service has not been established yet.

"Customers may call any taxi company, and they will be charged approved 'City of Columbus' meter rates instead of the flat rate under the previous contract," Jackson said.

While the interim unofficial taxi service allows Soldiers to maintain the convenience of cab transportation, Jackson warned that there is no "protection factor" to prevent Soldiers from being overcharged other than the Soldiers being aware of meter rates and not allowing themselves to be taken advantage of.

With an MWR Fund contract for taxi services on post, the benefits are:

- contractually established flat rates while operating on Fort Benning,
- a Quality Assurance office to ensure that drivers maintain insurance and maintain their vehicles in accordance with established standards,
- capability to assist Soldiers if they are overcharged or if they have other complaints, and
- capability to establish rules on operation of taxis that enhance force protection and security.

"Once a new contract is in place, the most important thing for Soldiers to know is that flat rates for taxis operating on Fort Benning will be re-established," Jackson said.

In the meantime, unofficial taxi services operating on Fort Benning are still subject to rules, according to a memorandum addressing the issue from Col. Rick Riera, garrison commander.

Any taxi may enter Fort Benning with a valid driver's license, valid vehicle tag receipt, valid proof of insurance and a valid City of Columbus permit.

All taxis are subject to the force protection measures in effect.

"For all areas other than Sand Hill, taxis are authorized only to pick up and drop off at the front entrance of company areas and at front doors in housing areas," reads the memorandum. "Taxis are not authorized to cruise company areas.

"For the Sand Hill cantonment areas, taxis are authorized only to drop off fares in front of battalions and are authorized only to pick up for fares at the Sand Hill Post Exchange."

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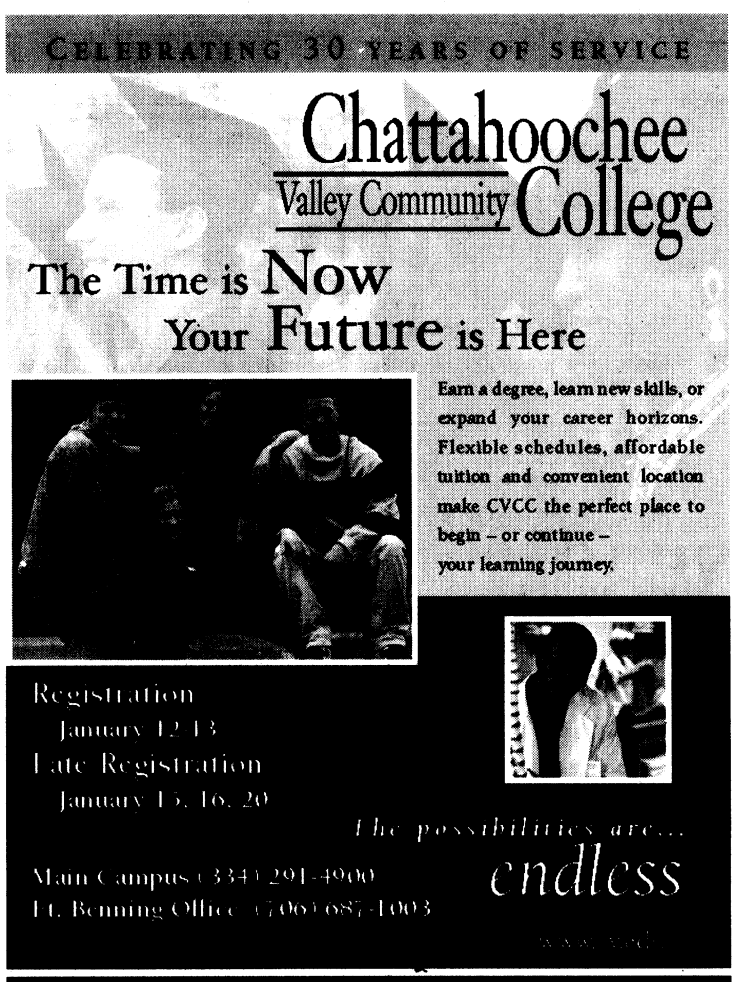

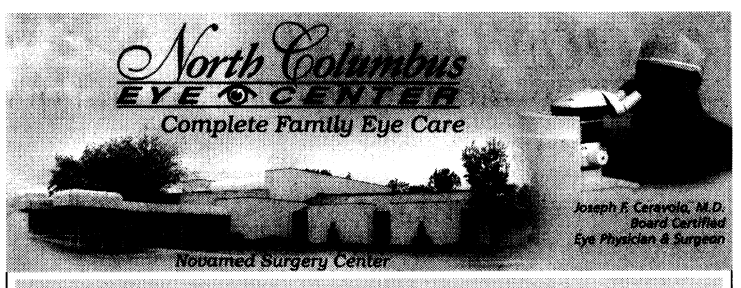

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BRIGADE: Deploys to NTC to complete training rotation

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the unit was deployed, as well as weapons and communications equipment.

"We had to condense reconstitution in order to get systems up as quickly as possible to begin training," Salazar said.

He said the NTC training efforts focused on platoon-level training, because "the platoon is the fundamental building block of the Army."

"Ideally, we'd like to be able to train at the platoon level, then company, then battalion," he said. "But you're never as ready as you want to be, and NTC is a training event."

The monthlong rotation consists of a week spent on the ground getting equipment ready, two weeks "in the box" in combat operations training and the fourth week preparing to return to Fort Benning.

Salazar said the live-fire training that caused an increase in noise levels in the area recently was absolutely essential in preparing for NTC.

"That's what we do. That's our business," he said. "Our job is to close with and destroy the enemy and the best way to do that is with live ammunition."

He said the unit trains at a level that will allow it to have a successful NTC rotation and leave Fort Irwin trained at a considerably higher level than before.

The brigade combat team will fight the OPFOR in a high-intensity conflict scenario modeled on a Korean scenario that will now involve civilians on the battlefield.

Salazar dispelled any rumors that the NTC rotation was designed as a precursor for an upcoming scheduled deployment to Iraq.

"Right now, we are not programmed to redeploy to Iraq," he said.

With the rest of the Army's 10 divisions either deployed or in the process of deploying, the 3rd Infantry Division is currently the contingency force for the U.S., he said, and must be prepared to answer the nation's call.

"We'll go to NTC; we'll have a successful rotation and become a better brigade," he said. "But we recognize the potential to be called back in line to return to Iraq."

Benning: Colonel to be promoted to general today

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and will remain the best."

Layfield credited the people who influenced him throughout his career for his success.

"It's the Soldiers and NCOs throughout my entire career who are truly responsible for this great fortune which has been bestowed upon me," he said. "I can't thank those enough who have influenced my way of thinking from privates, NCOs, officers and other generals.

"There were some defining moments in my life," Layfield said.

At his second company command, the influence of that first sergeant made him dedicate a lifetime and a full career to the Army, he said.

Lt. Col. Harry Lubin, chief of the Infantry Futures Group, was a platoon leader under Layfield's company command of B Company, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment at Fort Polk, La.

"He was a great leader even then," Lubin said. "Anyone at the company would have followed him anywhere — a very charismatic leader. It was a dynamic combination between him and the first sergeant.

"We were in the field a lot and the family units were held together by the work his wife did," Lubin said.

"I think the promotion is well deserved, and it's a proud day for B Company 'Bulldogs' everywhere; we're all very proud of him."

Another moment in Layfield's career solidified his decision to commit his life to the Army.

"During my time as a battalion commander, the support of my sergeant major and my wife, Vicky, helped me recognize that what I was doing was the right thing."

Layfield said there are many talented professionals who are equally deserving of becoming general officers.

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>
> **Col. Stephen Layfield**
> Deputy commanding general

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Serving at the home of the infantry also affords Layfield opportunities to influence the Army.

"This isn't a job to him," said Spc. John Hedgepeth, Layfield's driver. "He truly cares about getting things done and getting them done right."

"I like the immersion with the Soldier and training at the Home of Infantry," Layfield said. "It's a privilege to serve here; all things infantry emanate from this place.

"It's an awesome responsibility to be in the position as the deputy commanding general, to help guide training and output of this institution. As a general officer, I expect to continue to do the same, to be a part of the training of our force."

"He's at the top of the game," Yun-Thayer said.

Soldiers: To train Iraqis

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opportunity to set up a family readiness group to help out the family members during the voluntary deployment.

"Even though we had to go tell our wives that instead of picking up a new cycle in January, we were deploying to Iraq," said Staff Sgt. Lars Harstad, drill sergeant, "they're Army wives and they know, no matter where you go now, every Soldier is deployable. The battalion has been setting up the family readiness group meetings, and they'll be OK while we're gone."

The Soldiers worked on their pre-deployment appointments and getting things ready over the holidays, preparing for a somewhat familiar mission — training soldiers.

"The greatest advantage of sending drill sergeants is we deal with training privates," Fortenberry said. "(Privates) know little to nothing of the military life, so we will be able to train (Iraqis) on a different level than others can.

"I think the language and cultural understanding will be the biggest challenges."

That Soldiers can turn around and change gears for a tactical unit and prepare for a deployment in a short amount of time shows what drill sergeants are capable of, Wright said.



AROUND POST

Commissary/PX Council

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MLK celebration

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For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Juan Rodriguez at 545-6665.

Instructor of the Quarter Awards Ceremony

The Instructor of the Quarter Awards Ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 20 in Classroom 6 at Infantry Hall. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Elaine Livingston at 545-6105.

Reclamation sale

The monthly Reclamation Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon today in Building 224. For more information, call James Kelley at 545-1104 or 545-1128.

Separating Soldiers

The Fort Benning Adjutant General office would like to help Soldiers separating from the military.

Separating Soldiers with an ETS can expect to have orders published between 60 and 90 days prior to their departure on transition leave, or their separation date, whichever is earlier. Separating Soldiers must see the Army Career and Alumni Program and attend a Pre-Separation briefing 90 to 120 days before separating. This is mandatory.

Upon regular ETS or separation, Soldiers may be eligible for the following benefits: dental treatment, unemployment compensation, Montgomery GI Bill, vocational rehabilitation and employment, disability compensation, home loans and health benefits.

There are specific time limits and restrictions on the benefits. All of the information can be accessed through the Veterans Affairs home page at www.va.gov.

For more information, call the local Veterans Affairs Office, located in Building 2617 in Soldiers' Plaza at 545-4887. The Transition Center is located in Building 2619 and can be reached at 545-5400 or 545-5424 or see your unit personnel NCO.

CID Briefs

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information pertaining to $2,152 missing from a night drop deposit which was taken from the Wynnsong 10 Movie Theater and deposited in a night deposit receptacle at Wachovia Bank, Fort Benning. The incident occurred between 11 p.m. Dec. 12 and 10 a.m. Dec. 15.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a $1,200 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of person(s) responsible for the housebreaking and larceny of Building 9052 (TMC #3). There were 111 individually wrapped morphine auto injectors and one bottle of Diazepam stolen.

The incident occurred between 2 and 6 a.m. Nov. 10.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a $1,200 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of person(s) responsible for the housebreaking and larceny of Building 8789 (Griswold Range).

Unknown person(s) stole two U.S. Optics brand rifle scopes, one Leupold brand rifle scope, one Trijicon brand rifle scope, one Dewalt brand 14-volt electric drill with charger and one Husqvarna brand chain saw. The incident occurred between 11 a.m. Nov. 27 and 7:30 a.m. Dec. 1.

The assistance of the local community is requested to identify and apprehend the perpetrator(s). Anyone with information concerning this individual should call 545-8916 or 545-5222. The identity of anyone providing information will be kept in confidence.

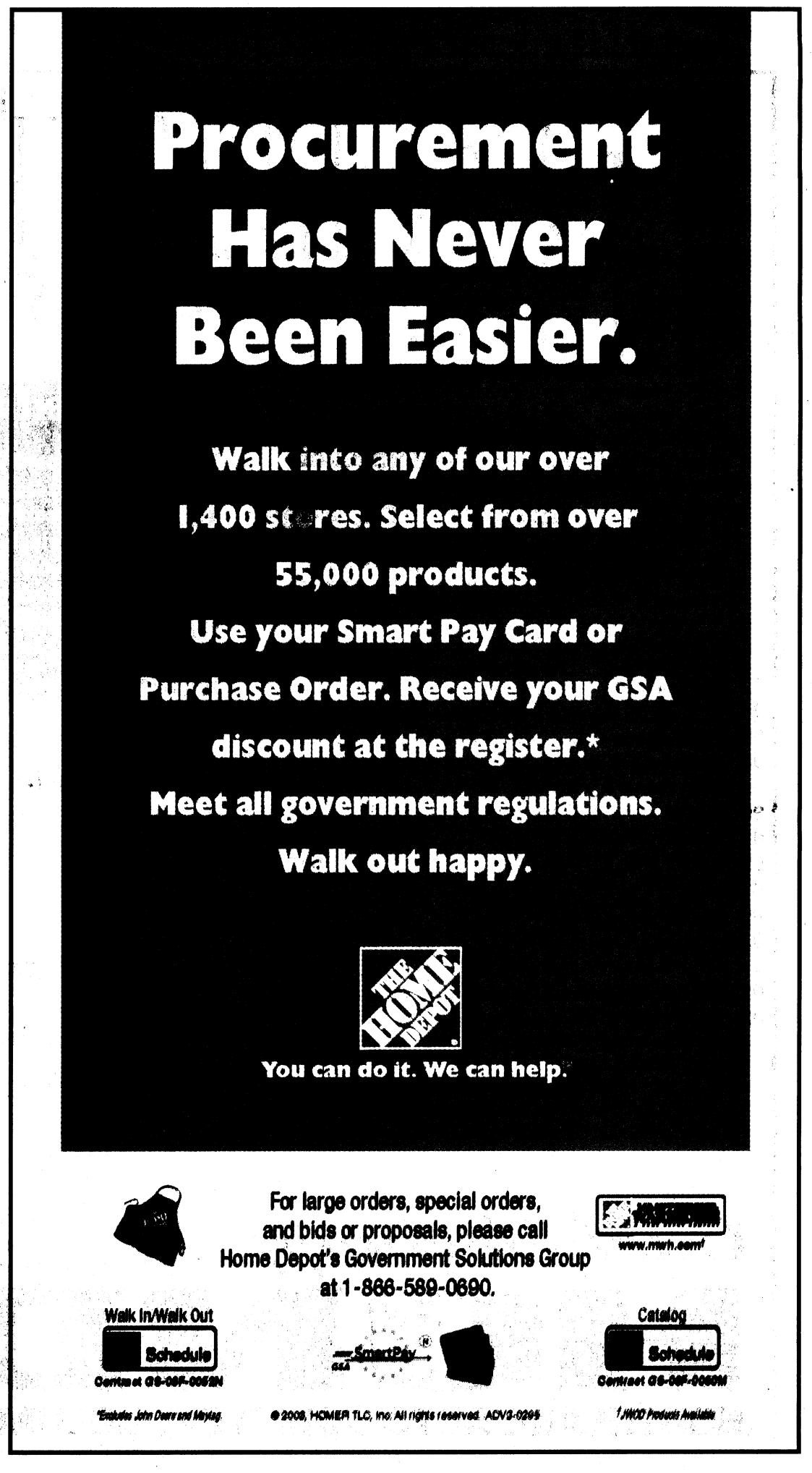
ID Card office extends hours

The Main Post ID Card Section will extend its Wednesday hours of operation to 6 p.m. to accommodate customers. Also, the ID Card Section is operational with reduced manning hours during lunch hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Master sergeant board

The Department of the Army selection board will meet Feb. 3 to consider soldiers for promotion to master sergeant. This board will not review for elimination under the Qualitative Management Program. Zones of consideration include all sergeants first class with a date of rank Oct. 3, 2001, and earlier with a basic active service date between Feb. 3, 1981, and Feb. 3, 1986.

Soldiers who meet the eligibility criteria should have a current photo on file. To schedule an appointment, call 545-1381. For more information, call 545-5646.





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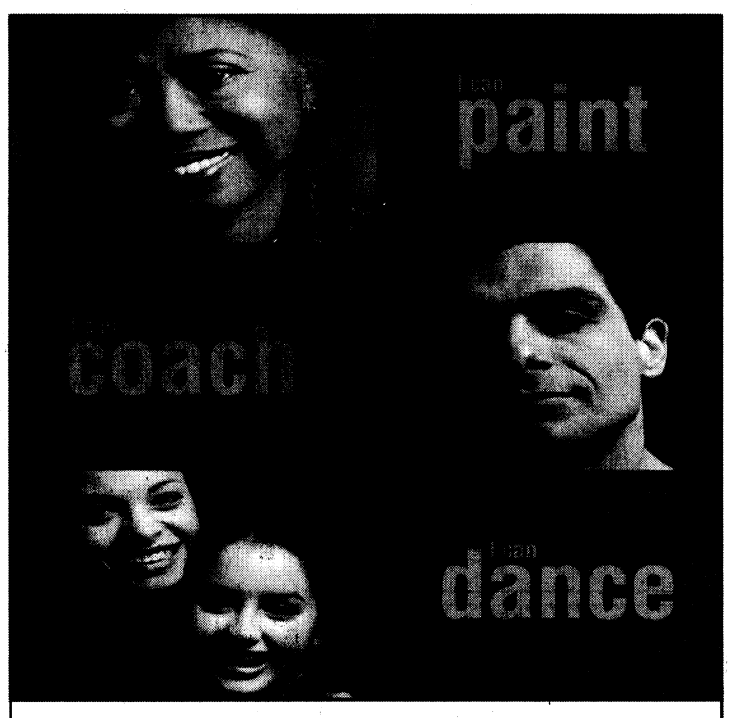

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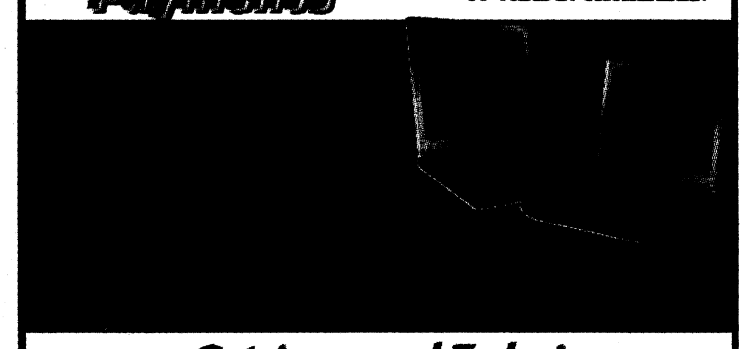

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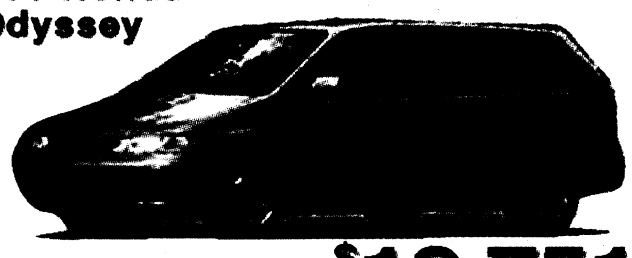

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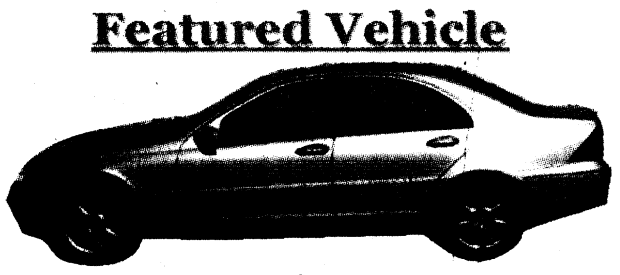

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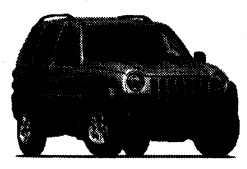
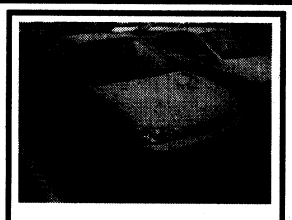
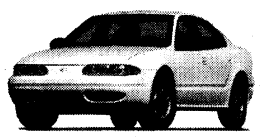
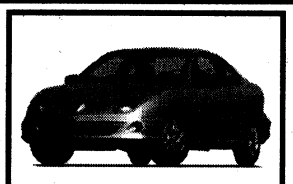
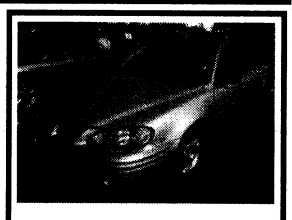
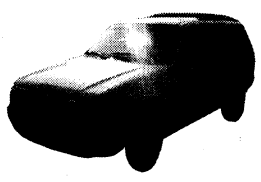
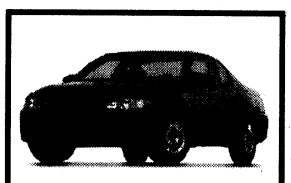
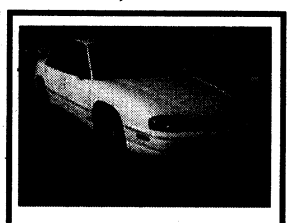
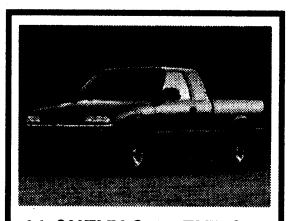
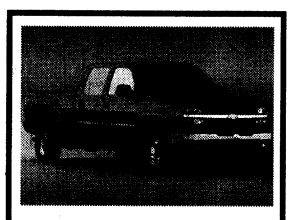
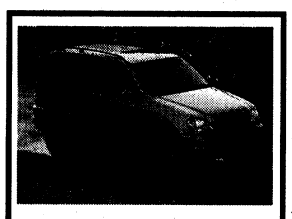
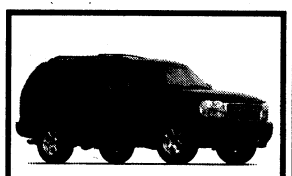
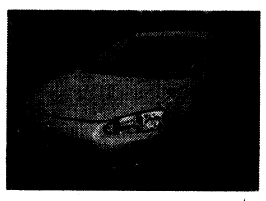
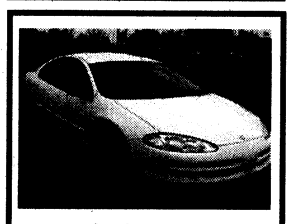
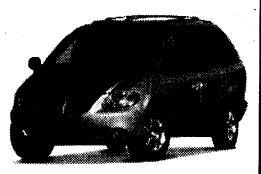
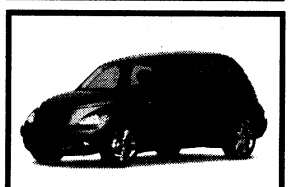
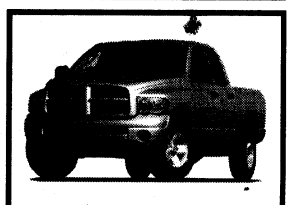
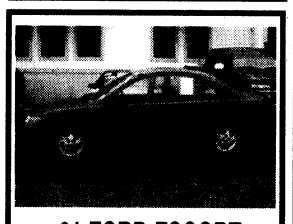
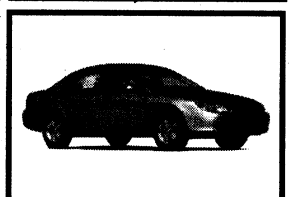
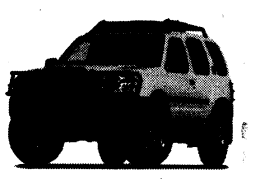
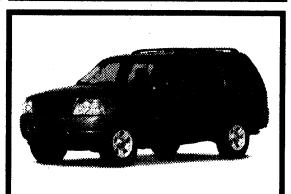
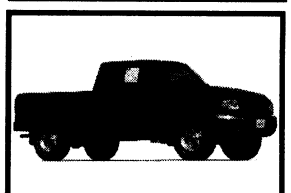
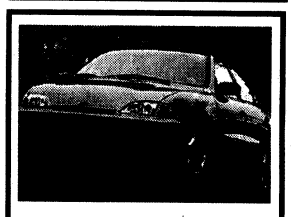
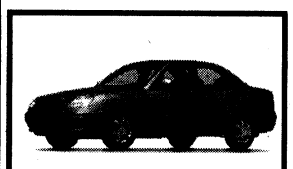
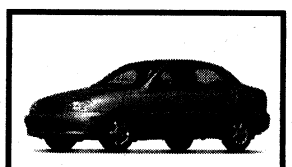
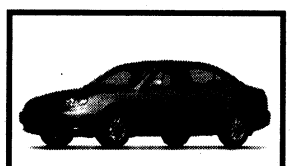
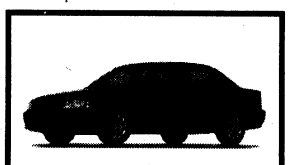
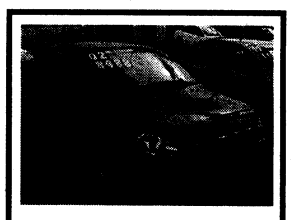
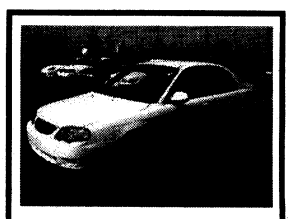
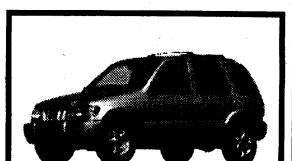
 02 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT $12,995	 98 TOYOTA COROLLA $4,995	 01 OLDSMOBILE ALERO $6,995	 02 CHEVY CAMARO Z-28 $14,995	 02 FORD ESCAPE $15,995	 00 PONTIAC SUNFIRE $4,995	 02 PONTIAC GRAND AM $8,995
 97 FORD EXPLORER XLT $6,995	 02 CHEVY MONTE CARLO $10,995	 01 CHEVY LUMINA $8,995	 01 CHEVY S-10 EXT CAB $9,995	 03 CHEVY 1500 SILVERADO $17,995	 00 MERCEDES ML 430 SUV $17,995	 GMC YUKON $16,995
 01 DODGE NEON $6,995	 01 DODGE STRATUS $7,995	 02 DODGE INTREPID $11,995	 01 DODGE GR CARAVAN SPORT $12,995	 03 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER SPORT $12,995	 03 DODGE 4DR RAM $19,995	 03 DODGE DURANGO $14,995
 01 FORD FOCUS $6,995	 01 FORD ESCORT $5,995	 01 FORD TARUS $8,995	 02 NISSAN XTERRA $14,995	 03 FORD EXPLORER $16,995	 01 FORD RANGER $8,995	 01 CHEVY CAVALIER 4DR $6,995
 01 DAEWOO NUBRIA $4,995	 01 DAEWOO LANOS 4DR $3,995	 01 DAEWOO LEGANZA $5,995	 01 KIA OPTIMA $7,995	 02 KIA RIO $5,995	 02 KIA SPECTRA $6,995	 02 KIA SPORTAGE $8,995

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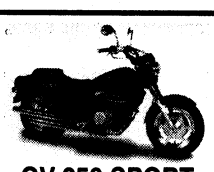
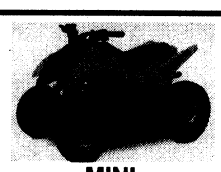
 GV-250 SPORT AND CLASSIC $3,795	 GT-250 NAKED $3,995	 MINI COBRA 50 $1,295	 KALIBER RS $1,295	 DAKAR 200 CC $1,995	D-13 HUNTERS RUN $3,395
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Fort Benning Access Control Points

Interstate 185
Between Victory Blvd/Hwy 27 and Custer Road will close on 20 Dec 03 for approximately 8 months. All northbound and southbound lanes will be closed. To reduce the impact on the community, Fort Benning will change the installation access control plan. The changes become effective 20 Dec 03.

South Lumpkin Road
Will remain open 24 hours per day. Between 0500-0900, Monday-Friday, there will be three inbound lanes for ID check. No traffic will exit Fort Benning via Lumpkin Road 0500-0900. After 0900, the flow of traffic will revert to two ways.

Benning Road
Will change to four lanes open for all vehicles for ID check.

Custer Road
Will have two lanes open for ID checks.

Sand Hill
Access will close on 11th Airborne Division Road on 22 Dec 03. The new access control entry will be north, on 2nd Division Road. 11th Airborne Division Road access control will reopen by 15 Mar 04.

Marne Road
Access off Hwy 27 will be open 0500-0900, Monday-Friday, for traffic entering the post. Vehicles will not be able to exit Fort Benning from this location.

1st Division Road
Off Hwy 27 will remain open 24 hours per day starting 20 Dec 03. Three lanes will be open for ID checks 0500-0900, Monday-Friday. Exit traffic will be diverted around the control point. After 0900, the flow of traffic will revert to two ways.

Cusseta
Traffic traveling from Cusseta to Columbus on Hwy 127 will not be able to make a left turn onto 1st Divsion Road. The 1st Division Road entrance on the north side will be open to accommodate that traffic.

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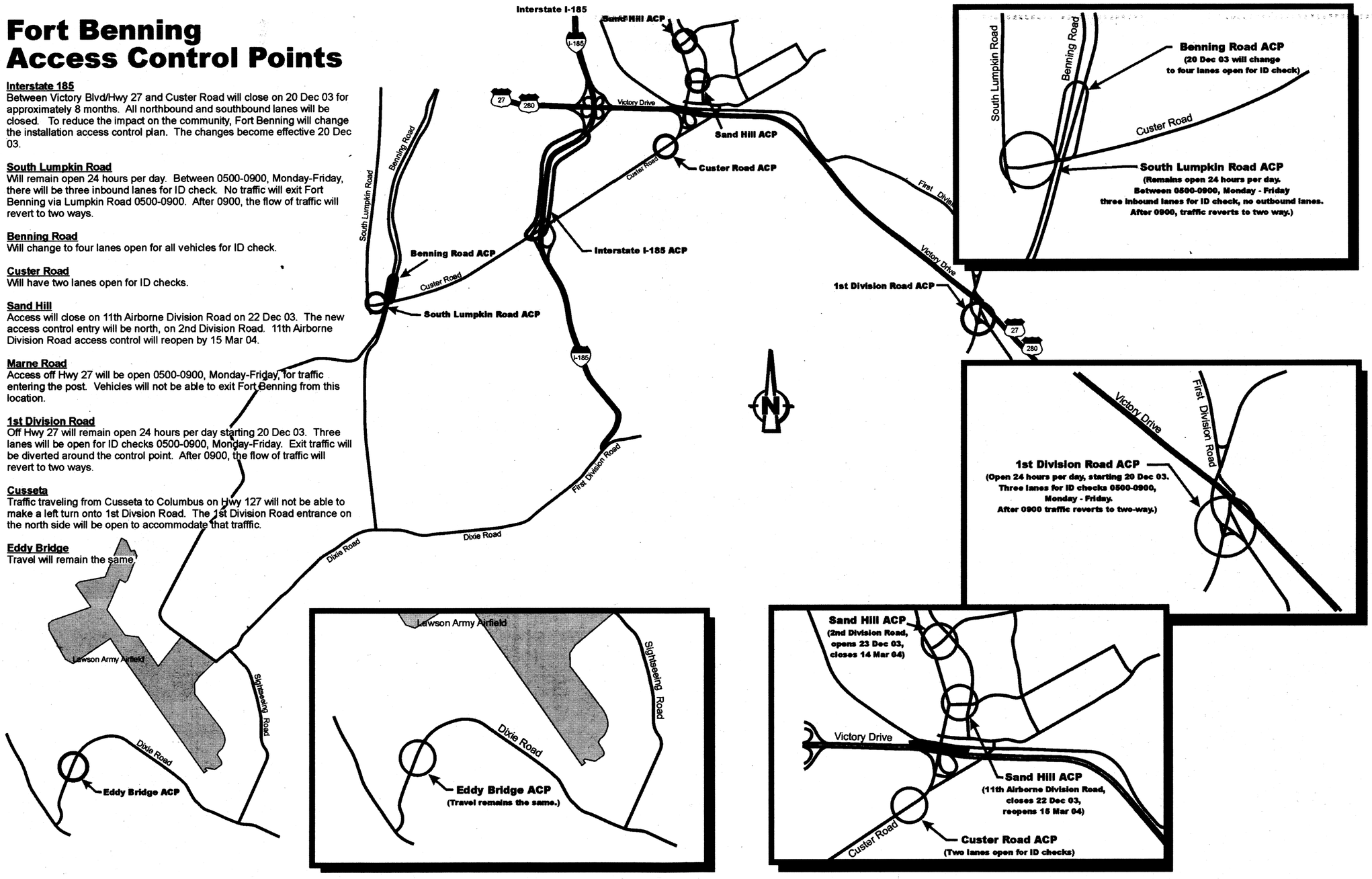



Photos by Spc. David Foley

National Guard Soldiers practice room-clearing techniques in a field at McKenna MOUT site as part of their predeployment training.

National Guard Soldiers train on post

Support elements learn infantry tactics

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Soldiers with the 1206th and 1209th Quartermaster units from the Alabama National Guard were activated Dec. 7 and have been training on Fort Benning since Dec. 10.

The units, which specialize in water purification, are learning what it's like to be infantrymen during their stay at Fort Benning.

In efforts to prepare them for whatever they may encounter during their deployment in Iraq, the Department of the Army directed Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 305th Regiment (Training Support), to train the guardsmen on infantry tactics.

"We want to make sure they have the tools to get home in one piece," said Capt. Mark P. Olin, infantry team chief for 1st Bn., 305th Regt. (Training Support).

The instructors, along with post cadre, give the guardsmen refresher courses on common task training such as basic rifle marksmanship and first aid. However, the guardsmen are learning something new before they leave.

They will receive stress fire training, reflexive fire training and MOUT training. The guardsmen will also learn how to operate a checkpoint and conduct convoy operations.

Day one of their MOUT training took place at McKenna MOUT site Monday, where they learned the basic procedures for clearing rooms.

The guardsmen spent half of the day in an open field on the range learning posture and technique while going through the motions of clearing rooms that were designated by tape outlines in the grass.

Once all the Soldiers showed they were proficient in all the required tasks, they moved to the mock village and began running missions through the streets, clearing rooms as they traveled.

The object of their mission was to rescue prisoners from the buildings without any casualties.

The trainers watched as they cleared each room to ensure they were doing everything correctly. If the Soldiers made mistakes, they were counted as casualties and the rest of the Soldiers had to finish the mission without their help.

Olin said there is a strong possibility the guardsmen will find themselves in a situation where they need to clear houses to rescue prisoners or to find shelter from an attack, so it is important for them to know what they are doing.

Olin and his team are no strangers to training Reserve and National Guard units.

They trained about 4,000 Soldiers for deployment last year and are using feedback from the Soldiers in Iraq to modify their training program.

Olin said the training program has "changed a lot" since last year.

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>
> **Capt. Mark P. Olin**
> Infantry team chief, 1st Battalion, 305th Regiment (Training Support)

When the program started, training focused on individual tasks.

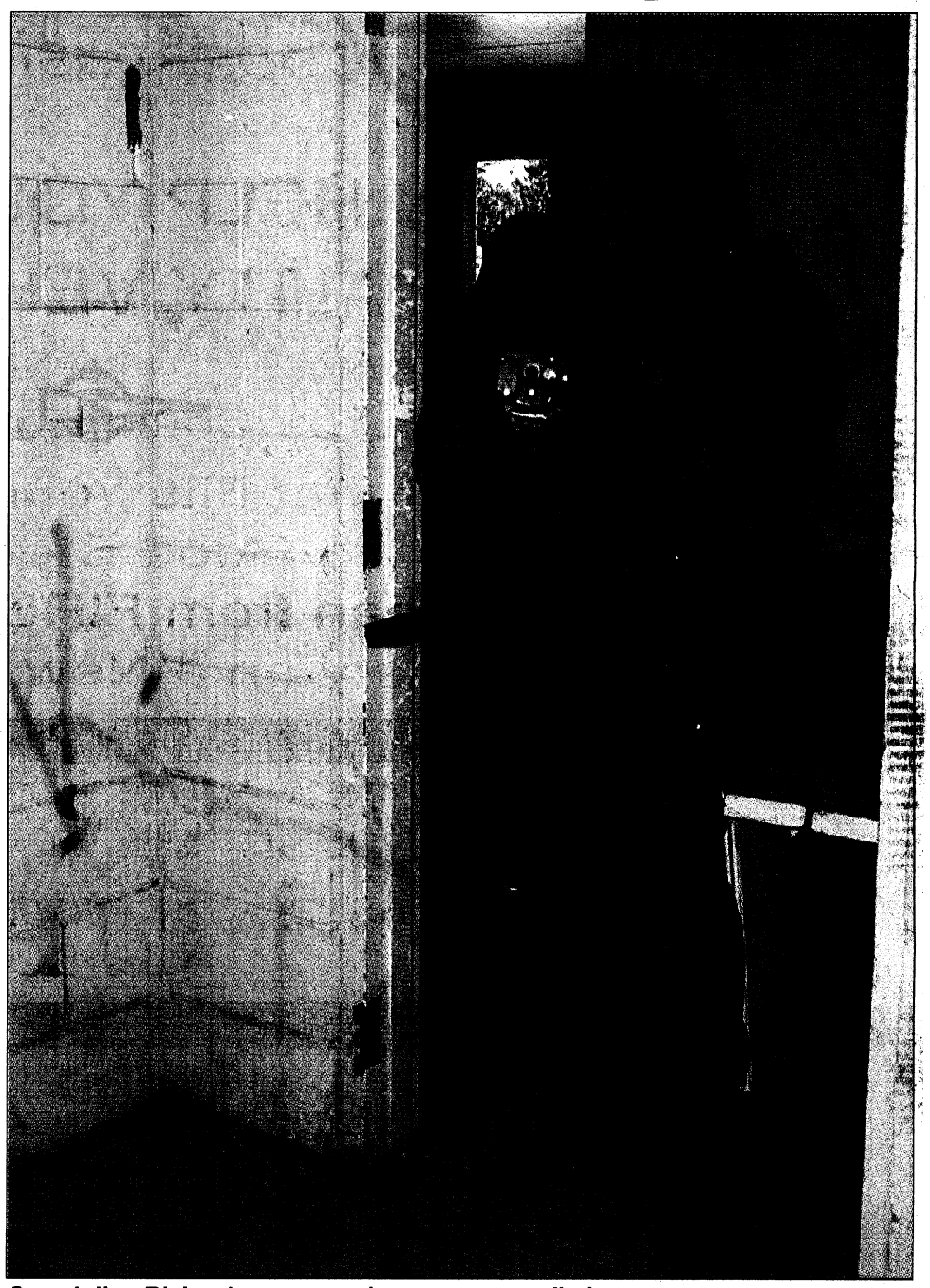
Now, however, instructors have expanded training to teach Soldiers to fire from moving vehicles and move in squad formations.

"These are things a lot of units like this have never done before," Olin said.

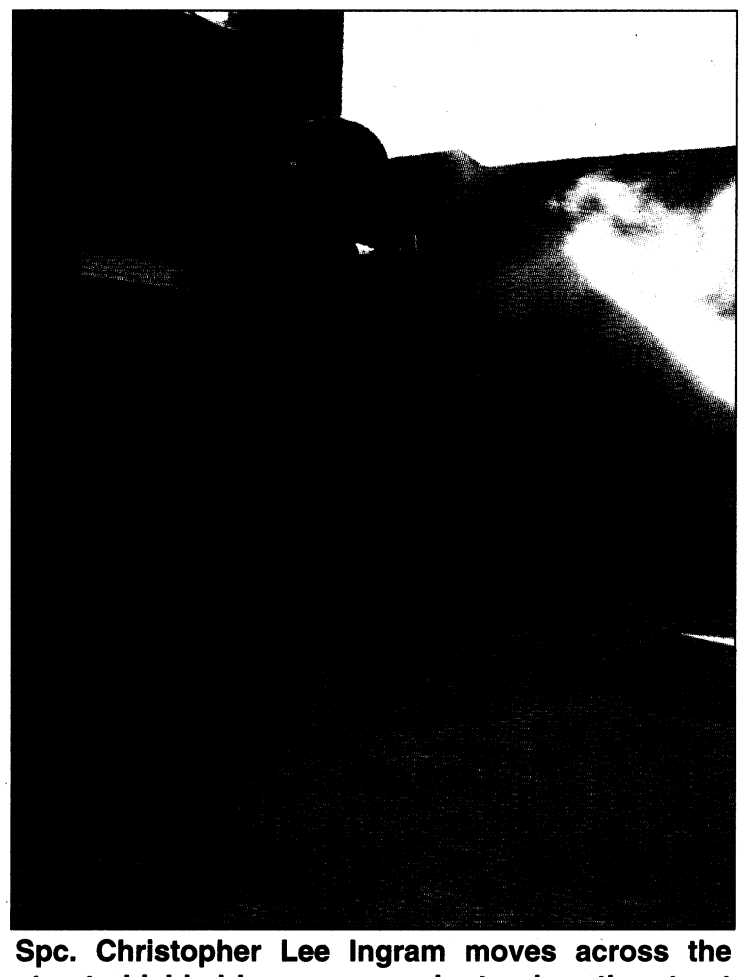
Sgt. 1st Class Robert Blalock, one of the Soldiers going through the training, said he was grateful for the opportunity to learn more about combat tactics.

"I don't know what exactly we will be doing over there, but this does give me a greater sense of security," he said.

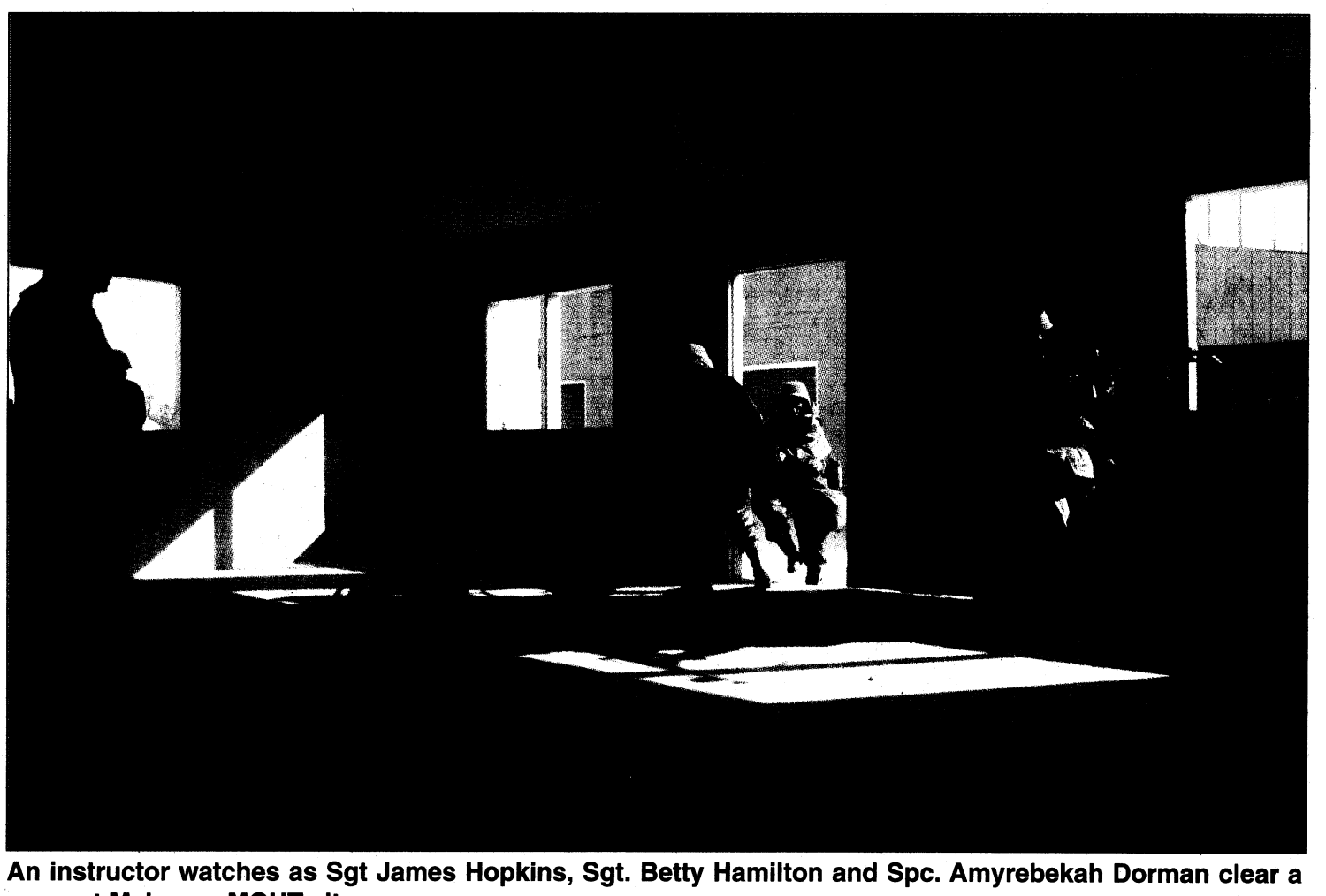
The guardsmen will put everything together Monday and conduct a convoy movement into McKenna MOUT site and clear buildings in a combat scenario where people dressed in Middle-Eastern garb will be providing resistance while they try to clear the buildings.



Spc. Julius Richardson moves into a room to eliminate a target.



Spc. Christopher Lee Ingram moves across the street shielded by green smoke to clear the street while searching for prisoners.



An instructor watches as Sgt James Hopkins, Sgt. Betty Hamilton and Spc. Amyrebekah Dorman clear a room at Mckenna MOUT site.

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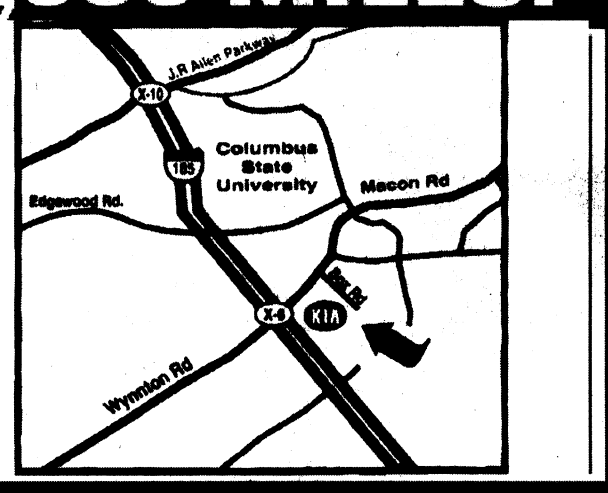

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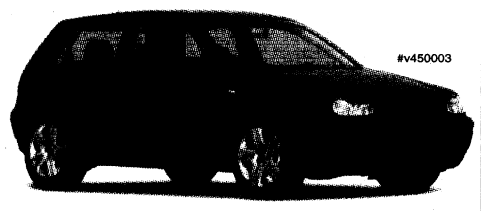

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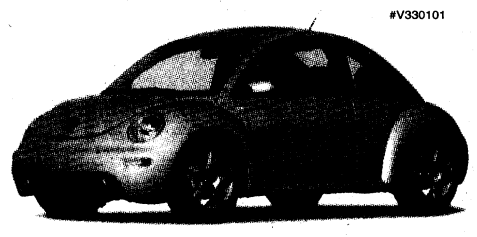

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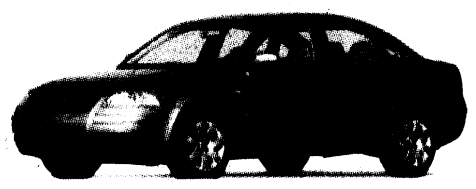

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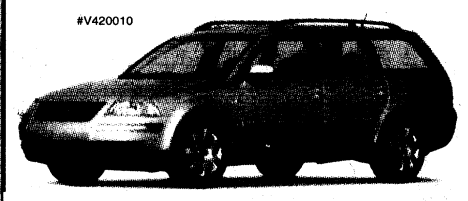

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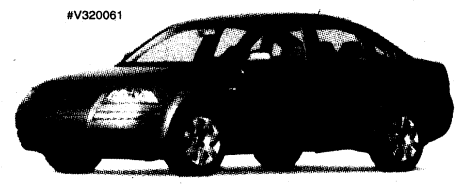

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AFAP symposium needs volunteers

Annual forum gives voice to 'Army family'

Bridgett Siter
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What's your problem?

The folks at Fort Benning's Army Family Team Building want to know what's on your mind. Issues with health care, child care or pay? Concerns about housing, youth activities or education? You name it.

AFTB's gearing up for the annual Army Family Action Plan symposium, a round-table meeting designed to resolve "quality of life" concerns at the post level.

Delegates, representing every demographic of the Fort Benning community, including active-duty Soldiers, reservists, guardsmen, retirees, family members and DA civilians, will hash out issues submitted by *you*.

AFAP is "pretty powerful stuff," said Sarah Hertig, Fort Benning's AFTB coordinator and the one responsible for the third annual symposium, scheduled for Feb. 25-27.

"It's the only forum I know that bridges the gap between retirees and active-duty Soldiers and civilians, enlisted and commissioned," she said. "It works because it encourages dialogue between everyone in the Army family, and takes everyone's concerns seriously."

Although other services sponsor family forums, the Army is the only one that requires all installations to host an annual AFAP.

The program has resulted in 77 changes to legislation, the revisal or establishment of 126 policies and the improvement of 139 services or programs the at Army and Department of Defense level.

AFAP is responsible for the ongoing renovations and improvements of post fitness centers, Hertig said. And the introduction of the Thrift Savings Plan for Soldiers "came straight out of a symposium."

But AFAP's continued success

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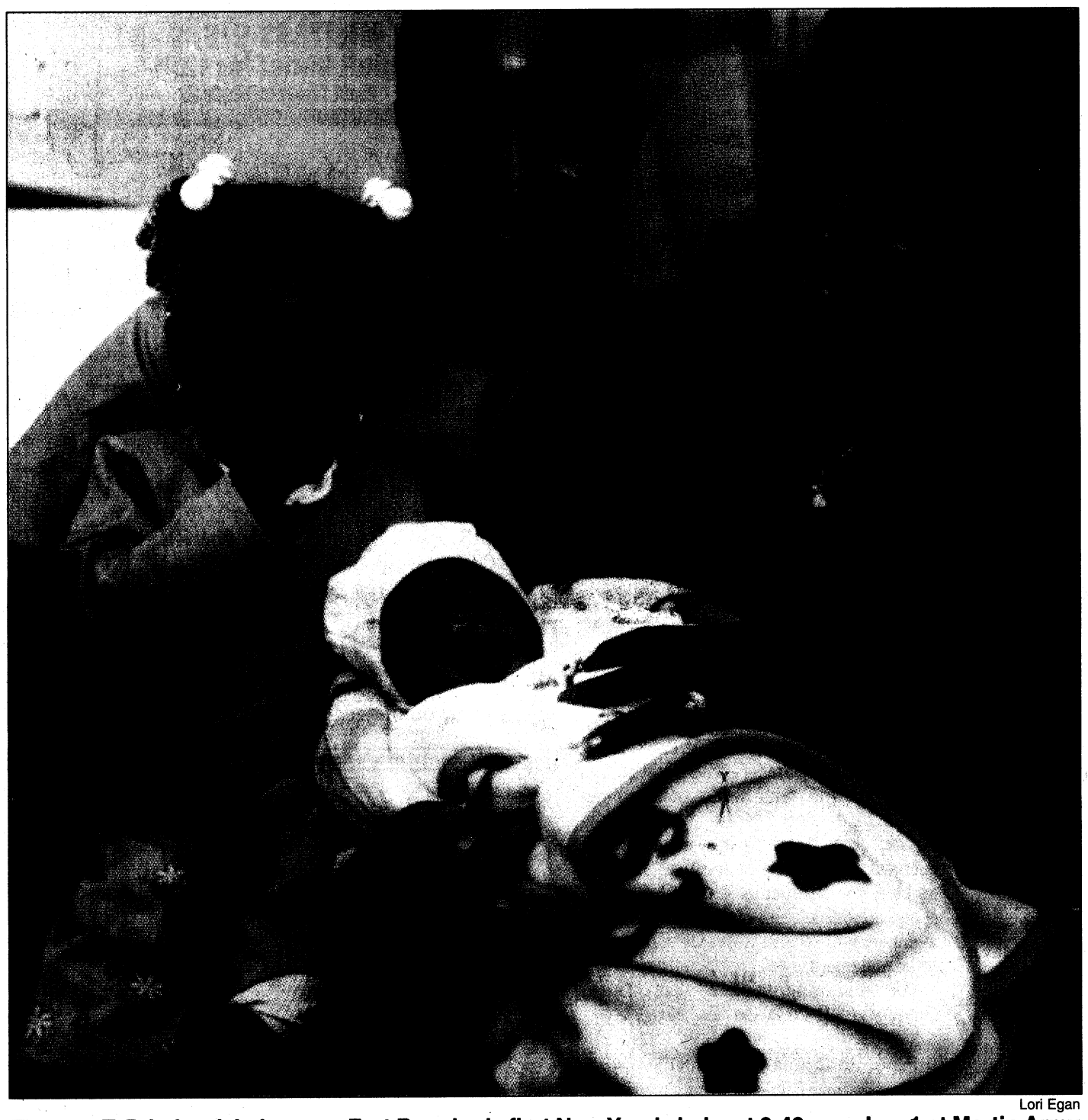
CLOSER LOOK

Since Sarah Hertig began spearheading Fort Benning's annual Army Family Action Plan symposium three years ago, a good number of issues have been resolved at a local level, including:

- When a family member complained about excessive restrictions on school fund raising, the policy was changed. The number of fund raisers allowed was increased, and the process for approval was simplified. Restrictions were eliminated during post campaigns, such as CFC.
- During the 2002 AFAP, the lack of family entertainment on post was addressed. As a result, concerts are held at Wetherby Field, MWR sponsored an Oktoberfest, and the Directorate of Community Activities launched a campaign to advertise activities and services available.
- Fort Benning fitness centers are being renovated and equipment updated.
- Playgrounds were upgraded after delegates at the 2002 AFAP deemed the issue serious enough to warrant immediate attention. Worn and dangerous equipment was removed.

New Year's family



Lori Egan

Thomas T. Pritchard Jr. became Fort Benning's first New Year's baby at 3:43 a.m. Jan. 1 at Martin Army community Hospital. He joined his 2-year-old sister, Tomidia, and his parents, Sedia and Staff Sgt. Thomas Pritchard, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment. The Labor and Delivery and Mother and Baby staff presented the newborn with a basket of goodies to celebrate the hospital's first baby of 2004. Martin Army Community Hospital averages 1,100 births a year.

DoD seeks to improve commissary benefits

Officials look at variable pricing

Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Finding ways to improve commissary benefits tops the Defense Department's list of things to do to enhance quality of life for service members and their families.

But when DoD announced it was studying the "variable pricing" concept being used by private-sector grocery stores and supermarkets, some media coverage painted an unfavorable picture.

"Variable pricing isn't the 'poison pill' for commissary benefits some media articles have indicated," John M. Molino said during an interview at the Pentagon. Molino is the deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy.

"Variable pricing is a technical term used in the grocery industry," he explained. "All it means is not every item is marked up by the same amount to produce a profit. By law, everything currently sold in commissaries is marked up 5 percent above cost.

"So variable pricing isn't that evil animal in the shadows that it has been painted to be," Molino said. "But remember, we're not implementing variable pricing. We are simply studying the concept."

He emphasized that DoD simply is studying the concept to determine whether it will work in the commissary system and benefit customers.

"If the study says it won't work in commissaries, we won't go down that path," the deputy undersecretary said. "But if it has the potential to provide a better benefit, we're going to ask Congress for permission to go there."

But, he said, DoD will go there only if variable pricing doesn't erode the 30 percent savings customers enjoy now.

There are even bigger savings on some items. Defense Commissary Agency buyers often negotiate to get money-saving deals with distributors and food suppliers. Customers reap the benefits when they purchase things that are put on shelves boasting a little sticker that reads "best value item."

"That means they've negotiated a price that's rock bottom, and they challenge you

See **PRICES,** B-3

Santa's Castle fulfills families' fantasies

Program betters holidays for 2,000 kids

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Santa's Castle president Kim Miller has been an Army spouse for less than a year and has no children, but these details don't impact her enthusiasm or commitment where Santa's Castle is concerned.

When Santa's Castle first closed its doors for 2003, the calls were still coming in. So Miller and her volunteers pulled together, reopened Dec. 18 and worked right through Christmas Eve to make dreams come true for everyone who needed help.

"We are here for Fort Benning," Miller said. "We did not turn anyone in need away."

Bolstered by thousands of dollars in donated toys and cash, Santa's Castle made happy holidays for more than 2,000 children.

Miller, who began working with Santa's Castle in August, said it was one of the most rewarding experiences she's ever had.

"There were so many tears of joy," she said.

"And ladies who had been in shopping for their children came back the next day to volunteer."

Miller had many stories of gratitude to recount, but one that really stood out for her involved a Soldier who came shopping while the movers delivered his household goods mid-December.

The Soldier shopped for his four children and returned later that day with another man, Miller said. The man was one of the movers, who promptly handed Miller a donation for Santa's Castle.

"This is not charity," Miller said. "It's just a direct way to help someone."

Miller said Santa's Castle benefitted from donations from units and organizations on post and from businesses off post.

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> **Kim Miller**
> Santa's Castle president

Saturn of Columbus' general sales manager, Chip Reddy, set a Saturn wagon in the showroom as a collection "bin" for donations. Saturn has been involved with Toys for Tots and Santa's Castle for several years.

"We're always looking for places to help in the community," said Reddy, a retired Soldier.

Not only was the wagon filled with toys, Reddy said, it was overflowing.

"There were bikes parked beside it, he said. "It was great this year. We even had to call Santa's Castle back because we still had things come in after they picked everything up."

Santa's Castle is getting a jump on the 2004 holidays with donations from the Red Cross and the 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Association.

And now, Miller said, is the best time to donate money to Santa's Castle.

"Last year, we did well because we really planned in advance," she said. "If we have money now, it gives us the opportunity to shop while things are still on sale or on clearance."

Each child received $40-50 worth of toys last year. By buying items on clearance, Miller said, they can get those same items for $20-30.

"And all of those items are the 'new' toys the kids want, like Bratz dolls and even bicycles," Miller said.

The staff plans to hold an open house at Santa's Castle at the end of the month to celebrate a successful year and to give people the opportunity to see the store and find out about volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer opportunities exist year-round at the shop, and Miller said time is as valuable to the shop as money or toy donations.

"We had some amazing youth volunteers and we want them to be volunteers year-round," Miller said. "But anything you give makes a difference, and if you want to affect Soldiers' lives, you can do it by helping their kids."

Miller said the staff knows what their internal after-action review will say, but "we want to hear from everyone with ideas so we can run with them and double the amount this year."

BIRTHS

Boys

Jonah Christian Ayala — born Nov. 30 to Natalie and Spc. George Ayala.

Andrew Joseph Francis — born Dec. 4 to Candice and Staff Sgt. James Francis.

Maxwell Ryan Whittemore — born Dec. 6 to Donna and Capt. Ryan Whittemore.

Micah Gabriel Moreno — born Dec. 7 to Dora and Staff Sgt. Ricardo Moreno.

Andrew Michael Williams — born Dec. 8 to Kimberly and Spc. Eric Williams.

Darrell Edward Lee Wofford — born Dec. 8 to Misty and Pfc. Edward Wofford.

Joshua Tito Martinez — born Dec. 8 to 1st Lt. Delores and Tito Martinez.

Samuel Ashton Lawrence — born Dec. 9 to Jeannie and Staff Sgt. Anthony Lawrence.

Shane Edward Hicks — born Dec. 10 to Cindy and Sgt. 1st Class Robert Hicks.

Hunter David Jamison — born Dec. 11 to Petty Officer 2 Laura and Mark Jamison.

Landen Arthur Morgan — born Dec. 11 to Whitney and Spc. William Morgan.

Dezi Pierre Rickerson — born Dec. 12 to Margie and Staff Sgt. Desi Rickerson.

Alexander Maldonado Thomas — born Dec. 15 to Pfc. Mona Thomas and Pfc. Corey Ballard.

Christopher Mathews Aranibar Duran — born Dec. 15 to Carmen Duran de Aranibar and Maj. Jose Aranibar Guzman.

Matthew Benjamin Mark Mitchum — born Dec. 22 to Julieen and Staff Sgt. Phillip Mitchum.

Gabriel Alexander Sawyer — born Dec. 23 to Terry and Spc. Curtis Sawyer.

William Henry Bestermann IV — born Dec. 23 to Erica and Capt. William Bestermann III.

Carlos Jamal Mendoza — born Dec. 23 to Spc. Lachone Veal and Alfredo Mendoza.

Girls

Wakira Janice Parson — born Dec. 7 to Waneta and Spc. Joseph Parson.

Natalia Denise Ferrari — born Dec. 7 to Rosana and Pfc. Emilio Ferrari.

Kylie Justine Hintz — born Dec. 10 to Dannielle and 2nd Lt. John Hintz.

Emma Nicole Cox — born Dec. 11 to Dawn and Staff Sgt. Michael Cox.

Georgia Marie Mitchell — born Dec. 14 to Bernadette and 2nd Lt. Christian Mitchell.

Allyson Mackenzie Wilson — born Dec. 15 to Heather Gregg-Wilson and Pfc. Jason Wilson.

Taj Deonvaugne Johnson — born Dec. 16 to Jasmine and Staff Sgt. Terron Johnson.

Miador Jade Lino Watkins — born Dec. 18 to Portia and Maj. Timothy Watkins.

Nora Christine Poulton — born Dec. 19 to Christine and Maj. Thomas Poulton.

Madilyn Abigail Morris — born Dec. 19 to Tandrianna Cain-Morris and 2nd Lt. Josef Morris.

Emily Elizabeth Menefee — born Dec. 22 to Ashley and Sgt. 1st Class William Menefee.

Mary Elizabeth Baronovich Forsko Johnson — born Dec. 22 to Sarah and Spc. Jimmy Johnson.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

ESC Meeting — The Enlisted Spouses' Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday on the second floor of the Clubhouse in Building 241, next to the Infantry Museum. All enlisted spouses, private through sergeant major, are invited to attend.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month.

For more information, call the ESC voice mail at (334) 373-0347.

Food program — The Department of the Army announces the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. The same meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled participants at the centers listed, and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

The centers are: Main Post CDC, Santa Fe CDC, Tot Town CDC, School Age Services, Middle School, Teen and various Family Child Care Homes.

For more information, call Astrid Moore at 545-9264.

Tax volunteers needed — Are you tired of being at home? Would you like to meet new people? The Army Community Service Financial Assistance Office is seeking volunteers to assist during the tax season.

For more information, call 545-6934 or 545-5485.

Loaner car seats — GEICO has donated eight infant and toddler restraint seats to the Army Community Services for use in their Loaner Program. Military parents can borrow an infant or toddler car seat for 30 days at no cost.

For more information, call ACS at 545-4485.

Commissary changes — The Department of Defense has announced, effective immediately, the following members and their dependents will be permitted unlimited access to commissary stores: members of the Ready Reserve and members of the Retired Reserve who possess a Uniformed Services Identification Card; former members eligible for retired pay at age 60 but who are not yet 60 and who possess a Department of Defense Civilian Identification Card; and dependents of the members described above who have a Uniformed Services Identification Card or who have a distinct identification card used as an authorization card for benefits and privileges administered by the Uniformed Services.

For more information about the Defense Commissary Agency, visit www.commissaries.com.

Free English classes — English as a second language instruction is being offered free for adults from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at E.A. White Elementary School.

The instruction is designed for those who need help with grammar, vocabulary, civic and naturalization issues and conversational fluency.

For more information, call Myrtle L. Chalkley at 545-4562 or 545-7742.

Open Recreation Program — The Open Recreation Program is designed for occasional use of the School Age Services program and includes participation in regularly scheduled SAS activities being offered each day including Boys and Girls clubs and 4-H Club.

Children will be picked up from school and dropped off at their designated program.

Programs last from 2 to 6:30 p.m. There is no fee for the program. For more information, call 545-3605.

YS supports home-schoolers — There are educational programs to support home-school curriculums and instructional support from Child and Youth Services staff for Fort Benning home-schoolers.

Child and Youth Services is making sure home-schoolers have access to all the support services, including "Open Recreation" and "Home-School Computer Lab." From 9 a.m. until noon Tuesdays, the YS gym will be available for home-school families. From 9 a.m. until noon Thursdays, the computer lab in the School-Age Services building will be open for home-school families exclusively.

For more information, call 545-3062.

Fort Benning Family Child Care Training Classes — Fort Benning Family Child Care (FCC) is looking for individuals interested in becoming a certified child care provider in their home. FCC will hold training classes Feb. 23-27 in Building 359, the FUN Center. This is a rewarding opportunity to earn money while caring for children at home. For more information, call 545-4368.

Family Child Care Pre-Certification Orientation — Individuals interested in becoming a Family Child Care provider on Fort Benning must attend a mandatory orientation Jan. 28 from 9-11 a.m. in Building 359, the Family Unit Network Center. Spouses are welcome; however, please do not bring children. Tot Town Child Development Center is available for hourly child care. Reservations can be made by calling 698-8772. For more information on becoming a Family Child Care provider, please call 545-4368.

Beacon College — Beacon College and Graduate School offers undergraduate degrees in psychology, business and biblical studies and graduate degrees in biblical studies, pastoral ministry, counseling ministry and divinity. Full financial aid, including veterans' assistance, is available. A Beacon College representative is on post every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. in Building 2602, Soldiers' Plaza. For more information, call 323-5634.

HOPE Grant Program — The HOPE Grant Program will pay all tuition and fees for diploma and certificate programs at Columbus Technical College and up to $100 per quarter for textbooks for all active-duty military and their family members. Civilian employees are also eligible if they are Georgia residents and have a Georgia driver's license. For more information, call Clovie Quick at 545-9848 or 545-9864 or e-mail him, quick2325@aol.com or clovie.c.quick@us.army.mil

Student rewards — Students in sixth- through eighth-grades wishing to participate in the "You Made the Grade" program can bring their B-average or better report cards into the Main Mall Post Exchange to exchange for a coupon book with savings of more than $50 on items such as shoes, fragrances or fast food. Entry forms for U.S. savings bonds drawings are included in the package.

AAFES awards savings bonds totaling $10,000 to three students each quarter. Winners are selected randomly in January, April, July and October. For more information, call the PX at 682-0826.

off post

Free trees — Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January.

The 10 trees include two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Washington Hawthorns, two American Redbuds and two Kousa Dogwoods.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Feb. 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 to receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Jan. 31, or go online to arborday.org.

Boy Scout volunteers — The Chattahoochee Council, Boy Scouts of America, is getting ready for its 2004 Summer Camp season. Boy Scouts from all over the Southeast region will camp at Camp Lumpkin for fun and excitement. The camp is located on West Point Lake, just outside of LaGrange. There will be five weeks of camp, with new Scouts arriving each week.

The council is hiring capable and energetic people to work at camp. They are looking for instructors in rifle, archery, shotgun, aquatics and outdoor skills. Staff members will receive a weekly salary, plus room and board.

For more information, call David Gregory at 327-2634, ext. 19.

Free diabetes booklet — *Take Charge of Your Diabetes* is an easy-to-read book to communicate basic information and positive steps for glucose control and prevention of complications of diabetes.

The free book is available in Spanish and English. Go to www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/index.htm or call (877) 232-3422 to order.

Take Charge of Your Diabetes is published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Scholarship guide available — The 11th annual National Academic Scholarship Source Guide is now available. The guide helps students and their families find scholarship money to help pay for tuition, room and board, and other educational expenses.

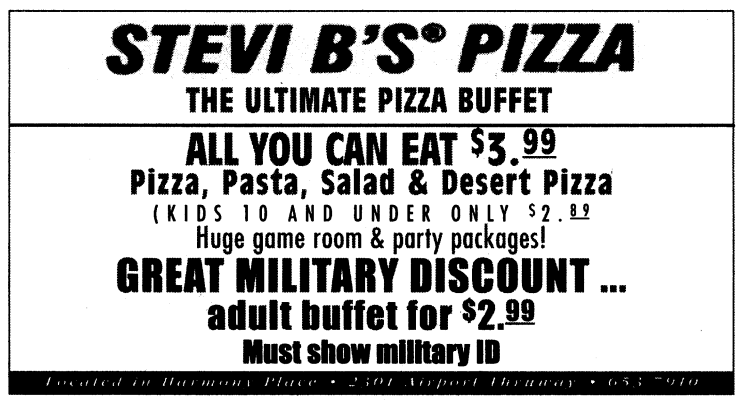
To receive the new NAFA publication, send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and $2 to cover handling to NAFA, 188 Summer Street, Dept. F03, Portsmouth, NH, 03801.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** chicken filet sandwich, mac and cheese, mixed veggies, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** hot dog, potato wedges, cole slaw, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** spaghetti, garden salad, green beans, fresh roll, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** ham and cheese sandwich, potato rounds, veggie sticks, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** student holiday













STICKING TO IT

Take positive steps in New Year

Take measures to improve chance of keeping resolutions

MCG Health System

Every new year, scores of people write down resolutions, confident that this year they will meet their goals. But all too often, come Jan. 30, their lists — along with their resolve — lie cast-off and forgotten.

Success comes with the proper mindset. Dr. Bernard Davidson, a psychologist at MCG Health System, offers the following tips to help keep those New Year's resolutions:

• **Set realistic goals.** Often, people set themselves up for failure by resolving to accomplish impossible tasks.

"Losing weight is a popular New Year's resolution, but a goal of losing, say, 20 pounds in a month guarantees disappointment," Davidson said. "Instead, outline realistic goals and how to get there."

• **Prepare, prepare, prepare.** Whoever said that you had to go cold turkey come New Year's Day?

"On January 1, start taking baby steps to reach your goals," Davidson said.

• **Expect some setbacks.** A step back doesn't mean you'll never go forward again. Many people find themselves in the trap of "all or nothing" thinking and give up. But instead of beating yourself up for "failing," get back on that exercise regimen.

"You'll feel much better for it," Davidson said.

• **Find someone to share the experience.** Support makes all the difference.

"If you plan to stop smoking, find a buddy who will quit with you and begin planning strategies. A buddy will also serve to keep you on track toward your goals," he said.

• **Don't overmonitor your progress.**

"Evaluating your progress every day often ends in frustration," Davidson said.

Don't do it. Progress updates every week or every two weeks are better since enough time will have lapsed for even small changes to be evident.

• **Resist the urge to compare yourself with others.** It's ultimately self-defeating and results in less motivation.

Even cars can get funk

Cold weather affects vehicles, too

Precision Tune Auto Care

Are you and your family ready for the cold and flu season? How about your car?

"The same snowy, freezing, damp weather that brings on the sniffles for people lowers resistance in cars," said Joel Burrows, a.k.a. "The Car Doctor" and vice president of training/R&D at Precision Tune Auto Care.

"Motorists are more likely to face car trouble in winter than any other time of year," Burrows said.

The American Automobile Association reports that of the 21 million emergency road service calls they receive, most are in the late fall and winter. Of those calls, 40 percent involve vehicles that wouldn't start and 34 percent are for major mechanical failures requiring towing.

In light of those statistics, The Car Doctor suggests making sure your car is healthy with a complete physical exam. Just as a cough is the signal for an oncoming cold, rough idling, hard starts, stalling or diminished power are signs of pending car trouble.

"A thorough inspection and analysis by a trusted professional assures that your car is running at maximum efficiency and provides insight to potential problems. Pay special attention to replacing dirty filters for air, fuel and crankcase ventilation when necessary," Burrows said.

In addition to the basics, Burrows identifies critical areas that cause car owners the most headaches during winters.

He advises giving special attention to:

• **Oil.** Oil changes should be more frequent in winter. As temperatures drop, oil thickens and provides less efficient lubrication. Use lighter oil (5W-30 or 10W-40) or try synthetic oil, which flows better in extremely cold weather, offering more protection at start-up. For specific recommendations for your vehicle, always refer to the manufacturer's service schedule.

• **Antifreeze.** "Permanent" does not mean forever; most antifreeze requires changing every 24 months. Antifreeze prevents ice from forming in the engine block plus inhibits rust and corrosion. Dirty antifreeze contains sediments that may plug radiator passages and cause overheating.

• **Battery.** At 32 degrees, a battery may have only 50 percent of its summer output but twice the need for starting power. Check connections to assure a tight fit. Remove corrosion from posts and cable connections. And have your auto care service provider perform a load test on your vehicle's battery.

• **Hoses.** Hoses should be inspected every year and changed every three. They wear from the inside out, so defects are not always visible. Squeeze to detect loss of elasticity. Look for cracked, bulging, brittle or limp hoses. Check overall condition and tension on the belt. Too tight a belt can ruin an alternator, too loose can result in a dead battery. Look for cracks in serpentine type belts.

• **Tires.** When the temperature drops, so does the air pressure in tires. Improper inflation causes premature wearing which, in turn, can cause an accident. Check tire pressure when the tires are cold, not after driving. Also check for cuts, abrasions and uneven wear.

• **Brakes.** Road contamination and moisture can affect your braking ability. This is especially true in winter due to salt and other materials used to battle snow and ice. A thorough brake inspection, particularly of friction materials, like pads and shoes, is just what the doctor ordered.

• **Heater/defroster.** The heater and defroster provide warmth and comfort as well as good visibility for safe driving. A screeching sound when you turn on the heater or a stiff control lever can mean trouble, so have it checked out.

• **Fuel.** In cold weather, keep your gas tank full. Pour a bottle of fuel de-icer in the tank once a month to prevent moisture from freezing in the fuel line.

• **Windshield.** Invest in rubber-clad winter blades that can help prevent ice and snow build-up. Wipers work harder clearing snow, frost, ice and road salt.

• **Exhaust system.** Have a qualified technician check your exhaust system on a lift for leaks, soft exhaust pipes, small holes in trunk and floorboards, and cracked rubber hangers or broken clamps. Failure to replace faulty components could be deadly.

"Each car, just like each person, is a little different," Burrows said.

"Learn about the needs of your own car. Everyone should begin a car-preparedness inventory for each season by reading the owner's manual."

AFAP: Raises Army community's concerns

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hinges on volunteers, Hertig said — volunteers to submit issues, chair work groups and serve as delegates.

"We need volunteers like you wouldn't believe," Hertig said. "It's grown so much because people see it working."

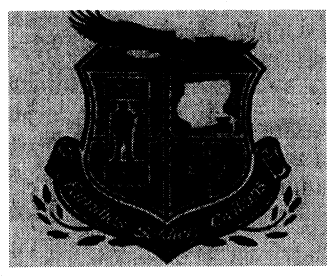
More than 110 delegates are needed to tackle issues relating to health care, education, pay, housing and the like.

Youth 12 and older are needed for the one-day youth work group, Feb. 26.

Retirees, National Guardsmen and reservists will have their own work groups, whereas other groups will be staffed with Soldiers, civilians and family members.

For more information about AFAP, to volunteer as a delegate or group leader or to submit an issue or idea, call Hertig at 545-5377.

For more information about the history of AFAP, visit www.armymwr.com.



Fort Benning Army Family Action Plan

AFAP is a powerful, grassroots process that provides a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues that concern America's Army Family.

For more information and to be a part of this process, pease contact the Fort Benning AFAP Office at 545-5377 or aftb@benning.army.mil.

AFAP ... making a difference — one issue at a time!

Issue Solicitation

Are you concerned? do you have ideas for these changing or improving these concerns? If so, this is your way to get involved in the process.

Filling out this form DOES give you the ability to make a difference!

Please return this form to Building 2626, Soldiers' Plaza, or submit your issue via e-mail at aftb@benning.army.mil? Just tell us what the issue is and how it can be fixed!

What is your concern? _____

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What would you to do to change or improve this concern? _____

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Name and Phone Number: _____

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Army Family Action Plan

25-27 February 2004

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974; 5 USC 3013. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Identification of participants in the Army Family Action Plan Symposium. ROUTINE USES: Used to record information pertaining to attendees at the Army Family Action Plan Symposium. DISCLOSURE: Disclosure is voluntary. When possible, complete this form electronically.

1. FIRST NAME	INITIAL	LAST NAME
NAME AS YOU WANT IT ON NAME TAG: (FIRST NAME ONLY)		
UNIT:		
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2. YOUR PREFERRED ROLE AT THIS SYMPOSIUM?

- o FACILITATOR
- o RECORDER
- o ISSUE SUPPORT
- o STAFF SUPPORT (registration, work group "runner", etc.)

HAVE YOU EVER PARTICIPATED IN AFAP BEFORE?

- o YES
- o NO

If yes, in what capacity?_____

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- o The 2004 AFAP Symposium will be conducted over a 3-day period.
- o Childcare will be provided for all training and symposium events.
- o Training will be provided during the month prior to the symposium.
- o No experience necessary! We need your help!!! ☺

Please return completed application to the Fort Benning Army Family Action Plan Office located in Building 2626, Soldiers' Plaza. Applications may be dropped at the AFAP office, faxed to (706) 545-6002 or emailed to aftb@benning.army.mil. Thank you!

AFAP...Making a Difference One Issue at a Time!

Prices: Stay competitive

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to find that item cheaper anywhere else," Molino said.

Once a price is negotiated, the commissary still has to sell the product at 5 percent above cost, he said.

The 5 percent surcharge goes right back into the stores, paying for new construction, renovations, repairs, equipment and information technology systems, such as checkout counters and cash registers.

"Before 2001, we were bleeding some of the surcharge money into commissary operations," Molino said. "We stopped doing that because we want to guarantee that the surcharge, which is service member money, is reinvested in the commissary."

Operating expenses are paid out of about $1.2 billion of taxpayer dollars appropriated by Congress.

Tax dollars pay civilian employees' salaries and for such things as butchers' uniforms and meat-packaging materials.

"We're trying to ensure that every penny of taxpayer dollars is well spent, and that taxpayers get the best value for their tax dollars," Molino said.

Many customers have been questioning why commissaries don't have special sales comparable to local supermarkets, Molino said.

The answer, he said, is that the strict 5 percent surcharge prevents commissary managers from reducing items below that amount.

For example, even though local supermarkets have chicken on sale for 39 cents per pound and the commissary's price is 59 cents per pound, the law prohibits commissary managers from cutting the price to 39 cents to match the supermarket price.

The grocery industry also uses variable pricing to build customer loyalty.

"The motive of those stores is profit," Molino said. "The motive of our stores is to keep it a 30 percent savings to the customer.

"We'd like to make the commissary benefit more attractive to people who otherwise don't shop there — especially our young members and military families on a tight budget," he said.

So, even if the variable pricing concept were implemented, it wouldn't affect the savings service members get in their grocery cart, Molino said.

"You might save more on one item and a little less on another," he said.

Molino said DoD is concerned about people who don't shop in commissaries because it's more difficult to get onto installations because of increased security after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

"We want to be able to adjust the pricing so that we can attract them to our stores," he said.

Fostering Creativity

Loyd grabs attention

Programs keep schoolchildren motivated to learn

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Like any parent or teacher could tell you, it can be tough to hold a child's attention. But the faculty of Loyd Elementary School isn't daunted.

In the weeks before Christmas vacation, Loyd was busy with festive programs to make education interesting and fun for its children.

Panther Picnic

It looked more like a hipster coffee shop than a school. The soft blankets, plush pillows and lamps provided a cozy atmosphere and a comfy place to relax at reading stations scattered throughout the building for the school's first Panther Picnic.

The program brought students and their parents to come to the school for an evening picnic and family reading night.

"It was very successful and motivating," said kindergarten teacher Tracy Pate, who borrowed the idea from her son's school. "Families came and brought a picnic dinner; some families came and stayed and read for an hour or more."

Pate said the turnout was excellent and the feedback, positive.

"We'll definitely do this again," she said. "It's very important to bring family together and to stress reading."

Pate said the event also helped foster a home and school connection, which enhances the partnership between schools and parents to further children's education.

"What children learn at school is applied in the home, and what they learn at home is applied in school," she said. "It's a big, continuous circle of learning."

Storybook Character Day

In celebration of the annual National Children's Book Week, Loyd teachers and students — even parents — got into character to pay homage to their favorite works of fiction for the school's Storybook Character Day.

A host of Harry Potters and Junie B. Jones' joined Roald Dahl's Matilda, Lily from *Lily and Ms. Liberty* and the newspaper delivery boy from *Paper Boy* in a parade around the schoolgrounds, said Mitzi Crow, Loyd's media specialist.

Crow also arranged to have Columbus' Barnes and Noble's education consultant pay a visit as the Cat in the Hat. She and a fellow teacher then morphed into Thing One and Thing Two.

The trio made their grand entrance in the school's primary wing, picking up class after class until the whole school was in line. It took two trips around the school to get everyone, Crow said.

In the days preceding the parade, students had made a mad dash to the library because they knew they would have to identify the characters during the parade, an incentive to visit the school's library.

"They came in like crazy, checking out books and looking at all the characters, so they would know who they were," Crow said.

Once the parade had finished, students gathered for an assembly, where they had a group read-along and singing.

"It's a nutty day, and we always have a good time," Crow said.

Fun and different events are important for the students, because it keeps them interested in learning and gives them variety, she said.

FBI Day

Loyd children also got a kick out of celebrating FBI. No, no — not the government agents: Fathers Being Involved, a program introduced to the school by second-grade teacher Sheila Cousin, who brought the idea from her daughter's school.



Courtesy photo

Loyd students give the Cat in the Hat a warm welcome during the school's Storybook Character Parade.

"We've done a lot of research, and studies have shown that students' achievement is greater when the parents are involved," Cousin said. "We thought it would be different to have a special day for fathers to come and spend time at the school."

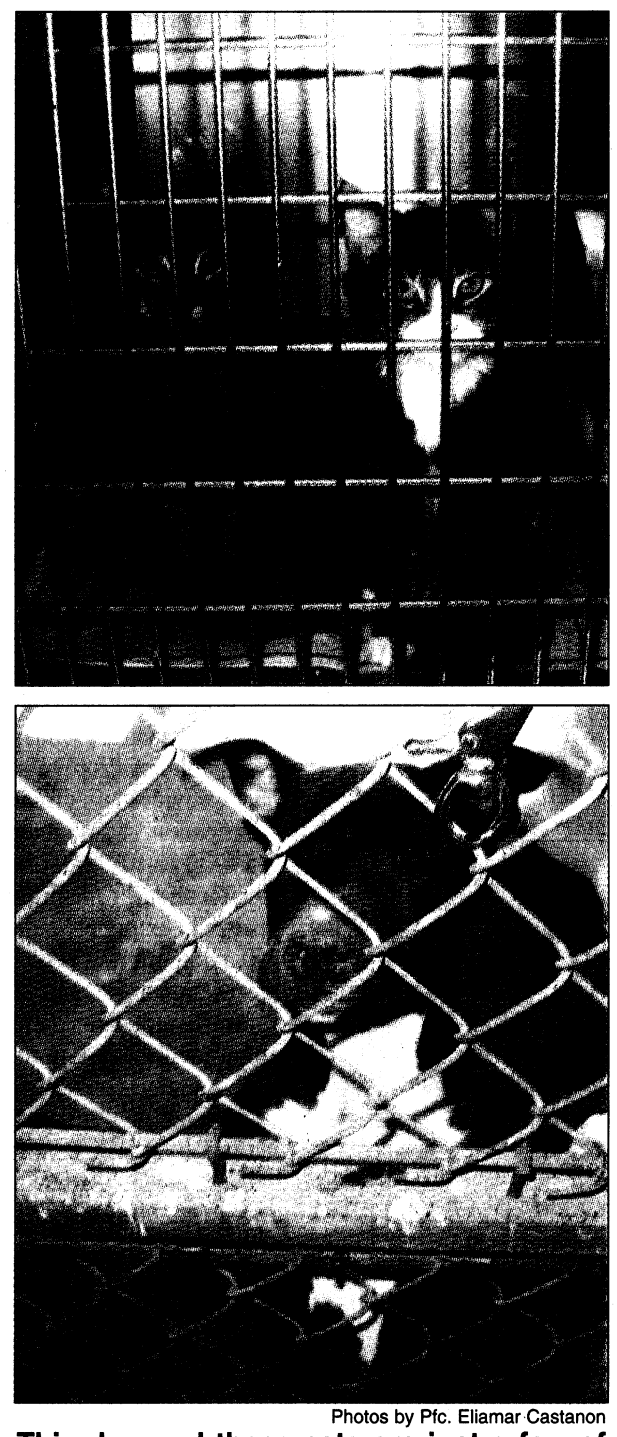
Most of the children's fathers don't get a lot of time off, Cousin said, so Loyd tries to plan FBI Days for Fridays on holiday weekends.

Fathers join their kids in the classroom and read books to the students, tell stories or participate in daily activities.

"It's just phenomenal, and the kids love it," Cousin said. "They really get into it. These kids are hard workers, but it gets them really motivated about learning when their fathers are there.

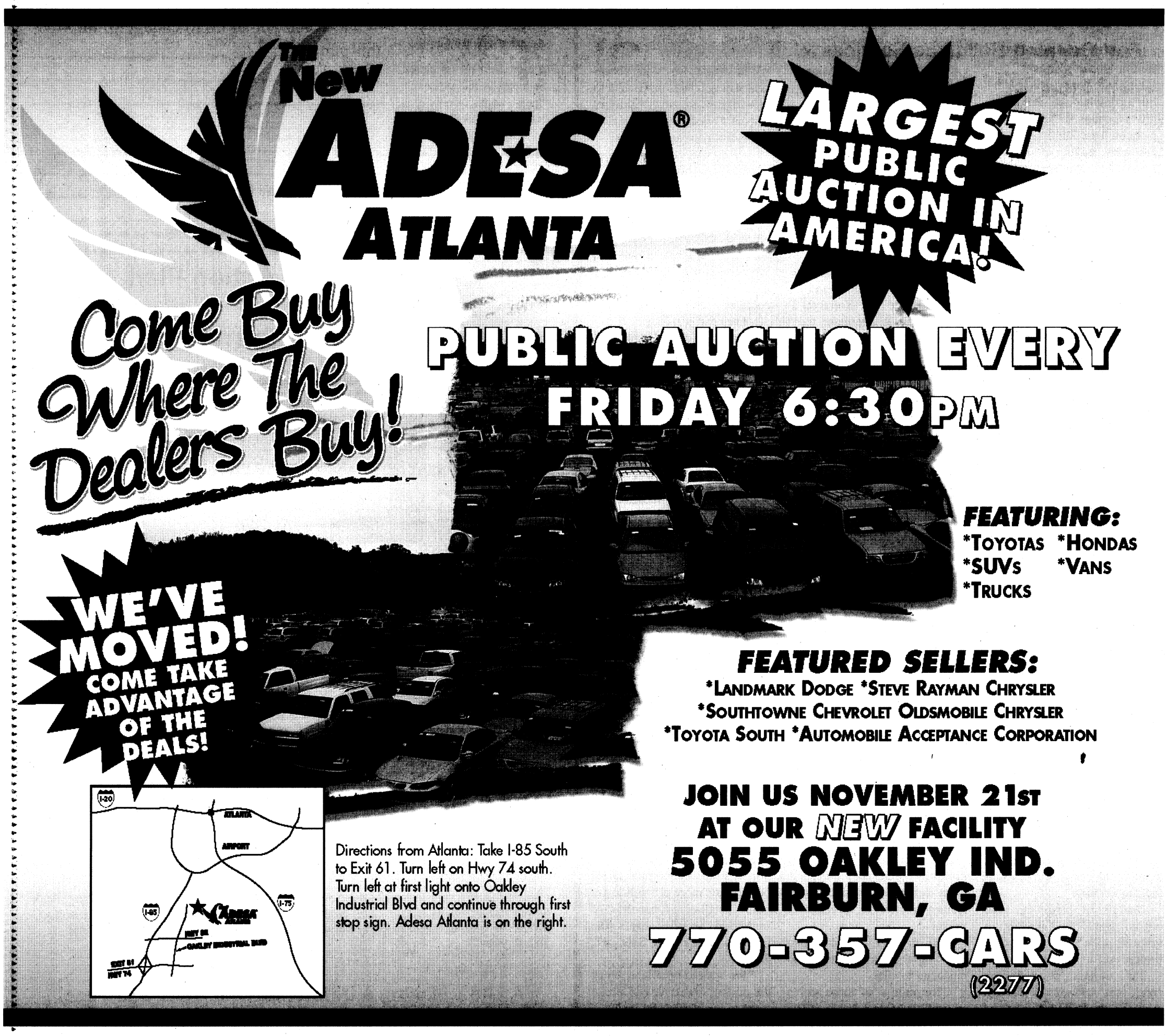
"It also gives these fathers who work long, hard hours a chance to get involved with their children's education," she said.

Pets of the Week



Photos by Pfc. Eliamar Castanon

This dog and these cats are just a few of the animals available for adoption at the Vet Clinic. For more information, call 545-4444.



Presents can turn into priceless new year

Begin 2004 with gifts that cost no money

Chaplain (Col.) Joseph O'Keeffe
Garrison Chaplain

How are you going to pay for all those Christmas presents you thought you should or felt you must buy?

Well, if you are like me, since Thanksgiving, you have been receiving two to three credit card applications a week offering, no, begging you to accept their card and charge it all.

They tempt you with no interest for so many months, and the interest rate is oh sooo low, that it is hard to resist accepting their offer.

But remember, there is no free lunch. Sooner or later, one must come up with the cold cash to pay off all those expensive gifts.

As you reflect on the events and experiences of Christmas 2003 and begin dreaming and planning for 2004, let me share some priceless New Year's gifts with you. Each gift is valuable, but you can't buy any of them for a million dollars.

No. 1 — The gift of listening — But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just undivided listening as a spouse, child or friends share with you their hopes and fears, their goals and dreams.

No. 2 — The gift of appreciation — Be generous with hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

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No. 3 — The gift of laughter — Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you." And laughter is good for your health.

No. 4 — The gift of a written note — It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime and may even change a life.

No. 5 — The gift of a compliment — A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

No. 6 — The gift of a favor — Every day, go out of your way to do something kind, and if you can keep it a secret, even better. Remember you and God will know and both of you will be glad.

No. 7 — The gift of solitude — There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

No. 8 — The gift of a cheerful disposition — The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. It's not that hard to say hello or thank you.

If you give these gifts to others and accept these gifts for yourself, you will have a wonderful 2004.

May we all have a holy, healthy and happy New Year.

CHAPEL NOTES

Religious Education programs — Religious education programs and sacramental programs for all ages are available.

Volunteers are needed to fill positions of catechists, co-ordinators and assistants in all areas of religious education.

For more information, call the Religious Education Center at 545-5508, or e-mail WamplerC@benning.army.mil.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Fort Benning's Protestant Women of the Chapel meet at Custer Terrace Chapel from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursdays. Child care is provided.

The Bible studies are: Covenant, Creative Counterpart, A Woman of Value and Breaking Free.

For more information, call Natalie Rauch at 221-5607.

Sunday school — Are you looking for a way to experience God's blessings?

The Sunday School ministry needs you. Classes are available for all age groups from preschool to adult. Transportation is available on post if needed.

For more information or to inquire about being a volunteer helper call the director of Religious Education at 545-4715 or Sunday School director, Rosario Seelen at 682-0102.

Catholic Women of the Chapel — Catholic Women of the Chapel meet the first Friday of each month at Sightseeing Road Chapel at 10 a.m. for business, religious study, rosary and Mass. They also meet the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at TIC annex for Bible study. Child care is provided at both meetings.

For more information, call Theresa McCrackine at 687-0894.

Best gifts are those not seen

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Family Life Ministries Center

'Tis the week after Christmas and out in the den Daddy is watching pro football again.

The children are throwing and breaking their toys,

And mother is up to her ears in the noise.

The melting snow drips through a hole in the roof;

Wow! One of the reindeer sure had a sharp hoof.

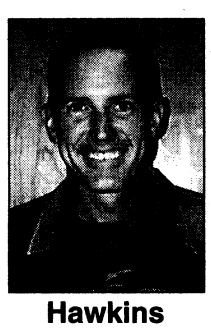
Ribbons and wrappings are spread all around,

And when they're cleared, our lost boy will be found.

Santa long since disappeared in the fog,

The turkey is tasteless and the eggnog won't nog.

The holly and ivy, the tinsel and lights,



Hawkins

No longer bring warm glows on cold, darkened nights.

Children who last week were helpful and sweet,

Have mouths that are sassy and rooms less than neat.

Those people with faces that smiled forth like elves,

Are now once again just their grouchy old selves.

The carols of joy and hope filled the air,

But now they are muffled by hard rock's loud blare.

The cold winds which now make Aunt Josephine freeze,

Were not even noticed on Yule shopping sprees.

Why should such a great day let us down so hard?

Is there something about Christmas that we disregard?

The babe in the manger became a great man.

He grew up to be Savior; that was God's plan.

Remember when you take down that last Christmas bough,

He'll never love you more than he loves you right now.

And if we know that Christ loves us and always is near,

Then Christmas can be every day of the year!

— Anonymous

If there's any way that our team of trained counselors at the Chaplain Family Life Center can help you manage "The Week After Christmas," then just pick up the phone and give us a call at 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,
Monday- Friday	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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Church Directory

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Dr. Bill Purvis - Senior Pastor
727 54th Street • Columbus, GA 31904
706-327-5743
Weekend Service Times
Saturdays Fellowship at 5:00 pm
Sundays 8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday Connection Bible Study 9:45 am
Check out detailed events at www.cascadehills.com

ww.nuevopacto.org
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"Impactando Columbus Para Cristo"
4421 Primrose Road
(Salida 6 de la I-185, Este Hacia E&S Warehouse esquina de Primrose)
Columbus, GA 31908
569-0902 ó 448-7348
Servicios
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11:00am Ser. Adoracion
Miercoles - 7:00pm Oracion y Est. Biblico
Viernes - 7:30pm Ser. Adoracion
Guarderia de Ninos
Reparto de Comida - M-J - 2:15pm-3:00pm
"Nuestra Casa Su Casa"
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Carl Pratt - Minister of Music
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Sunday School - 9:45 AM
Sunday PM - 6:00
Wednesday PM - 7:00
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Home (706) 569-8616
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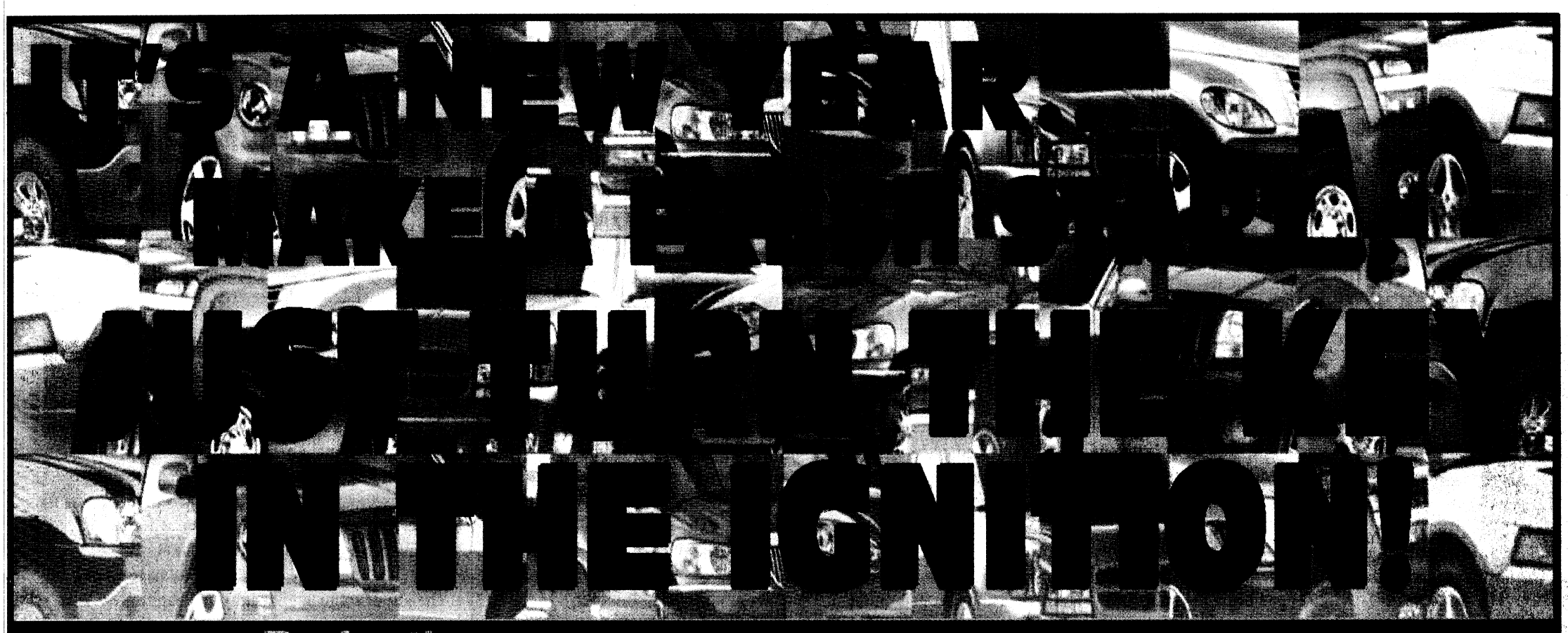

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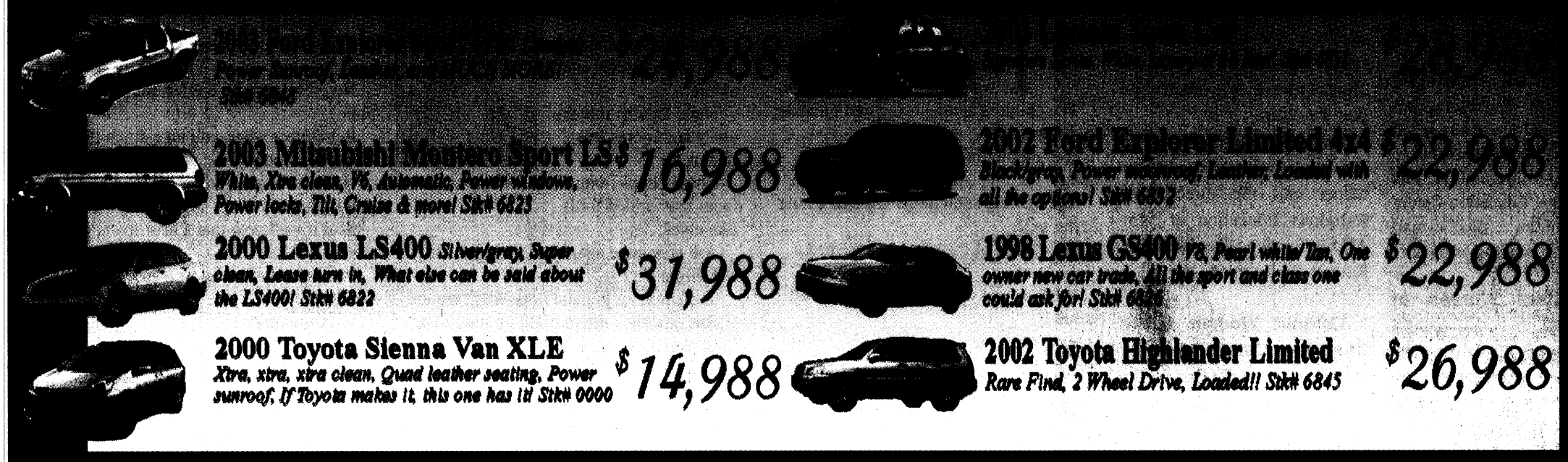

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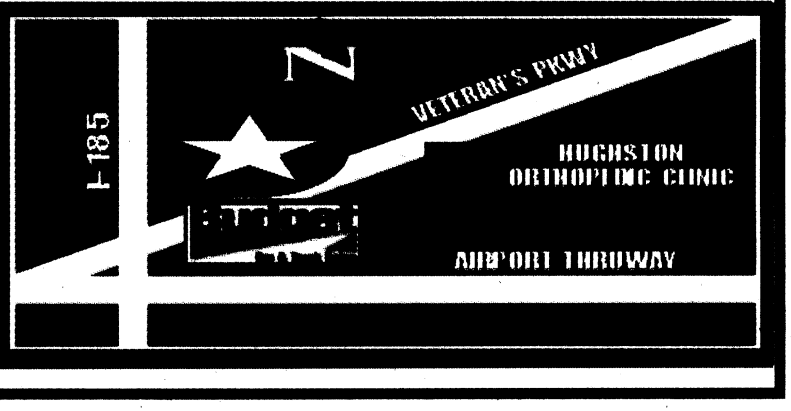

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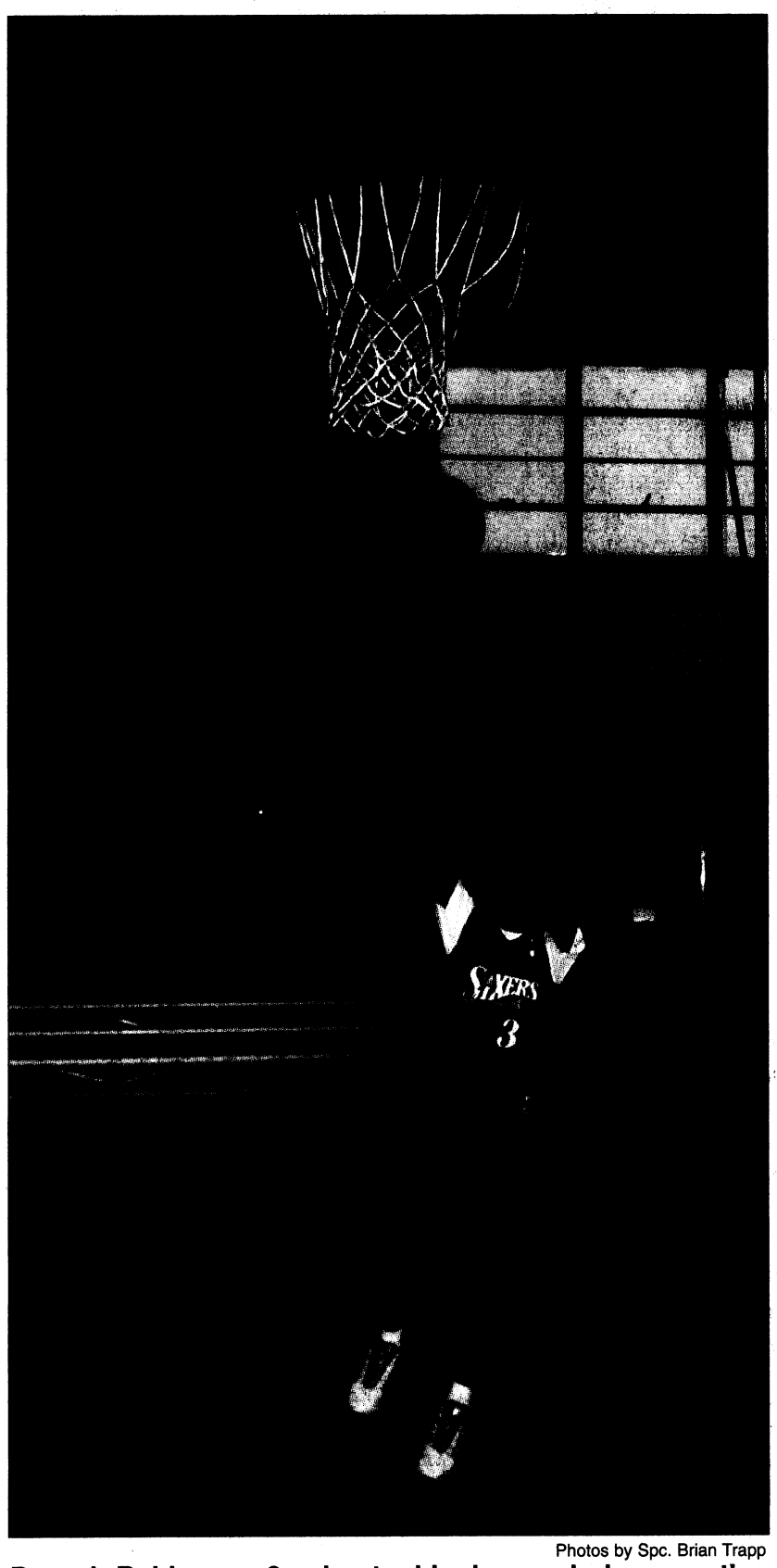
Youth basketball season to begin



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Denzel Robinson, 9, shoots his layup during practice Monday night at the Youth Services Gym.

Team prepares for opening game Saturday

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

With the new year comes a new season of Youth Services basketball, starting Saturday morning.

At a Monday practice, children worked on their skills to prepare for the upcoming season.

"The skill levels on the team vary," said Elliott Caggins, coach for an 8- to 9-year-old team. "Some kids should be playing up an age group, and some are right where they need to be. My job is to take their skill level now and cultivate it for next season."

During the course of the season, Caggins hopes to make a positive experience for the whole team.

"I coach because I like to come out here with my son and support the other kids," he said.

Caggins' son, Zach, is working this season to improve stats.

"I hope to average more points than I did last season and get more assists," Zach said. "My favorite part of the game is winning. It makes me feel good 'cause I did something and accomplished it."

But the whole experience of team sports is not based on whether the game is won or not, said Dorrie Wagner, sports specialist with Youth Services.

"I play basketball because I like that you get to learn teammates' names, and make friends," Zach said. "You can't do things by yourself so you have to have a team to help you."

Another important part of the Youth Sports teams are the parents and fans who are encouraged to come out and cheer for their teams at the games.

"I think attendance motivates the kids to show team spirit and sportsmanship," said parent Sonia Robinson. "It shows they're not out there just to win, but it really motivates them and builds self-esteem."

Robinson played several sports herself when she was in school and sees the advantages for her son.

"I want him to get into this so he'll be more active," Robinson said. "He gets to know new people in a different environment.

"He loves playing basketball and looked forward to the season all year."

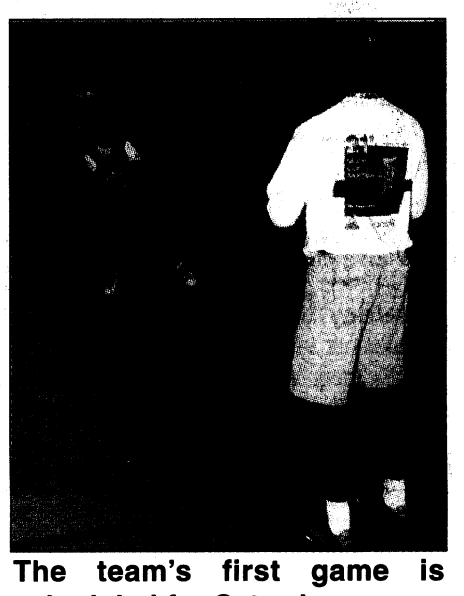
This year's league has about its annual average of players, which comes out to 16 teams.

There is currently a waiting list for late registers at Building 359.

For more information, call 545-3582.



Coach Elliott Caggins, right, watches as his team runs drills for a quick recovery of a loose ball.



The team's first game is scheduled for Saturday.

The Columbus Hurricanes offer an opportunity for young people to build character, form social skills and team sportsmanship, said Michele Walton, assistant coach of the senior swimmers for the team.



Photos by Donna Budjenska

Swim team cultivates ability, character

Columbus Hurricanes on solid ground

Donna Budjenska
Bayonet staff

Many swimmers who come to Fort Benning are surprised the post doesn't have its own swim team. They need not despair, though, because they have a local option — the Columbus Hurricanes.

The Hurricanes, who practice at the D.A. Turner YMCA pool in the winter swim season, have a strong Fort Benning connection. The head coach for the senior swimmers is Staff Sgt. Van Walton, of C Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, an instructor at the mechanized infantry school.

Walton's wife, Michele, is the assistant senior coach. She also is the health and safety director for Fort Benning's American Red Cross station.

And nearly one-fifth of the team's roughly 100 swimmers are children of military members.

To join the Hurricanes, young swimmers must be able to swim a length of the pool (25 yards) in both the freestyle and backstroke. Accomplishing that allows them to join the four-week developmental program.

"We have to develop them to come onto the team," said Mike McCardle, head coach for the younger age-group swimmers, a former All-American himself who's been coaching the Hurricanes for almost two decades.

The developmental program readies swimmers in all four strokes, including breaststroke and butterfly, and from there they can sign up for the team.

Faith Middle School eighth-grader Loren Fuentes, 14, has been a swimmer since she was 6. Now a senior swimmer for the Hurricanes, she practices as often as six days a week, her mom, Sue Fuentes, said.

"She loves to swim more than anything," Fuentes said. Loren's been swimming with the team nearly three years, and her mom said "she'll do anything to get to swim practice."

That's music to the coaches' ears.

"I think swimming is a necessity," said Michele, her role as a Red Cross safety trainer coming through now.

Apart from the importance of knowing how to swim, though, all of the coaches emphasize the well-rounded experience swimmers gain from being individual participants and part of a team.

"It builds character," Michele said. "It helps in forming social skills and team sportsmanship, even if they're not a great swimmer."

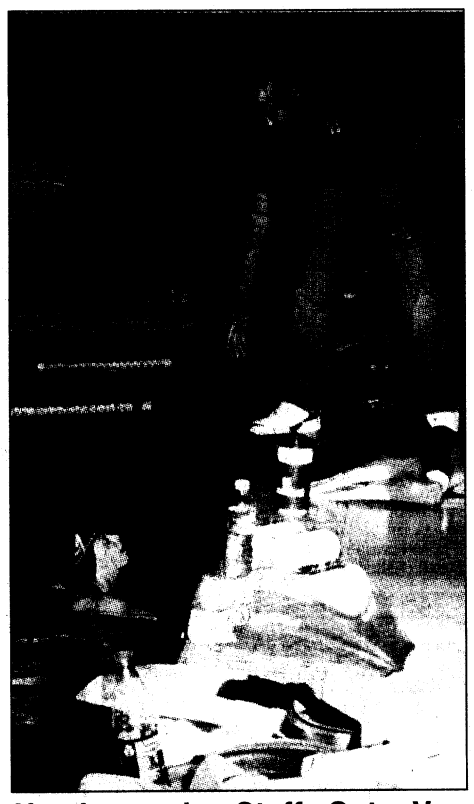
That approach is part of the team philosophy.

"Competitive swimming should be looked at as a fun and exciting as well as educational experience," the team's Web site reads. "Swimming can be learned and enjoyed by those with very little natural ability as well as those with Olympic potential. The value of swimming goes far beyond anything that is learned in the water."

McCardle and the Waltons all encourage swimmers to develop their potential in and out of the water.

"My main job is to make better kids," McCardle said. He often tells the younger swimmers that it's all about mind, body and soul, and they seem to lap it up.

While winning is always a boost to the swimmers and the team, the trophy chase isn't their sole focus. Personal bests are celebrated, even if the swimmer finished last in a meet.



Head coach, Staff Sgt. Van Walton, of 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, an instructor at the mechanized infantry school, offers his instruction to one of the senior swimmers.

CLOSER LOOK

More about the Columbus Hurricanes:

- They practice at the D.A. Turner YMCA pool in the winter season, through May. It is an eight-lane, heated, 25-yard indoor pool.
- In the summer months, the team practices at Double Churches Community Park pool, which is an eight-lane, 50-meter outdoor facility.
- To learn more about how to be a part of the Columbus Hurricanes swim team, call 561-2547 or coach Mike McCardle at home, (334) 480-9866 (after 6 p.m.).
- The team Web site, www.swimhurricanes.com, also gives information on practice times, categories, team records and more.

All-Army championships set for March

USAMU to host rifle competition

U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will host the All-Army Small Arms Championships March 14 to 25.

The last All-Army Championships were in 1994.

Soldiers and units will compete with the M-16 rifle or M-4 carbine, M-9 pistol and M-24 or M-14 rifles against counterparts from the regular Army, Reserve, National Guard and Cadet Command.

USAMU has a limited number of weapons available for Soldiers and cadets who do not have assigned weapons.

"The advanced shooting experience gained in these challenging matches will translate into better trained and confident Soldiers, ready to meet the challenges of the global war on terrorism," said USAMU Commander Lt. Col. David J. Liwanag. "These championships are the pinnacle of in-service Army competitive marksmanship training."

Soldiers who excel in the All-Army Championships may be selected to compete on the Army, Army Reserve or National Guard Rifle and Pistol Teams in the Interservice and National Championship competitions.

Winners of designated matches and classifications may be awarded Secretary of the Army Trophy rifles.

Rifle matches will be shot at ranges from 200 to 500 yards. Pistol matches will be fired under combat time standards at seven to 25 yards. All firing will be done with helmet and individual combat gear (minus body armor and mask). Long-range matches will be fired at ranges of 600 to 1,000 yards.

Matches are open to all Soldiers worldwide of any military occupational specialty and U.S. Military Academy and ROTC cadets.

Squad-size teams will be from brigades, divisions, major commands, each individual state and territory and Army Reserve major subordinate commands.

For more information call Michael J. Behnke, USAMU chief of competitions, at 545-7841 or e-mail him at michael.behnke@usarec.army.mil.

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Aerobics instructor needed — Briant Wells Field House is looking for certified exercise instructors for a wide variety of classes.

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Hunting regulations — There have been many changes to the Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing regulations. Changes include:

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• The numbers of guests that can be sponsored per day has increased from two to three.

• Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1961, must prove they successfully completed a hunter safety course in order to hunt on either the Georgia or Alabama sides of the installation.

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Saturday bike rides — Saturday bike rides are in full gear.

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off post

Arena football — Alignment for the 2004 af2 football season, which begins in late March, features a 26-team format consisting of two conferences divided into three divisions.

The American and National conferences each consist of 13 teams within three divisions. The Northeast, South and Mid-South divisions form the American Conference, while the Southwest, Midwest and West divisions complete the National Conference. Each division has four teams except the American Conference South and the National Conference Southwest divisions, with five teams each.

Columbus' team, the Wardogs, will kick off its fourth season in late March with second-year coach John Fourcade.

For ticket information, call 653-7789 or log on to columbuswardogs.com.

ALA golf card — The American Lung Association of Georgia's 2004 Golf Privilege Card is on sale. The card covers more than 600 courses in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina. The cardholder can play one or more rounds of golf for free or reduced greens fees on every course listed. Through Jan. 10, the Golf Card is available for $20 per card, or four for $60. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

To purchase a 2004 Golf Privilege Card, call the American Lung Association toll-free at (866) 609-GOLF or visit the Web site at www.golfsouth.org.

TOPSoccer — TOPSoccer, a soccer training and team placement program, provides the opportunity to learn and play soccer to any boy or girl, ages 4 to 19, who has a mental or physical disability.

TOPSoccer needs the following: players, players buddies, coaches, sponsors and team managers.

All inquiries can be directed to the Columbus TOPSoccer Club.

For more information, call Beth Casrona, president, at 518-1485 or e-mail TOPSoccerPresident @CYSASoccer.com.

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.

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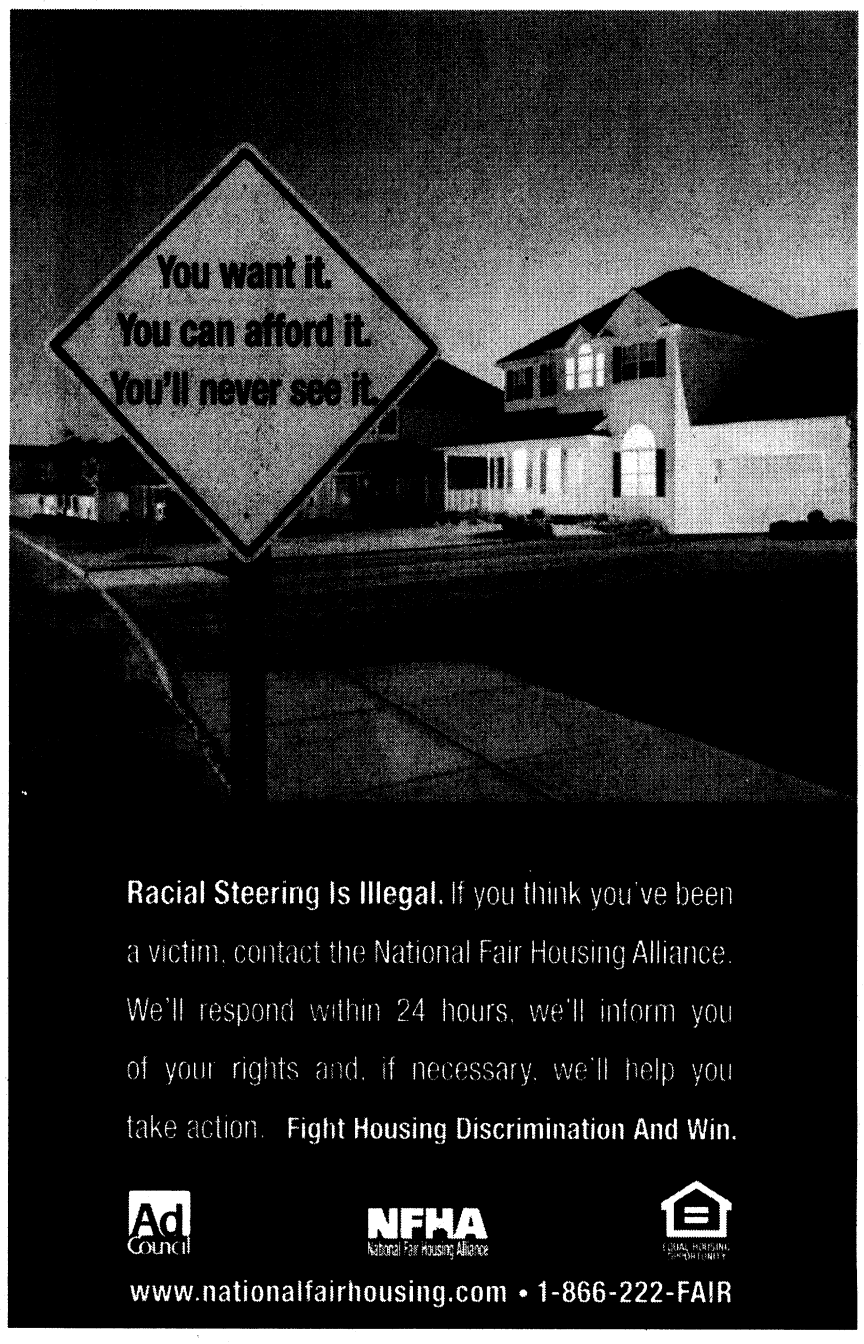
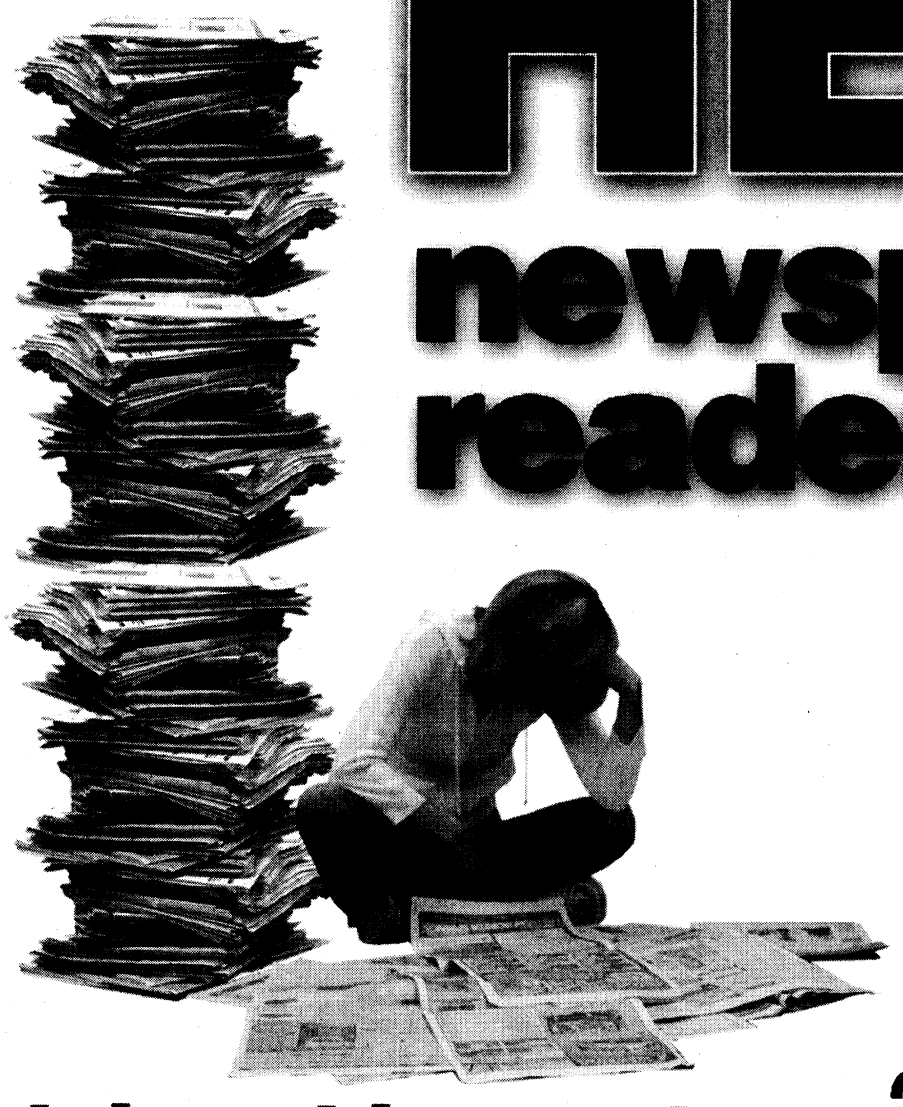
For more information, call 649-0713.





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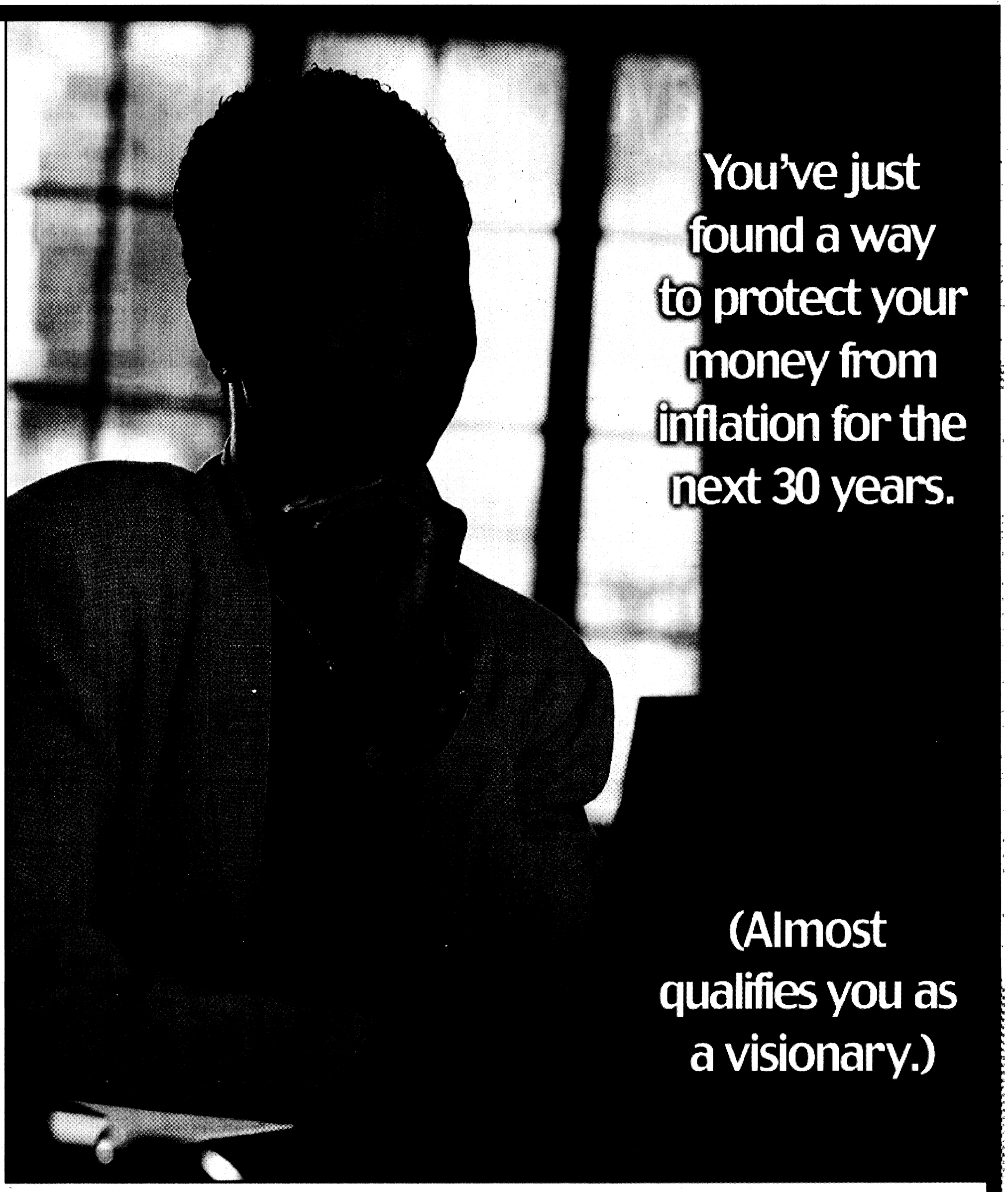

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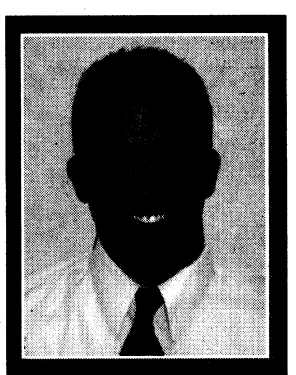

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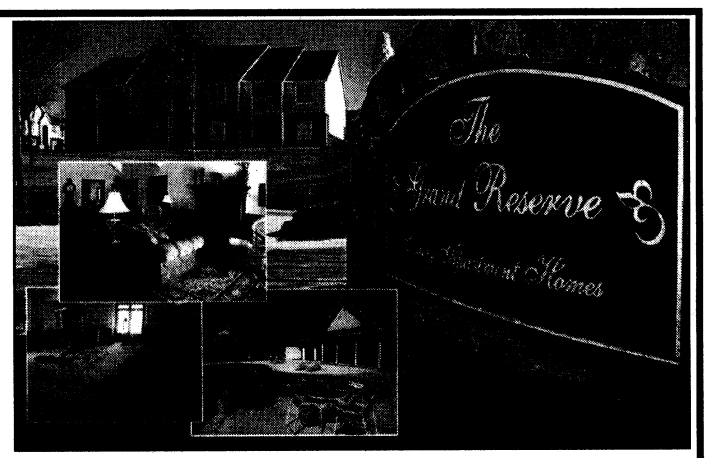

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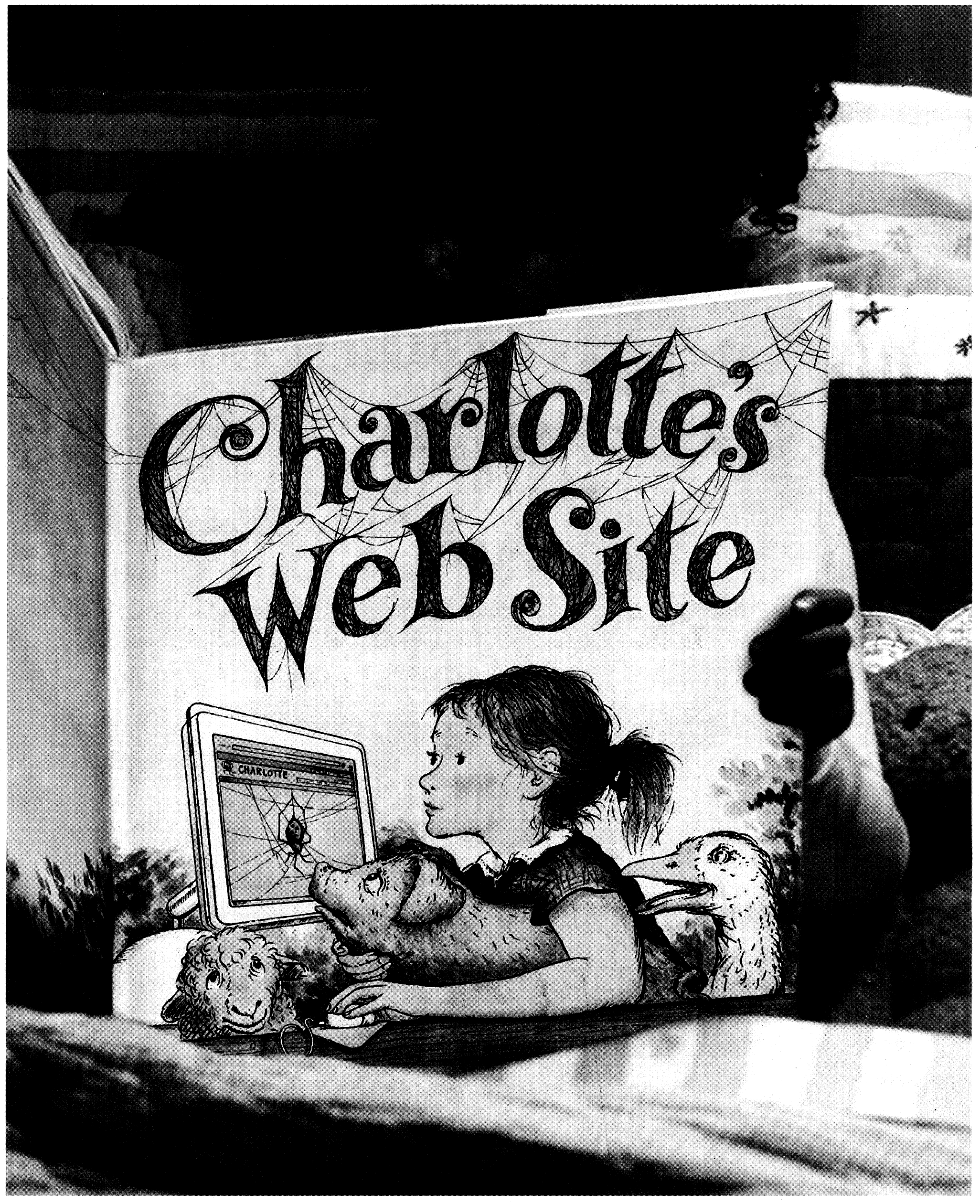

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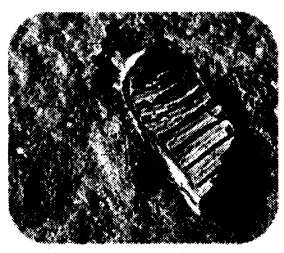

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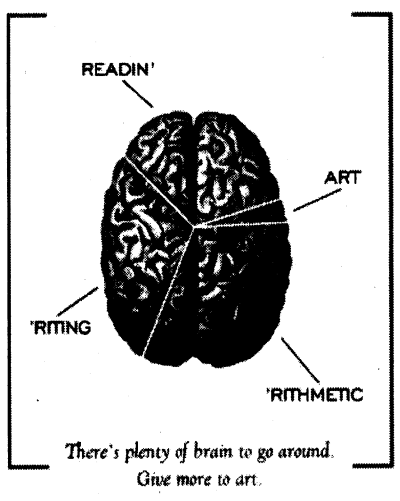

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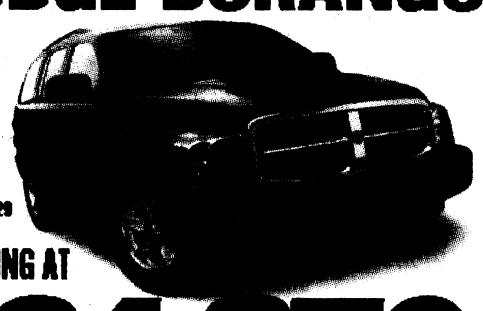

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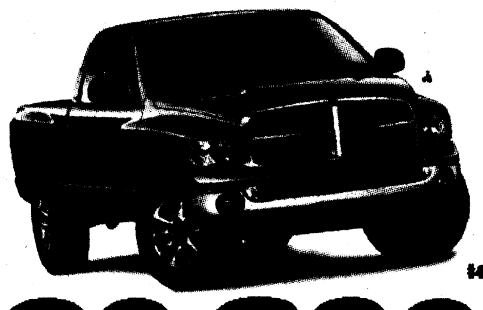

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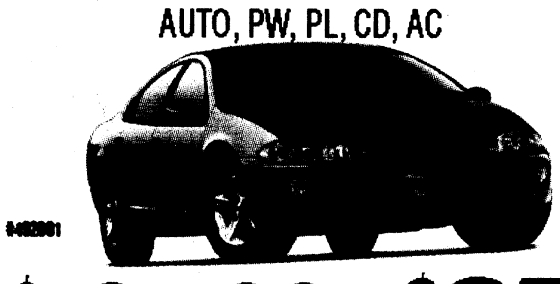

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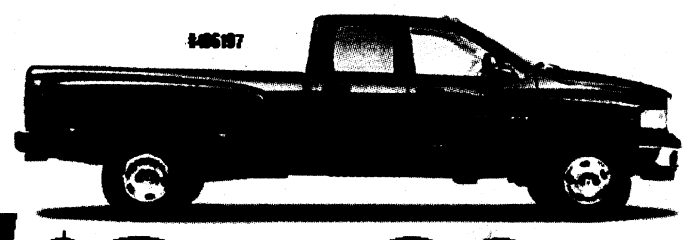

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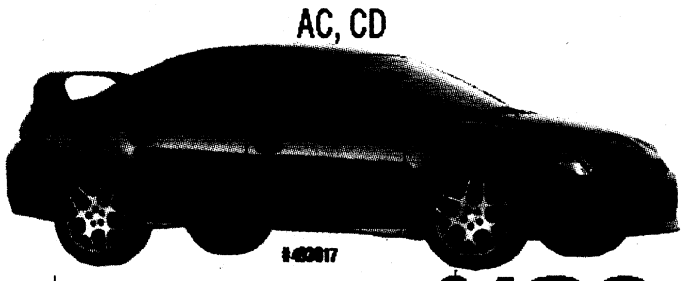

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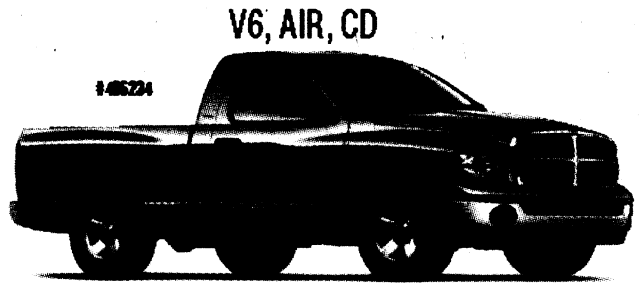

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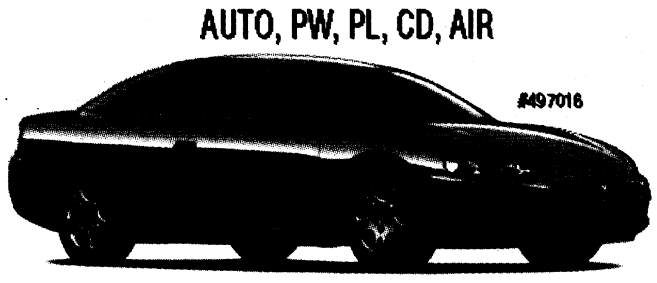

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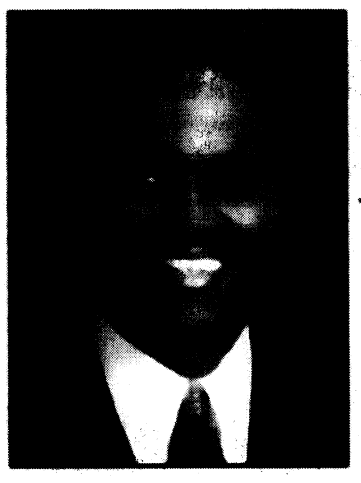

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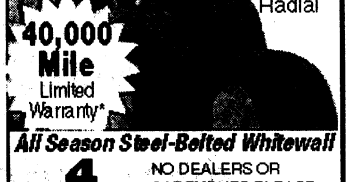

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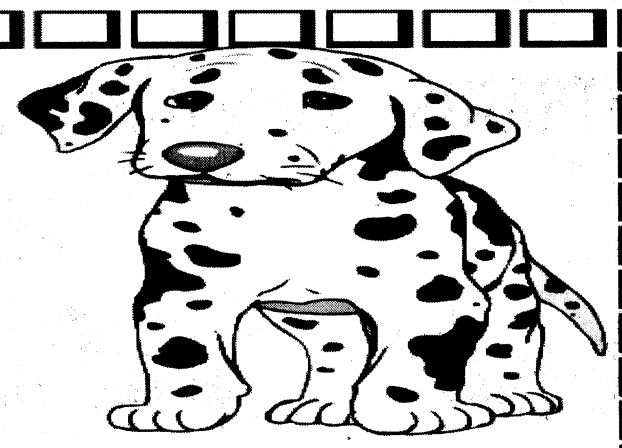

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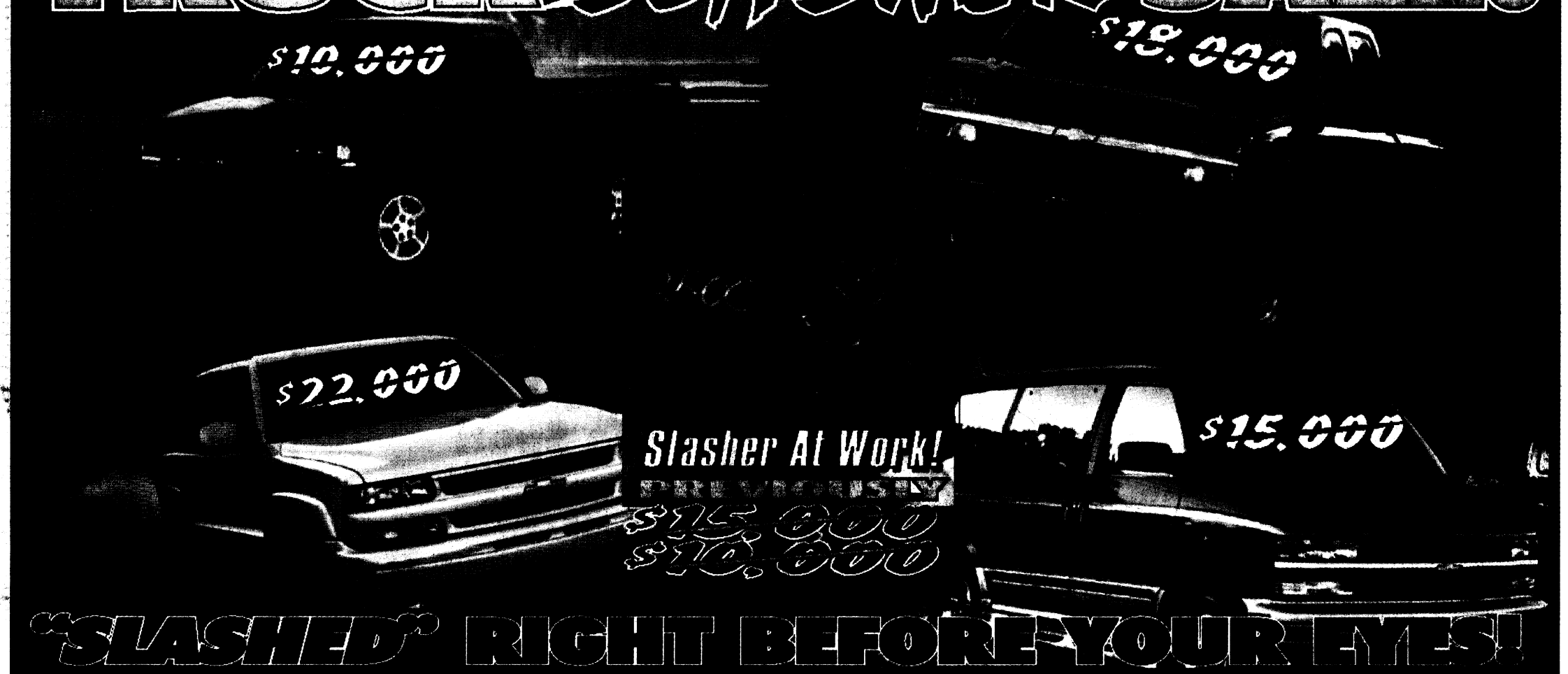

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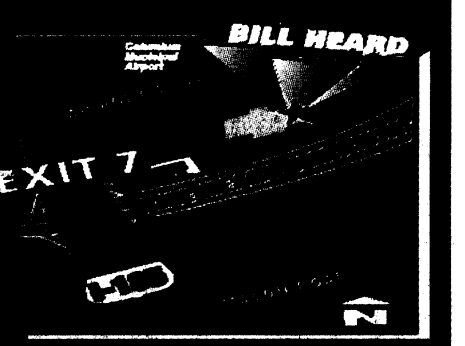

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BCTB to boost training

Soldiers to learn more combat skills

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

One of Fort Benning's basic combat training companies is figuratively diving head first into a new program of instruction while other initial entry training companies are gradually enhancing their training.

Basic combat training and one station unit training units Armywide are preparing for one of the biggest changes to Army training in 20 years, as they prepare Soldiers to operate on today's battlefield.

The enhancements to the program of instruction are part of an ongoing effort in Task Force Soldier to create a more lethal and agile fighting force.

The enhanced basic training program keeps all the traditional elements that have been a successful part of basic combat training for generations. The new elements will train Soldiers on tasks required for deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, said Col. William J. Gallagher, Fort Benning's Basic Combat Training Brigade commander.

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> **Col. William J. Gallagher**
> Basic Combat Training Brigade commander

"In Iraq and Afghanistan, there is no front; there is no rear; it is not a linear battlefield like we have seen in previous wars," Gallagher said. "Therefore, all Soldiers from infantrymen to combat support Soldiers must be ready to (close with) the enemy in close combat at any time while in a combat zone.

"It is this complex and dangerous environment that is providing the lessons learned which are to be incorporated into basic combat

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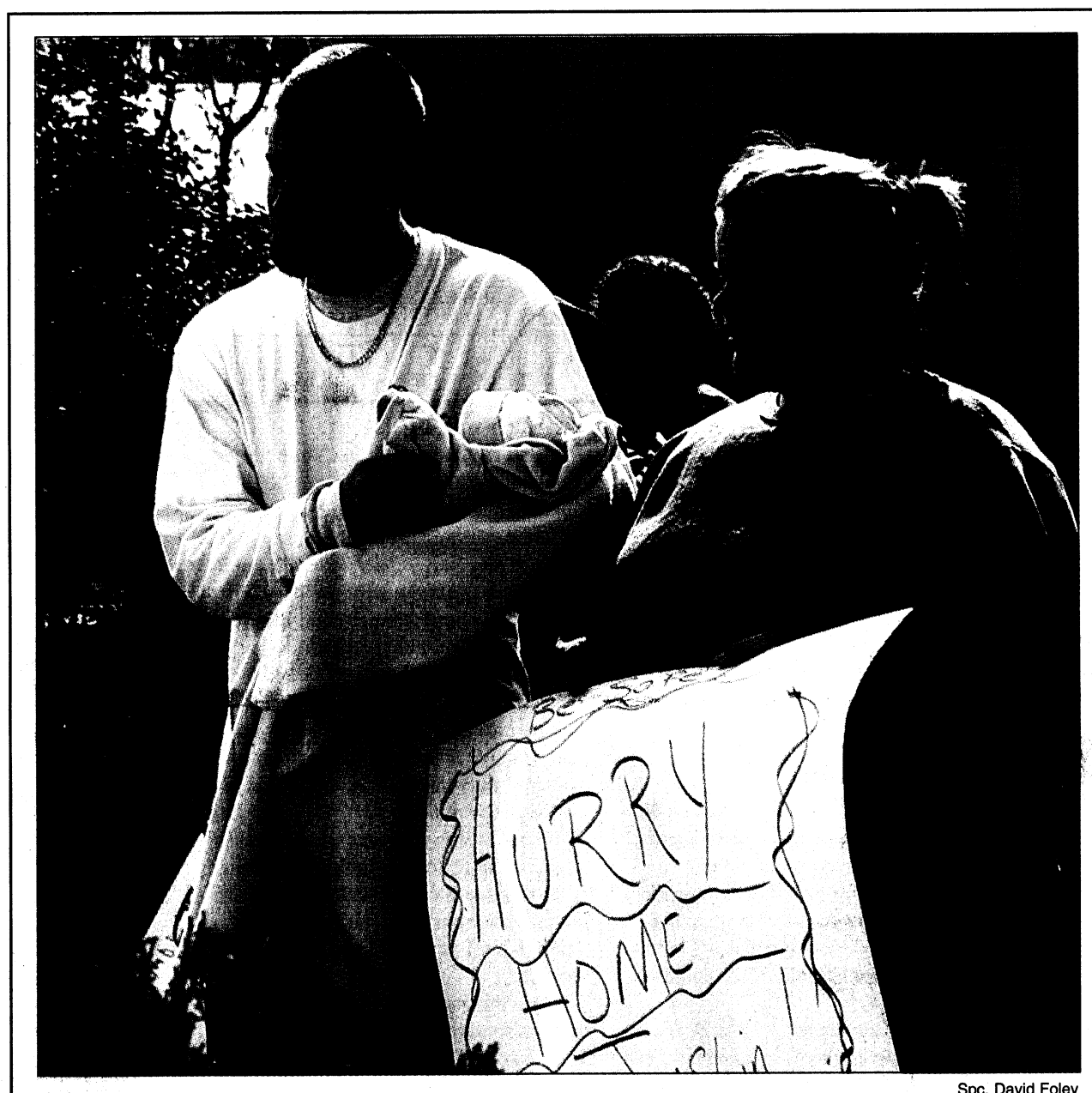

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Jill Jordan and her fiancé, Greg Colgrove, watch as Jordan's brother, Justin Jordan, deploys to Iraq with the 926th Medical Detachment.

926th Medical Detachment deploys to Iraq

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The 926th Medical Detachment boarded a van Tuesday bound for Atlanta, where they caught a plane to Kuwait City for their first deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The detachment, which falls under the 44th Medical Brigade, but is assigned to the 36th Engineer Group for administrative purposes, will move from Kuwait City into Iraq and perform a variety of duties in support of other deployed Soldiers.

Sgt. 1st Class Cherry Fowlkes, detachment first sergeant, said they definitely have their work cut out for them when they get there.

"We have a lot of jobs and not a lot of people," she said.

The eight man-unit's mission can be divided into five major areas of responsibility:

• Water quality monitoring and analysis — The unit will test potable water and natural water sources and provide feedback on the health impacts of the water quality.

• Food service sanitation and inspection — They will inspect food service facilities operated by the Army, AAFES and contractors to ensure proper food handling, storage, preparation and service.

• Disease control and prevention — They will monitor disease trends within the area of operation and

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'TF Soldier' hones in on troops

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

While drilling the Warrior ethos into all Soldiers of both the active and reserve components is one of their top priorities, so is ensuring that all deploying members of the Army team are properly trained and equipped, according to members of a Fort Benning task force.

TF Soldier has been charged by the chief of staff of the Army to analyze Soldier training, equipment and readiness needs and coordinate with other Army organizations to implement programs and policies to meet those needs.

The Warrior ethos statement contained within the new Soldier's Creed is a key aspect of the Soldier focus area, said Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley, commanding general.

"This is about shifting the mindset of Soldiers from identifying what they do as a Soldier ... toward 'I am a warrior' when people ask what they do for a living," Freakley said.

The Soldier's Creed helps Soldiers understand that all Soldiers are warriors and members of a team, Freakley said. The creed is also about changing the Army culture by encouraging it to examine its beliefs from a warrior's perspective and checking that the Army produces and retains Soldiers of value to the nation.

While Freakley said he had a

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Benning to host reserve, guard training

Units combine to prepare for Iraq

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

A Sand Hill battalion that usually houses basic training Soldiers is now housing Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers preparing for deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Building 3105, former home of 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, will house more than 16 Reserve and National Guard units from the southeastern region, said Lt. Col. Michael A. Sharp, commander, 2nd Bn., 305th Field Artillery Regt., from Camp Shelby, Miss.

While here, the units will receive training for upcoming deployments. The Soldiers will deploy to Iraq by the end of March, Sharp said.

Fort Benning is one of six places responsible for training Soldiers for deployment.

Training support and garrison support units from Nashville, Tenn., and Camp Shelby, have come to help the post with the mobilization and demobilization process.

The 2145th Garrison Support Unit from Nashville, has been at Fort Benning since Jan. 16, 2003, providing command and control of the Soldiers' mobilization and demobilization process, said Command Sgt. Maj. Mikal B. Patterson, command sergeant major of the 2145th GSU.

"We are here to make sure no unit leaves untrained," Patterson said. "We take care of these Soldiers until their boots are on the ground overseas."

The GSU's mission is important because it facilitates the rapid deployment of reserve and guard Soldiers, said Lt. Col. Daniel Schultz, GSU commander.

It's the GSU's responsibility to make sure all Soldiers receive the training, briefings and equipment necessary for their deployment, Patterson said.

Meanwhile, Camp Shelby's 3rd Brigade, 87th Division (Training Support), is the mobilization assistance team responsible for training the mobilized Soldiers.

"We're here to make sure the Soldiers know all the techniques, tactics and procedures they need to know for the battlefield," said Lt. Col. Rusty Cullinane, operations officer, 3rd Bde., 87th Div (TS).

"All the training the Soldiers receive is from lessons learned in the battlefield," he said.

The division has two battalions here in charge of training the Soldiers in specific areas.

2nd Bn., 305th Field Artillery

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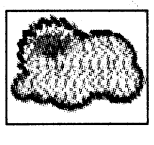
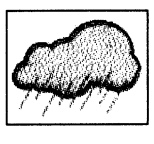
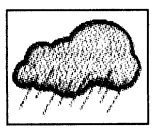
Friday		high 57 low 37
Saturday		high 57 low 51
Sunday		high 67 low 36

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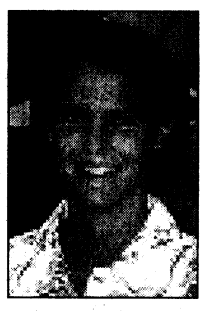
REALITY SHOWS

Why do we watch?

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



I've been pondering, and that's not something I do lightly. I've been trying to figure out what it is about reality shows that has the whole nation hooked, and I've decided that we like to watch people make fools of themselves. Back at home in our easy chairs, we can laugh our heads off because … it's not us.

I'll admit to watching reality shows, but only the good ones, or the ones I have a vested financial interest in. I just can't get into perky, bubbly Trista picking the love of her life, or contestants battling their "fears" to eat some nasty and unsanitary concoction.

You see, I'm $160 richer because of Vecepia in *Survivor: Marquesas*, the fourth installment in the Survivor series. And if Lil hadn't taken Sandra to the final tribal council a few weeks ago, I'd be up another $160.

I was devastated. I'm not playing odds or anything. I just threw my $10 in the hat with 15 friends and was randomly assigned a *Survivor* contestant. If your *Survivor* wins, you win. It's simple — no odds involved and no stress involved (like I had participating in our Pick 12). Rest assured, I've already sent in my money for the next round of *Survivor All-Stars*.

The only other reality show I watch is the *Amazing Race*. There's something vaguely military about sending people around the world in 30 or so days and watching them navigate through the streets of cities like Alleppy, India, and Mooloolaba, Australia. There's enough drama involved to keep everyone entertained, especially when a separated couple unites for the race and she spends a lot of time flirting with the rivals.

What I like best about *Race* is there isn't a lot of gross or demeaning stuff. I watched a few teams try to choke their way through a plate of freshly cut up octopi, tentacles sticking to their teeth the whole time. But the difference was, they had a choice. If you can't "cut" the octopi, you at least had an alternative.

I'm the armchair quarterback for these two reality shows. I could never do *Survivor*, but I like to think my dad and I could kick um ... fanny ... on *Amazing Race*.

We'd even be the first father-daughter pair.

But of course, there's the down side of all those reality shows. You open the door and potentially let millions of people into your life.

I do that often enough in these commentaries, much to the chagrin of my family. But the reality is, I just don't want my third-grade classmates talking to the press about how I tried to tape emery boards to my fingers to keep from biting my nails.

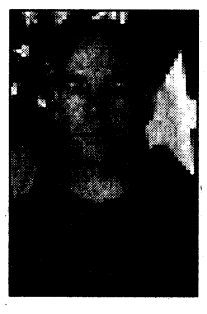
MLK weekend calls for travel safety

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, celebrated Monday, provides the first long holiday weekend for 2004. With the chance of bad weather at this time of year and increased traffic associated with any long weekend, the potential for traffic accidents is great.

To compensate for this risk, I ask everyone to:

• Drive under the speed limit. Reduce speed during limited visibility or other adverse road conditions.

• Stay alert and sober. Take a rest break at least every two hours on long trips.



• Fasten your seatbelt every time you get into a vehicle. Even the best driver cannot avoid an accident when another driver runs into them.

• Ensure a window is slightly open to combat fatigue and carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and deadly.

I encourage all Soldiers and civilian employees to enjoy a safe holiday weekend. Watch your speed — have a great weekend! Follow Me!

— Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley,
Commanding General

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers respond to restaurant review

I am a recent transplant from Lancaster, Pa., to Columbus. As you may or may not know, Lancaster County is rich in its German roots and traditions. I, myself, am a fourth generation German-American. Besides being brought up with the many stories, history and language of my German relatives, I also gained a great love of the cuisine. Which is why after a few months of homesickness, I was delighted to discover a restaurant called the Bavarian House. If I couldn't have my family down here then at least I could have something else that was close to my heart — the food that I was brought up on.

From the moment I walked into the Bavarian House, I felt like I was at home. Not only was the service pleasant, but the Bavarian schnitzel and potato salad was just as I remembered my grandmother preparing it. Since that first visit, my fiancé and I have been back several times and have enjoyed it every single time.

Because of the many good experiences my fiancé and I and several others have had dining at the Bavarian House, I felt it necessary to correct the accusations I read in your article concerning the restaurant.

I realize that you, Ms. Egan, were probably brought up on a similar German diet to mine as well and might have been disappointed in the fact that it was not exactly like the one you remember. However, I did not feel it was fair of you to make negatively biased comments saying that the food was made incorrectly because it was not prepared how your husband makes it.

Ms. Egan, since you have been eating German food all your life and seem to consider yourself a connoisseur of it, do you realize that there are five different ways to prepare German potato salad and at least three different ways to prepare Goulasch depending on which area you are from in Germany? I'm assuming the answer is "no" simply because if you did, you would not have made those remarks.

I do not go into a restaurant and complain when, for example, the meatloaf and mashed potatoes isn't the same age-old, tried and tested recipe that my mother served at the dinner table. That could be just me though.

Hopefully, the readers of *The Bayonet* will have more common sense to try a taste of the Bavarian House than your article presented because it would be a shame to go without one of the best things that has happened to Columbus in a while.

Jessica Chladny
Columbus

In the article "Bavarian House," I found the article to be in very bad taste. Speaking of taste, that varies with each individual. Just because one has the means to express one's opinion, doesn't mean they should.

Of all the restaurants in Columbus, you single out one. If you ran a weekly article about restaurants it might have been different, but to blast one because the food was not prepared the way your husband prepared it is almost an abuse of power.

You talk about German food like you are an expert. I am no expert but I know that even in Germany, every restaurant has its own way of preparing dishes. Different spices, different ingredients, potato salad can be made at least 20 different ways, rouladen may have onion, egg, sausage and pickle in the middle.

It sounds like you were upset because the German restaurant took the building your favorite Italian restaurant was in. Luna Azzura served a fair meal in my opinion but I never bad-mouthed it to anyone.

I feel the one thing a business doesn't need is someone expressing their opinion of "Nicht So Gut" to thousands of readers when it is just their opinion.

— Robert L. Mason
Columbus

Editor's note: The Bayonet *received several anonymous responses to the restaurant review.* The Bayonet *will publish letters with name withheld upon request: however, the original needs to be signed by the author and include a daytime phone number.*

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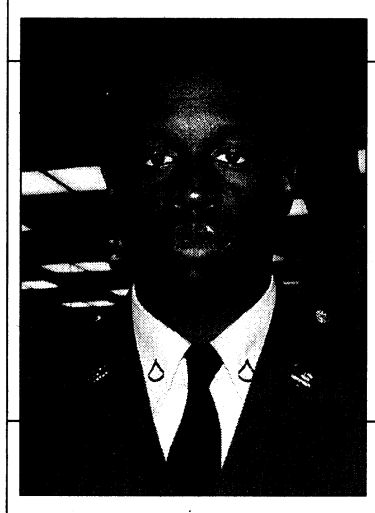
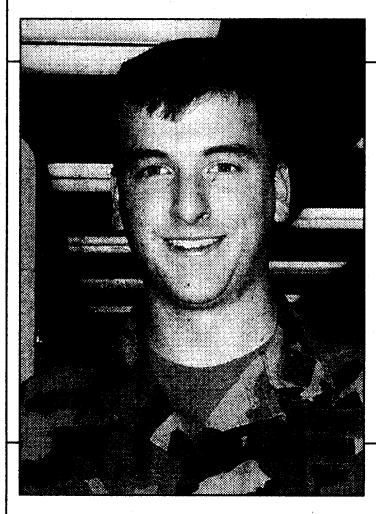
If you could be on any reality show, which would it be and why?



Pfc. Marcus Lewis, 1st Bn., 38th Infantry Regiment — "*Fear Factor,* because it looks like fun doing three stunts for $50,000."



Marilyn Edwards, AAFES employee — "*Fear Factor.* I want to dare people. It is kind of gross but it's a once in a lifetime thing."



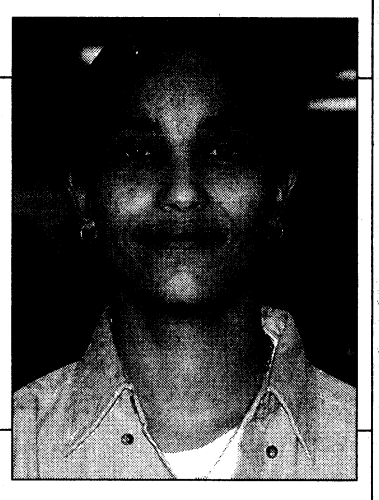
Capt. Keith Carter, 1st Bn., 11th Inf. Regt. — "*Survivor,* because I think it would be a fun experience to learn what you could handle and see how long you could hold out."



Air Force Tech Sgt. Katherine Mendez, 606th Air Control Squadron — "*The Amazing Race.* My husband is in the Army, and since we are both military, I think it would be fascinating to see how both services interact. And of course, the $1 million at the end."



Sgt. Allan Yurchak, 277th Maintenance Company — "*The Apprentice.* I'm self-employed, and it would further my entrepreneurship, and to schmooze with the big bucks."



Valerie Tucker, family member — "*Joe Millionaire,* I want to be on there to get his money if he was rich."

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Power outages addressed on post

Flint Energies updates infrastructure

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning has suffered power outages recently, but work is being done to prevent them from occurring in the future.

Fort Benning privatized ownership of its electrical system in June 1999. Flint EMC has been upgrading the post's antiquated electrical infrastructure since then.

The updates have reduced the number of outages, and they continue to decrease each year, said Benny Hines, chief of utilities sales and services, Directorate of Engineering Facilities and Logistics.

"Due to budget constraints within the Department of Defense, the Army was unable to properly maintain the electric distribution system or keep the right of way along the system clear for several years," said Ronnie Sanders, Flint Energies vice president of military and community affairs.

"The post was experiencing daily interruptions and outages," he said.

When the Army was doing the maintenance, the budget didn't have the money necessary for repairs and replacement, so the infrastructure was outdated when handed over to Flint, Hines said.

When Flint took over in 1999, the company immediately looked at the system's seven substations and line apparatuses to repair and replace faulty equipment, Sanders said. It was also necessary to better distribute or balance the power load.

"It is normal for electric utilities to see a 1 percent to 3 percent failure rate with utility poles due to age, wear and tear," Sanders said.

"When Flint began upgrading the Fort Benning system, it found a 15 percent failure rate and has since replaced nearly 600 poles and more than 300 wooden cross arms that support the lines and transformers," he said.

Flint has also replaced more than 6,000 feet of underground, lead-shielded cable, an antiquated cable technology that was no longer thought to have existed on post.

"Sometimes with underground cable, you don't know what you have until it begins to fail and it's unearthed for repair," Sanders said.

"Flint has found this type of cable on the base as it has failed, and the company has replaced it with the latest technology. The newer cable is more reliable and safer for the environment," Sanders said.

Flint found an array of electric utility equipment decades old. As a result, there was a lack of standardization, which Flint has worked to improve as well.

This makes the system more economical and efficient.

Flint has replaced and installed lightning arresters to improve lightning protection during storms and improve the system's ability to withstand inclement weather with minimal outages.

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>
> **Benny Hines**
> Chief of utilities sales and services, Directorate of Engineering Facilities and Logistics

One of the most recent outages was because of a failure in an underground wire.

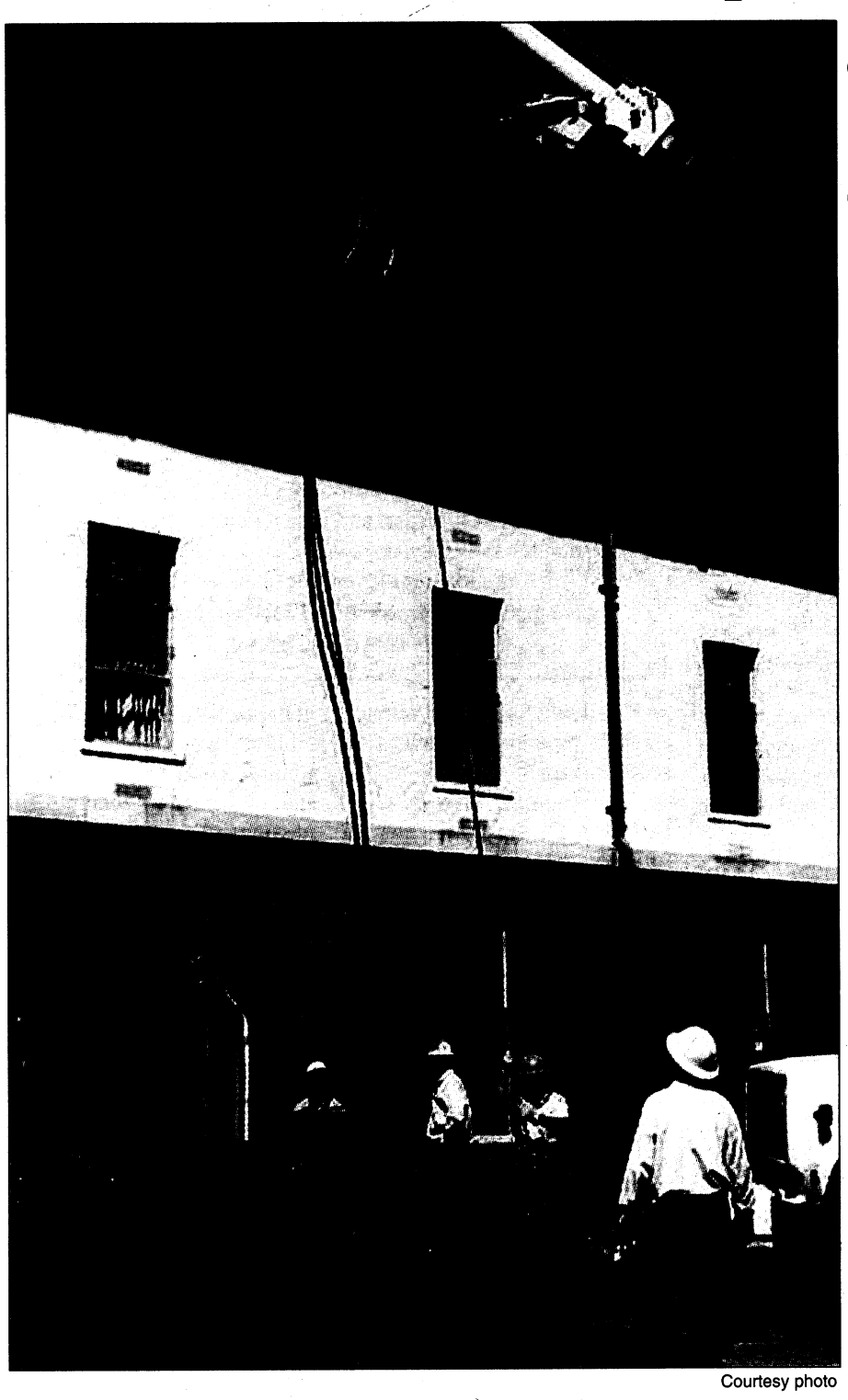
"The problem is you have to go from manhole to manhole to find the problem area," Hines said. "Once we find it, we can usually fix it pretty quickly."

With the upgraded system, some of the usual causes of power outages are animals.

"One of our biggest problems is squirrels," Hines said. "They short out the system when they get in the wires and it burns out the fuses and sometimes even the transformers," he said.

"Squrriels and birds are the most common, but one time a snake crawled up and shorted out a whole subsystem."

Now Fort Benning is working on other problem areas to improve service.



Employees of Flint Energies, Fort Benning contracted power provider, pull cable lines on Main Post building.

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"Street lighting has become a major priority Fort Benning. This is another area where we have seen examples of each type of lighting ever made," Sanders said. "Flint is replacing and repairing lights on a daily basis and re-routing how they are served electrically.

"We have made more than 2,000 repairs. This will improve the brightness of street lighting on post and give a sense of security and safety for personnel and families."

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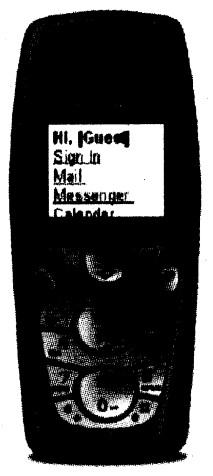

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Warrior ethos not just for combat

Soldiers' minds set for quick adaptation

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

While the warrior ethos may be central to the new Soldier's Creed, it is not new to the Army.

Field Manual 22-100, Army Leadership, published in August 1999, defines the warrior ethos as the desire to accomplish the mission despite all adversity.

The manual also states, "The warrior ethos applies to all Soldiers and (Department of the Army) civilians, not just with those who close with and destroy the enemy."

The warrior ethos is also discussed in FM 7-0, Training the Force, published in October 2002: "Warrior ethos compels Soldiers to fight through all conditions to victory no matter how much effort is required. It is the Soldier's selfless commitment to the nation, mission, unit and fellow Soldiers. Warrior ethos is grounded in refusal to accept failure."

And according to Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley, chief of Infantry and Fort Benning commanding general, the warrior ethos is about manning the force with adaptive Soldiers who do not rely on a single set of job skills to get the job done.

"What we are talking about is adaptive Soldiers who are situationally aware of what is going on around them and have a mindset that is ready to quickly adapt to changing situations and environments to accomplish the mission," Freakley said. "It is like a football team where the quarterback reads the defense on the line after the huddle and doesn't like what he sees.

"With a good team, the quarterback can call an audible for a different play at the last minute based upon the defensive situation," he said.

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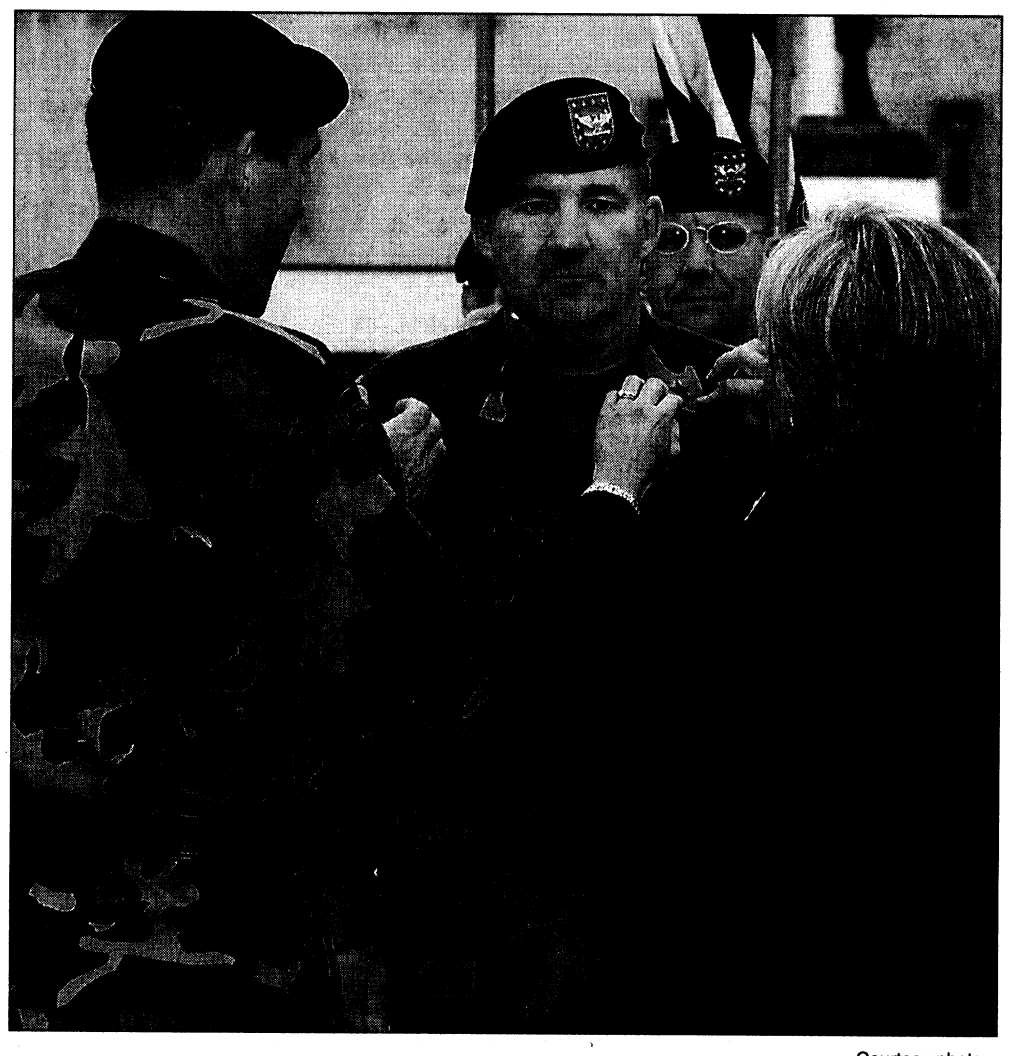

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Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, commanding general, left, and Vicky Layfield, right, pin stars onto Brig. Gen. Stephen Layfield, deputy commanding general, at his promotion ceremony Jan. 9.

AROUND POST

WHINSEC to celebrate third anniversary

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation will celebrate its third anniversary at Bldg. 35 in Pratt Hall at 3 p.m. Jan. 21.

The free event is open to the public and will feature film presentations, speeches, and a celebratory toast and cake cutting.

Five "Ambassador of Good Will" certificates will be presented to supporters of the Institute. For more information, contact the WHINSEC Public Affairs Office at 545-1923

WHINSEC to present Simon Bolivar Award

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation will honor Nicaraguan Minister of Defense Dr. Jose A Guerra Pastora with the Simon Bolivar Award during a ceremony in Bldg. 35 in Pratt Hall Jan. 26 at 2 p.m.

Guerra will deliver a lecture on Democracy and Human Rights, and then receive the symbol of the award, a bust of Simon Bolivar.

All are invited to attend. WHINSEC bestows the Simon Bolivar Award on individuals who embody and perpetuate democratic principles of freedom and human rights.

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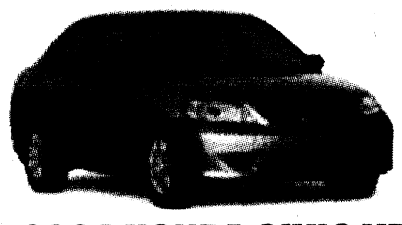

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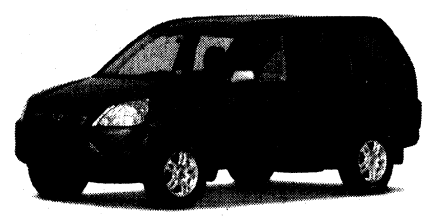

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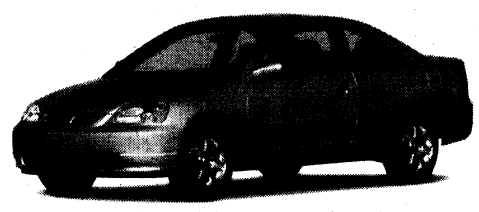

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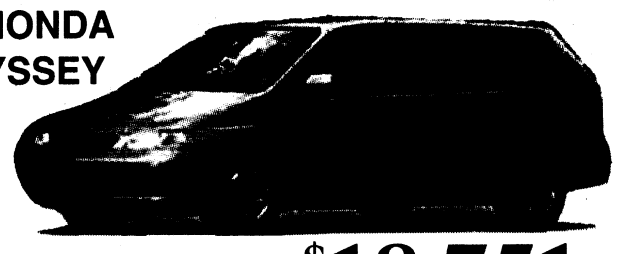

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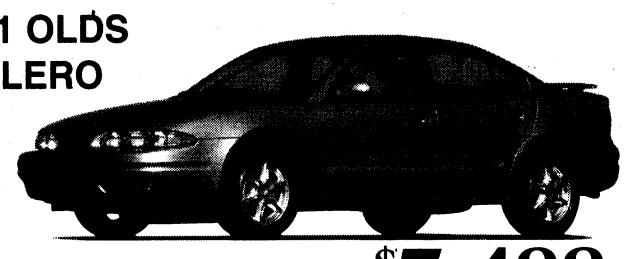

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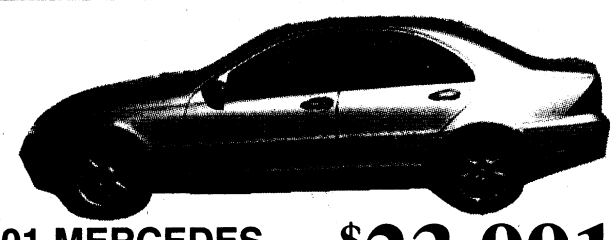

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USAMU shooters to train U.S. Soldiers in Iraq

Pistol team trains Soldiers overseas

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs Office

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team will spend more than a month in Iraq training Soldiers of the 1st Armored Division in combat weapons marksmanship.

Sgts. 1st Class Charles E. Gibbs and Roger C. Jacobson, Staff Sgts. Aaron L. Hampton and Thomas A. Rose and Spc. Sean P. Watson left Georgia Wednesday on their way to Baghdad; and are expected to return to Fort Benning Feb. 23.

Once in Iraq, the shooters will provide an introduction to close quarters battle marksmanship classes at all 11 forward operating bases of the 1st Armored Division. They anticipate training approximately 363 Soldiers during the 33 days of instruction.

The training will include a night fire and 24 hours of hands-on training on the range. Training includes instruction on the M-4, M-16 A2 and M-16 A4 rifles, the M-9 pistol, the 240 B machine gun and the squad automatic weapon.

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>
> **Staff Sgt. Aaron L. Hampton**
> Member of USAMU's Service Pistol Team

"We will train the 1st AD Soldiers on how to employ their assigned weapon — be it rifle, pistol, shotgun, machine gun or a combination of all — in a close quarters combat or urban operation," said Hampton. "Our goal is to increase the marksmanship ability of the Soldiers we train and provide the trained Soldiers a program to train other Soldiers and continue to improve their ability — and we expect to achieve that goal."

The USAMU shooters are highly motivated to support Operation Iraqi Freedom and ready to assist the troops deployed to Iraq, said Gibbs, NCOIC of the USAMU Service Pistol Team.

Hampton echoed Gibbs' comment, saying the shooters were "very excited" to be given this opportunity.

"Although our team has been shooting combat matches for a long time, we have recently been increasing our knowledge to prepare for this type of mission," Hampton said. "The team has attended numerous courses on close quarters battle, room clearing and urban movements with shooting schools and Special Forces courses, so we have really increased our abilities and mission scope.

"The team has been training for a larger role in training warfighters for urban operations and close quarters battle," Hampton said. "Our training focus is on the marksmanship subject of skills for operations other than war.

This is a way to greatly increase Soldiers' lethality and survivability."

Would you give a mile for a hero?

Donated miles give Soldiers a way home

Donna Budjenska
Bayonet staff

When Soldiers travel from Iraq back to the United States on R&R or emergency leave, the military flies them all the way to Germany or to Baltimore-Washington, Dallas/Fort Worth or Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta international airports. From there, though, Soldiers are on their own.

Those who can't afford a follow-on plane ticket all the way home will have to make other arrangements or just wait it out.

But there is an alternative — you can provide a flight for them.

It's a simple concept, really, and it doesn't require spending a dime.

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AirTran, Alaska and Horizon Air, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Midwest, Northwest, Pan Am and Boston-Maine, Southwest, United and US Airways are part of the Operation Hero Miles program.

So far, donors have contributed nearly 300 million miles to the program. In many cases, individual frequent flyer mile donations are augmented by donations from the airlines themselves.

These contributions have resulted in more than 11,300 free round-trip flights for Soldiers.

In November, Congress provided funding to cover costs associated with getting Soldiers to their final destinations, but the money is not available yet and might not end up being enough to cover everyone who needs it.

Rules and procedures vary by airline, and Soldiers do need to check with their command for ticket eligibility.

For more information, visit www.heromiles.org or contact the individual participating airlines.

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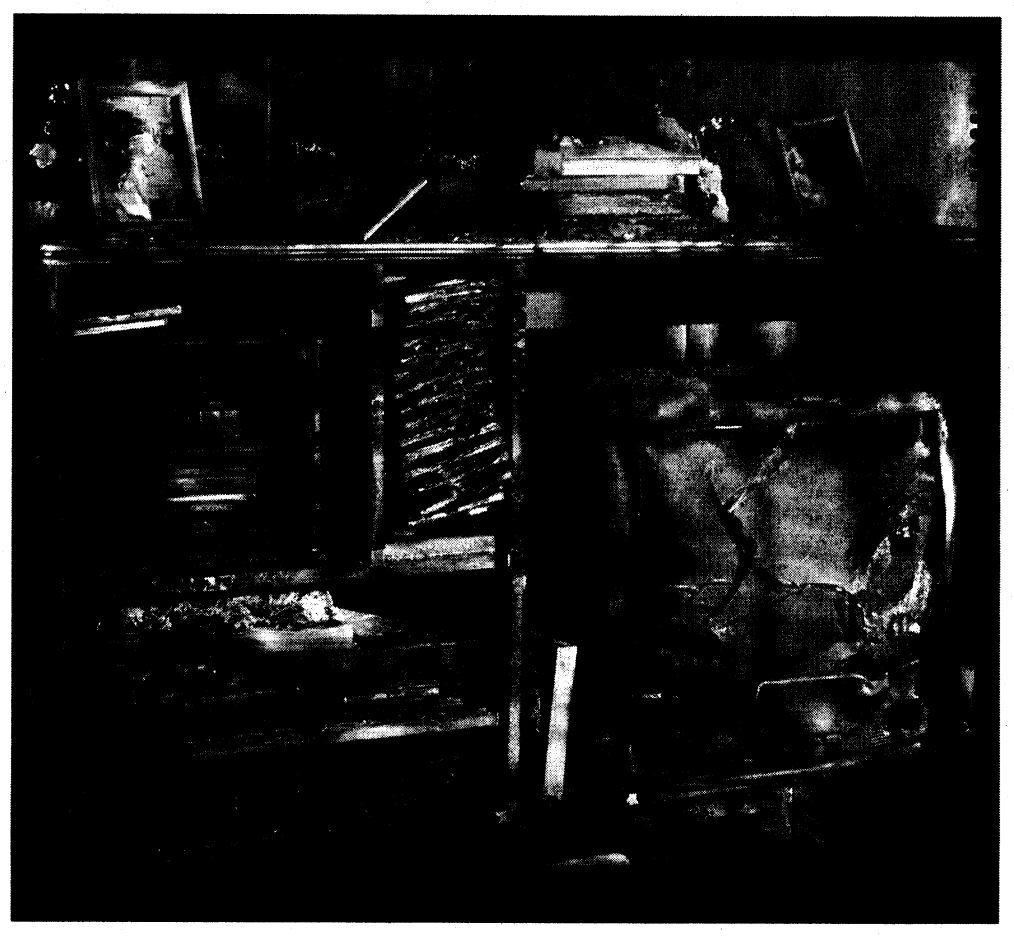

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SUPER-SIZING SOLDIERS

Troops face big picture of weight gain

Soldiers fall victim to 'fat epidemic'

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Bayonet assistant editor



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Soldiers on the Army's weight control program are required to lose three to eight pounds per month.

Thinking about sneaking just one more doughnut? Maybe foregoing a healthy breakfast for a quick stop by Burger King on the way to work? Think again.

In a day and age when more than half of America's adult population is sporting a potbelly and collecting unwanted fat in other areas of their bodies, Soldiers are no exception.

Recent national data shows that 64.5 percent of adults 20 years and older are overweight, and of those, 30.5 percent are obese, according to *Weight Management: State of Science and Opportunities for Military Programs*, a study published in 2003 by the Food and Nutritional Board and the Institute of Medicine.

Despite stringent weight standards and considerable mandatory physical activity, Soldiers are still falling victim to what many experts are calling the "fat epidemic."

1st Lt. Paula Wedel, chief dietician of Martin Army Community Hospital's nutrition car clinic, faults skipped meals, high-calorie beverages, such as alcohol, juice and soda, and general inactivity as a few of the culprits in weight gain.

"The abundance of food and lack of importance individuals place on making healthy dining choices, planning for good nutrition and pushing the plate away when they're satisfied, rather than stuffed," also contribute to expanding waistlines, Wedel said.

While some Soldiers may not mind packing on a few extra pounds, the Army does.

Originally used to ensure Soldiers were not underweight, today's Army Weight Control Program has shifted its focus to overweight Soldiers.

The primary objective of the program is to ensure that all personnel can meet the physical demands of their duties under combat conditions and present a trim military appearance at all times, according to Army Regulation 600-9.

Aside from detracting from a professional appearance, excessive body fat also connotates a lack of personal discipline and may indicate a poor state of health, fitness and stamina, the regulation reads.

Soldiers are weighed in conjunction with their physical fitness test every six months. If a Soldier exceeds the weight standard for his or her height, he or she is then subject to a tape test, one of the Army's methods of determining body fat composition.

Soldiers can also be subjected to a tape test if their unit commander or supervisor determines that the individual's appearance suggests excess body fat, AR 600-9 states.

Despite some complaints that the tape system is unfair, Wedel maintains that it is an effective measurement tool.

"Initially, I wondered why the Army doesn't use a more accurate form of evaluation, such as the body fat calipers," Wedel said. "Then I got a pair of calipers. I started going out to units and realized there are some Soldiers who are so large that I can't get the 'pinchers' on my body fat calipers wide enough to pinch their 'rolls.'

"We cannot use the calipers to measure every Soldier, because some Soldiers are too large, but we can get a tape measure as long as we need it to get an evaluation of that Soldier's body fat percentage."

Fit male Soldiers average 15 percent body fat, while fit female Soldiers average 25 percent body fat. However, Army body fat standards allow for 20 percent for the youngest males and 30 percent for the youngest women.

Soldiers who exceed those limits are automatically enrolled in the Weight Control Program, which provides them assistance and supervision in their weight loss, including medical evaluation, nutritional counseling, extra PT sessions and careful monitoring of weight gain or loss. AR 600-9 defines the required weight loss goal as three to eight pounds per month.

Most Soldiers see results and are eventually removed from the program, which aims to get Soldiers about 5 percent below their maximum allowed body fat percentage.

Soldiers who continue to fail to meet weight standards face prolonged hindrance to their careers, as they are not considered promotable and are prevented from attending military schools, and the possibility of separation from the Army.

But it doesn't have to get to that point. Losing weight isn't easy, but it can be done.

"The main point is that it is total caloric intake that matters — not carbohydrates," Wedel said, discouraging people from buying into the latest diet fad.

"Eight years ago, we took all the fat out of foods, and people still gained weight," she said. "Now, we're taking all the carbohydrates out of foods, and people will still continue to gain weight if they don't decrease the overall amount of *calories* that they take in."

Many weight-loss measures are simply a matter of changing or adopting certain habits. The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disorders suggests doing the following:

- Choose healthy foods, such as vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and low-fat meat and dairy products.
- Eat more often and just enough food to satisfy you.
- Try to do at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity on most days.

Think you can live with being overweight? Think again.

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Body mass index table

BMI	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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The BMI determines whether a person is underweight, overweight or within a healthy weight range. Experts generally consider a BMI below 20 to be underweight and a BMI of 20 to 25 to be healthy. A BMI of 25 to 30 is overweight, and a BMI of more than 30 is obese.

Although many people tend to think of weight gain in terms of appearance, looking a little snug in those jeans is the least of the negative side effects that accompany being overweight. Carrying around significant excess body fat puts you at risk for a myriad of serious health conditions, including heart disease, diabetes and even cancer.

Here's some sobering information about weight-related health problems, courtesy of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disorders Web site:

- **Type 2 diabetes.** The most common type of diabetes in the nation, type 2 diabetes is a disease in which blood sugar levels are above normal. High blood sugar is a major cause of early death, heart disease, kidney disease, stroke and blindness.

More than 80 percent of people with type 2 diabetes are overweight. While it is not known exactly why people who are overweight are more likely to suffer from this disease, it may be that being overweight causes cells to change, making them less effective at using sugar from the blood. This then puts stress on the cells that produce insulin and makes them gradually fail.

- **Heart disease and stroke.** Heart disease means that the heart and circulation are not functioning normally. You may suffer from a heart attack, congestive heart failure, sudden cardiac death, chest pain or abnormal heart rhythm. During a stroke, blood and oxygen do not flow normally to the brain, possibly causing paralysis or death. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S., and stroke is the third.

People who are overweight are more likely to suffer from high blood pressure, high levels of blood fats and "bad cholesterol" and low levels of "good cholesterol."

- **Cancer.** Cancer occurs when cells in one part of the body grow abnormally or out of control and possibly spread to other parts of the body. It is the second leading cause of death in the U.S.

Being overweight may increase the risk of developing several types of cancer, including cancers of the colon, esophagus and kidney. Overweight is also linked with uterine and postmenopausal breast cancer in women.

Gaining weight during adult life increases the risk for several of these cancers. Some attribute this to the notion that fat cells make hormones that affect cell growth and lead to cancer.

- **Sleep apnea.** This condition causes a person to stop breathing for short periods during the night. A person who has sleep apnea may suffer from daytime sleepiness, difficulty concentrating and even heart failure.

The risk for sleep apnea is higher for people who are overweight, because they may have more fat stored around their necks which could make the airway smaller.

A smaller airway can make breathing difficult, loud or stop altogether.

- **Osteoarthritis.** This is a common joint disorder, in which the joint bone and cartilage wear away. Osteoarthritis most often affects the joints of the knees, hips and lower back.

Extra weight may place extra pressure on joints and cartilage, causing them to wear away. People with more body fat also may have higher blood levels of substances that cause inflammation.

- **Gall bladder disease.** Gallstones are clusters of solid material that form in the gallbladder. They are made mostly of cholesterol and can sometimes cause abdominal or back pain.

People who are overweight have a higher risk for developing gallbladder disease and gallstones, because they may produce more cholesterol, a risk factor for gallstones. Also, people who are overweight may have an enlarged gallbladder, which may not work properly.

- **Fatty liver disease.** Fatty liver disease occurs when fat builds up in the liver cells and causes injury and inflammation in the liver. It can sometimes lead to severe liver damage, cirrhosis or even liver failure.

Fatty liver disease is like alcoholic liver damage, but it is not caused by alcohol and can occur in people who drink little or no alcohol.

People who have diabetes or "pre-diabetes" are more likely to have fatty liver disease. And although it is not always a weight-related disease, people who are overweight are more likely to have diabetes than those who are not.

You can reduce your chances of developing any of these health problems by losing as little as 10 to 20 pounds.

For more information about safe weight loss, check out the weight-loss portion of the NIDDK Web site at www.niddk.nih.gov.



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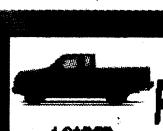

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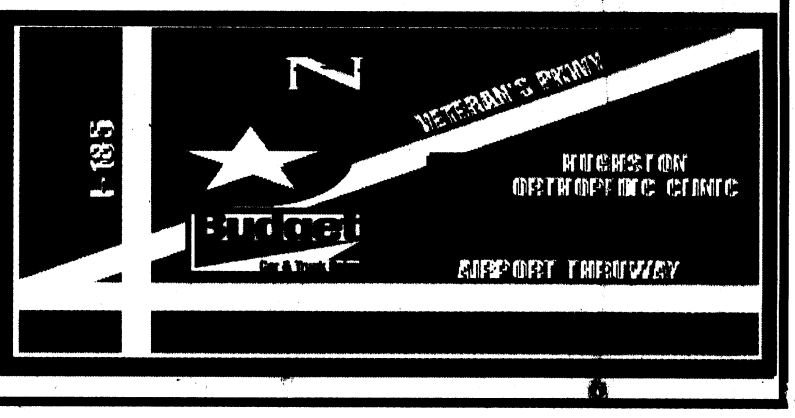

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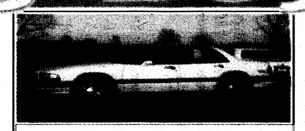

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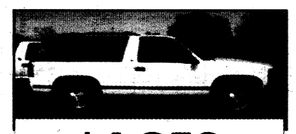

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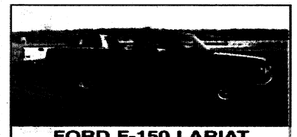

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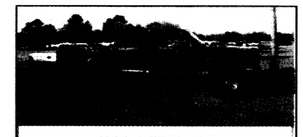

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CG swears in new IG

Todd takes over as 'eyes and ears'

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Lt. Col. Jim Todd is an infantryman's infantryman. He's led a ranger platoon, an infantry company in Operation Desert Storm, and most recently, commanded a battalion in the Basic Combat Training Brigade.

Todd replaced the crossed rifles, which had been on his uniform since he was commissioned in 1984, with the insignia of the Inspector General.

He was sworn into his new position Dec. 11, by Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley.


Todd

"This is important," Freakley said. "The IG is a tremendously important position — one of trust and responsibility, and we only take the best because of its importance."

Freakley said Todd's job will be to make sure that Fort Benning organizations adhere to Army policy and take care of Soldiers and equipment.

According to the Army IG Web site, the tradition of the IG dates back to the Revolutionary War, when Gen. George Washington decided that an IG was needed for the Army. The IG would become the commander's agent for ensuring tactical competence and efficiency, as well as account for military investments.

Today's IG, Todd said, has three main functions.

The first function is to provide assistance to Soldiers and their families.

"It's really a commander system," Todd said. "When we receive a request, we go to the commander."

The second function is inspections, where IG teams conduct two major special inspections each quarter.

"We are the eyes and ears of the commanding general," Todd said.

Todd said the third, and least popular, is the investigative function. But as investigations generally go hand-in-hand with assistance requests, the two make up 90 percent of the IGs efforts.

"There's confidentiality in IG actions," Todd said. "People come to us because they trust the system."

Todd spent three weeks at Fort Belvoir, Va., last month attending the Inspector General University. He said it didn't make him an expert in the IG system, but it gave him enough to get started.

While the challenges of the IG will be different from those he faced in command, Todd looks forward to working with his highly trained IG team of civilians and senior NCOs.

"I like the idea of helping Soldiers out with their problems," Todd said. "Although I don't get to do it directly, I get to see the victories every day."

Foreign officer blazes trail

First Tajikistani to attend infantry course

Melissa House
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If he looks older than his almost 33 years, it's for good reason. Tajikistani Maj. Davrondjon Abduganiyevich Samatov, is a veteran of his young country's five-year civil war.

The first of his countrymen to attend the Infantry Captains Career Course, Samatov's more than 7,000-mile journey to the United States took him through Kazakstan, Amsterdam and Minneapolis to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where he spent 10 months learning English.

Samatov is here by invitation as part of the International Military Education Training program. He was selected to attend the ICCC by his minister of defense, Maj. Gen Sherali Khayrulloyuev, a man he greatly respects.

"He lived with the soldiers in the mountains during the war," Samatov said. "He didn't go home. He told us to not do things against the rules (of war) and that we would have good times (in the future)."

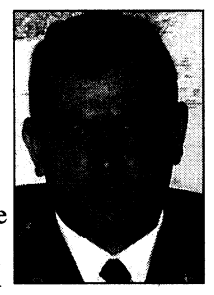
Samatov, the seventh of 10 children, joined the army in 1992, a year after Tajikistan gained independence from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in 1991. He's the only one of the seven brothers in his family to serve in the military, and he witnessed firsthand the changes taking place after the peace agreement was signed in 1997.

"In 1992 and 1995, men sitting across from each other were still enemies," he said, "but after 1997, we could be friends."

He said leaders from other countries looked at his president, Emomali Rahmonov, and said peace was impossible.

But peace happened, and Rahmonov was re-elected in 1999 with 97 percent of the popular vote.

"Our president made very hard work," Samatov said, adding that without the efforts of Rahmonov and Khayrulloyev, he wouldn't have had the opportunity to come to the U.S.


Samatov

Samatov has spent his career in the airborne infantry, leading soldiers at the platoon, company and battalion level. He's looking ahead now, to the possibility of joint operations with the U.S. in Afghanistan as early as later this year. Tajikistan shares its longest border, 747 miles, with Afghanistan.

"For the future, we must make some peacekeeping missions," he said.

"If we don't know English, if we don't know American strategy, it's impossible to work together. We have to start here."

So far, he said, he's enjoying his time here and felt especially welcome by the cadre and civilians of the International Student Training Detachment.

"Thank you for ISTD," Samatov said, "and thank you for Miss Mary — she's our mom."

Miss Mary is Mary Renteria, the ISTD program information officer.

"I never expected I'd meet so many great people," he said.

Those great people, he said make the separation from his family a little bit easier. By the time he graduates in May, he will have been away from Tajikistan for 18 months.

He phones home to a small town north of Dushanbe, the capitol of Tajikistan, every week to talk with his wife and three daughters. And he confessed he's countering a craving for his favorite national meat and rice dish, plov, by eating his American favorite, barbecue.

Besides obvious language differences, Samatov said he had difficulty with a Thanks-giving gift from a woman in San Antonio.

"She gave all of the students two flowers," he said.

In his country, even numbers of flowers, two and four, are only given when someone dies.

"So she gave us all one more flower," he said.

Samatov's first day of class was Tuesday and he was ready to get to work.

"Our purpose is to work together to make peace in the world," he said.

CATD instructors train arctic troops

Capt. Michael Acord
1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

Soldiers from the Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate completed the Tactical Leader Course for Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade (Stryker Brigade Combat Team) at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, in early December.

The 172nd SIB (SBCT) began transforming in June. Part of its transformation prepared the unit for its new equipment training.

With Fort Benning as the spearhead, Training and Doctrine Command conducts several leader-training programs as part of the training and certifying of its leaders before receiving new equipment, said Capt. John Nolden, an instructor from CATD who traveled to Alaska.

"This is a good program," Nolden said. "It is an excellent opportunity for a new unit to increase its base of tactical knowledge prior to beginning a mostly technical new equipment training."

The training is conducted in three installments.

"Stryker University" was completed at Fort Wainwright last summer, including doctrinal discussions of Stryker Brigade organization and capabilities and the transformation process.

The Senior Leader's Course was completed at Fort Benning and Fort Lewis, Wash., in August, giving commanders and staffs for the entire brigade a chance for the unit to begin to gel as a team.

The training includes doctrinal discussions of all units within the Stryker Brigade, the military decision making process and training using the Army Battle Command System at Fort Lewis.

The Tactical Leader's Course introduced Stryker doctrine from the squad leader to the company commander. Although tailored to the needs of the unit, the core concepts include organization, mounted operations, checkpoint and convoy procedures, dealing with the media and using the new systems in combat operations.

The culminating event was a stability operation Janus simulation that included raids, searches, checkpoints, media interviews for squad and platoon leaders, and bilateral training with host nation role players. Throughout the exercise, instructors from Fort Benning used lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan to train leaders in adaptive thinking.

The units received two more days of instruction. The first day included leader training from the Center for Army Leadership at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. During this instruction, the units were broken into small groups and given leadership scenarios, where they had to develop a plan to solve problems, then discuss their solutions.

On the last day, units received instruction from the Center for Enhanced Performance at the United States Military Academy on focus, goal setting and increasing the quality of decisions through relaxation.

Fort Benning coordinates local instructors and all TRADOC schools in their programs of instruction with infantry remaining central, ensuring the Stryker doctrine is integrated through the battlefield operation systems.

The remaining battalions are currently forming at Fort Wainwright. In March, CATD will conduct the Tactical Leader's Course II for the remaining units.

Training: Prepares unit for Iraq

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Regt., is in charge of all individual, leader, squad and platoon leader task training.

This portion of the training includes common task training, first aid, rules of engagement, weapons qualification, land navigation and check point operations, said Maj. Art Sharpe, 2nd Bn., 305th Field Artillery Regt., mobilization assistance officer.

1st Bn., 305th Armored Regt., is responsible for the collective training the Soldiers receive before they deploy.

"We do the more difficult and challenging part of the training," said Lt. Col. William M. Wolfarth, commander, of 1st Bn., 305th Armored Regt.

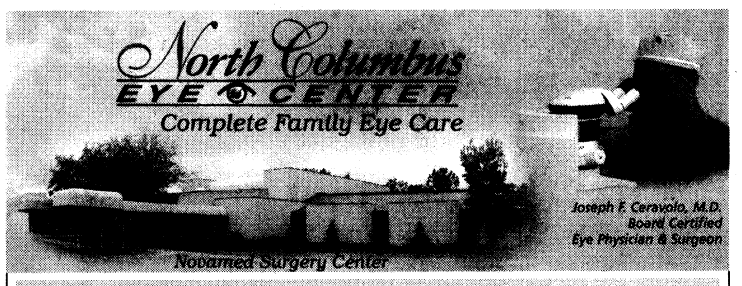
The collective training includes convoy operations, urban operations, crew qualifications, convoy blank fire exercises, convoy live-fire exercises and convoy situational training exercises, said Sgt. 1st Class William Simons, battalion adjutant.

"We have the most qualified trainers when it comes to motorized gunnery," Wolfarth said.

1st Bn., 305th Armored Regt., was the first unit in the Army to devise a theater specific collective training event for motorized gunnery, Simons said.

"We train these forces not to their specific occupations but to survive and win, thereby providing timely, logistical support to active component combat arms forces," Simons said.

The units are all working together to train Soldiers in support of Operation Iraq Freedom. All the units agree that "this mission is not over until all units are mobilized, deployed, re-deployed and return to their home station."



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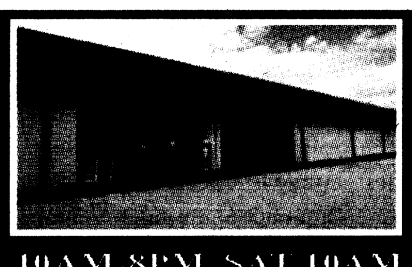

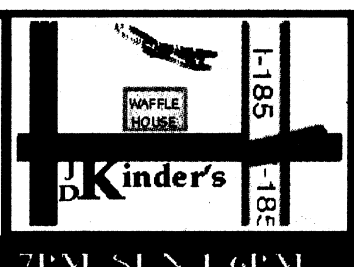

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"I came into the world that way," said retired 1st Sgt. Jim Kelly, following his on-camera assertion that he'd bare all for a chance to win a million dollars on the next *Survivor* series. "I could be the first Native American on the show. I'd like to show them what our heritage left us." Kelly and more than 50 locals turned out for Wednesday's open casting call at Georgia Freight in Columbus, sponsored by WRBL Channel 3. They were each given two minutes to convince producers that they've got what it takes to go all the way on the next *Survivor* series.

"If I have to run around naked, I can do that." So began Jim Kelly's two-minute shot at fame — or infamy, whichever the case may be.

Kelly, a retired airborne Soldier, and a few dozen other *Survivor* hopefuls turned out for the WRBL Channel 3 open casting call Wednesday at Georgia Freight on Box Road in Columbus.

"I'm here because I miss the thrill," said Kelly, 47, a 21-year veteran who enjoyed his time with a quick-reaction team. "I was always deployed and it was exciting.

"After that, this would be a vacation," he said of the seven weeks cast members of the next *Survivor* series will spend filming in a remote location. "Given the chance, I know I could win. I could be the first Native American on the show."

If need be, Kelly said, he'd bare his backside, dine on bugs and rats or even step on a few toes.

"I can manipulate if I need to. I'm your man," Kelly said brazenly.

Twila Kirkland, WRBL's sales manager, applauded the efforts of all who turned out for the casting call, the station's second.

Last fall, WRBL hosted an open audition for *The Amazing Race* for CBS.

"That went so well, we told them to send us *Survivor,* and we said it in jest, but they jumped on it," Kirkland said. "This is the first time they've ever done this kind of call for *Survivor.*"

The four-hour casting call drew more than 50 locals who waited patiently for their turn at the microphone.

One by one, they numbered their qualifications and assured an unseen audience they were willing to get dirty and quite capable of being ruthless.

"I'm ready to kick --- and take names later," said a petite blonde.

"Pick me. I'll show you a country boy can survive," said a cowboy clad contestant.

"I've been surviving on my own in a man's world for a very long time," said Marianne Timm, a welder, former MP and the mother of two teen-agers.

"I know I've got what it takes, and I'm just so darn cool."

Jenny Fitch took a more subdued approach. The wife of a Fort Benning Soldier and the mother of a toddler, the slender brunette looked more like Sandra Bullock than Sandra Diaz-Twine, *Survivor*'s former leading lady.

"I know I don't look tough," Fitch said, "but I am. I don't like to roll around in the mud, but I will. It would be hard to be away from my son, but for a million dollars, it would be worth it. That would really help with his college education."

Mike Smith, a 33-year veteran of the Fort Benning Fire Department, figured he'd be a natural survivor. Rudy Boesch, the star of the first *Survivor* series, was once his boss when the two served with the Navy Seals.

"I like the outdoors, I'm highly competitive, and with my knowledge and skills, I'd be an asset to the show," Smith said.

"Besides, I'm getting ready to retire. It would give me something to do."

The tapes from the casting call will be forwarded to *Survivor* producers, who will contact anyone they're interested in before March, and finalists will be notified in April.

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Jenny Fitch
Fort Benning resident auditioning for *Survivor*

MLK Day ceremony



Spc. David Foley

Members of the step team from Columbus State University's Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity perform during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration ceremony in Marshall Auditorium Thursday.

Women to unite on Benning

Conference to be first of its kind for post

Bridgett Siter
Staff writer

Borrowing from a long-standing tradition at other military installations, a group of wives is spearheading the first Fort Benning Women's Conference, scheduled for March 12.

The conference will address the unique challenges military wives face and offer constructive advice to "enhance their lives and promote a sense of camaraderie throughout the community," said Kim Akers, who's co-chairing the conference with Carrie Snyder.

"Our goal is to bring the women of Fort Benning together to show appreciation for their sacrifices and provide a forum for them to learn and grow and have fun," she said.

The conference is not designed to usurp any of the post agencies which provide guidance or education to military spouses, Snyder said.

"It is not about the Army," she said. "We have our Army Community Service and Army Family Team Building and family readiness groups that teach us about military life. This is different.

"This is geared toward fun and personal interests, because we know it's hard, with their husbands gone all the time and children to take care of, to find time for themselves," Snyder said.

"Classes will include gardening, design-your-own pottery, self defense, interior decorating ... those kinds of things," she said.

The conference, scheduled to run from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., will be funded primarily by a $2,000 grant from Fisher House Foundation, a partnership which provides financial support to military families through various programs.

Attendees will pay $12, and child care is available.

There will be 10 classes for attendees to choose from, a guest speaker, lunch and door prizes.

Registration ends Feb. 7. Call Akers at 689-3263 or Snyder at 689-9629.

BIRTHS

Twins

Dhaja Renae and Davier Savion Watts — born Dec. 28 to Cerissa and Sgt. Garth Watts.

Boys

MacAidan Justin Gallegos — born Dec. 24 to Amanda and Pfc. Justin Gallegos.

Jovante Damar McQueen — born Dec. 25 to Anyha and Cpl. David McQueen.

Jalen Micah Morrison — born Dec. 25 to Capt. Joi Shaw and James Morrison Jr.

Girls

Emily Frances Cyckowski — born Dec. 24 to Kathaleen and Capt. Andrew Cyckowski.

Chanelle Renee Simpkins — born Dec. 26 to Spc. Shaneequah and Darius Simpkins.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Holiday garbage schedule — There will be no yard waste picked up Monday. The next scheduled pick-up will be Jan. 26. There will be no garbage or recycle pick-up Monday. Areas normally picked up on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday.

For more information, call 545-4232.

Military Citizenship Day — The Atlanta District Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services will host Military Citizenship Day Feb. 27.

The ceremony will be at 1 p.m. in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall.

Military personnel who have applied for citizenship before Aug. 12003 are encouraged to contact their personnel officers and request that their name be submitted for consideration. Family member who have applied before January 2003 are requested to fax their Notice of Action Form I-797C to (404) 331-6031, also for consideration to: Community Liaison Officer, Bill Castro.

Tricare survey — The Tricare Management Activity has contracted with a survey research firm in Washington, D.C., to conduct a telephone survey (a legitimate and important survey) of Tricare beneficiaries.

The survey will gather information about beneficiary information needs, preferred sources, and information-seeking strategies. Results will be used to develop a new national suite of beneficiary education products and services.

Pilot testing started Tuesday and full survey operations will be conducted between Monday and Feb. 18. The study design calls for 10-minute phone interviews with representatives from five groups:

- active-duty service members
- active duty family members
- retirees and their family members younger than 65
- retirees and their family members 65 and older
- spouses of activated reserve service members.

The goal is 3,400 completed interviews, which might require calling approximately 10,000 beneficiaries.

For more information, call Chuck Watkins, (703) 681-1770 or e-mail customer.research@tma.osd.mil.

Food program — The Department of the Army announces the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. The same meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled participants at the centers listed, and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

The centers are: Main Post CDC, Santa Fe CDC, Tot Town CDC, School Age Services, Middle School, Teen and various Family Child Care Homes.

For more information, call Astrid Moore at 545-9264.

Loaner car seats — GEICO has donated eight infant and toddler restraint seats to the Army Community Services for use in their Loaner Program. Military parents can borrow an infant or toddler car seat for 30 days at no cost.

For more information, call ACS at 545-4485.

Commissary changes — The Department of Defense has announced effective immediately, the following members and their dependents will be permitted unlimited access to commissary stores: members of the ready reserve and members of the retired reserve who possess a Uniformed Services identification card; former members eligible for retired pay at age 60 but who have not yet attained the age of 60 and who possess a Department of Defense civilian identification card; and dependents of the members described above who have a Uniformed Services identification card or who have a distinct identification card used as an authorization card for benefits and privileges administered by the Uniformed Services.

For more information about the Defense Commissary Agency, visit www.commissaries.com.

Free English classes — Free English as a second language instruction is being offered for adults from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at E.A. White Elementary School.

The instruction is designed for those that are in need of help with grammar, vocabulary, civic and naturalization issues and conversational fluency.

For more information, call Myrtle L. Chalkley at 545-4562 or 545-7742.

Open Recreation Program — The Open Recreation Program is designed for occasional use of the School Age Services program and includes participation in regularly scheduled SAS activities being offered each day including Boys and Girls clubs and 4-H Club.

Children will be picked up from school and dropped off at their designated program.

Programs last from 2 to 6:30 p.m. There is no fee for the program. For more information, call 545-3605.

YS supports home-schoolers — There are educational programs to support home-school curriculums and instructional support from Child and Youth Services staff Fort Benning home-schoolers.

Child and Youth Services is making sure home-schoolers have access to all of the support services, including "Open Recreation" and "Home-School Computer Lab."

From 9 a.m. until noon Tuesdays, the YS gym will be available for home-school families. From 9 a.m. until noon Thursdays, the computer lab in the School-Age Services building will be open for home-school families exclusively.

For more information, call 545-3062.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The AA meetings support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

EFMP — The Exceptional Family Member Program is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated medical, educational, housing, community support and personnel services to families with special needs.

An exceptional family member is a family member (child or adult) with any physical, emotional, developmental or intellectual disability that requires special medical treatment, therapy, education, training or counseling.

Program enrollment allows assignment managers of Army personnel agencies to consider the documented medical and special-education needs of exceptional family members in the assignment process. When possible, soldiers are assigned to an area where the medical and special education needs of exceptional family members can be met.

For more information regarding the EFMP, call EFMP, Army Community Service, at 545-7517 or 545-5516 or e-mail collinsm@benning.army.mil.

Military families with special needs can now get information and support online 24 hours a day. This database includes information on support groups, camps, vocational services, diagnostic and evaluation service, speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy and many other resources.

Visit the site at www.efmconnections.org.

ACS Lending Closet — The purpose of the Army Community Service Lending Closet is to lend household goods to soldiers and their families who are awaiting receipt of their household goods or preparing to PCS. For more information, call 545-4485.

Curbside pick-up — Martin Army Community Hospital offers curbside pick-up service to discharged patients who require special assistance, such as wheelchairs and walkers.

Patients can obtain a one-time use pass from the discharging ward, which allows a family member or friend to drive to the Central Triage/ER entrance to load the patient.

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Free trees — Ten free-flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January.

The 10 trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Washington Hawthorns, two American Redbuds and two Kousa Dogwoods.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 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 to receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Jan. 31, or go online to arborday.org.

Diabetes course — The Georgia Extension Services announces its annual staff development course, Diabetes 301, designed especially for school system personnel who work with children who have diabetes.

Diabetes 301 will be held Jan. 24 and Feb. 12 at the Columbus Government Center Annex. Pre-registration is required in order to have adequate supplies. The course uses a hands-on, workshop approach.

The course costs $15.

To register, call 653-4200 or e-mail Joanne Cavis at uge2215@uga.edu and request a syllabus and registration form.

Columbus Saves — Trying to save for a rainy day? Dreaming of buying your own home? No matter what your financial goals are, it is easy to be overwhelmed by all the information out there about managing money.

Join the Columbus, Georgia Saves Campaign by setting a financial goal and begin saving today. There's no charge to become a member.

To enroll, call Joanne Cavis at 653-4200.

Scholarship available — The American Legion has established the American Legacy Scholarship for children of members of America's armed forces who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

Children of active-duty military and federalized guard and reserve personnel are eligible.

To obtain a scholarship application, visit the Legion's Web site at www.legion.org and click on "community" or send a self-addressed stamped business envelope to American Legacy Scholarship, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

To contribute to the American Legacy Scholarship fund, send your donation to: The American Legacy Scholarship Fund at the above address. Contributions may be tax deductible.

Landscaping course — The University of Georgia School of Environmental Design announces its Landscape Planning Short Course, scheduled for Jan. 28-29, at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education in Athens, Ga.

The course is designed to teach retailers, landscapers, landscape architects and designers that are developing landscape designs and have an interest in new plants. There are also extra pre- and post-conference workshops

Participation in this program earns up to 13.75 contact hours of continuing education credit toward Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects license renewal.

For registration and course description information, call Joann Cavis, Columbus office of Georgia Extension, at 653-4200.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday
- **Tuesday:** cheeseburger, oven fries, sliced carrots, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** pizza, tossed salad, mixed veggies, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** nachos, Spanish rice, corn, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** chicken nuggets and dip, tater tots, broccoli, yeast roll, fruit, milk

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MS support group focuses on education

'Knowledge is power' for founder, patient

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Debbie Daniel was no stranger to diseases with long, foreign-sounding names when she was told she had multiple sclerosis about three and a half years ago.

The long-time Columbus resident had already been battling fibromyalgia for several years when her doctor delivered the diagnosis.

"I woke up one morning with what I thought was a pinched muscle in my neck, but it didn't get better or go away, even after (physical therapy)," Daniel recalled.

After a series of tests and scans, which revealed three herneated cervical disks, a plaque lesion in her cervical area and five on her brain, it was official. At 38 years old, Daniel had MS and had likely already been suffering from it for about five years.

"It's like if you have an electrical appliance, you have a core, and you have insulation around the main wires," Daniel explained. "MS attacks your own immune system, eating away at the insulation around the nerves and leaving a plaque spot."

Daniel said learning to live with fibromyalgia made coping with MS easier, and called the diagnosis a "blessing in disguise."

"This isn't going to take me out of the world today or tomorrow," she said, acknowleding the possibility that her condition could progressively worsen. "It helps me focus on what's important today; it helps me keep my priorities in check a little bit more."

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> **Debbie Daniel**
> MS patient, founder of Fighting MS Together

Daniel said she "didn't know didley" about the disease when she was first diagnosed, but said she hit the Internet as soon as she got home.

"I'm very proactive in that regard — I want to know as much as possible," she said.

In fact, Daniel wants everyone else suffering from MS to know as much as possible, too, which motivated her to found Fighting MS Together, a tricommunity support group.

The group held its first meeting in November and is looking to reach anyone diagnosed with MS, their families and loved ones and anyone interested in learning more about MS.

Although there is already an MS support group in Columbus, Daniel said there was a lot of interest in more information, which is why Fighting MS Together will primarily focus on education.

"The thing about MS is that it affects everyone in a different way," Daniel said. "And on top of that, the medication you take for MS affects everyone differently.

"It can be a lot to deal with, so we want to get the education and emotional support out there. I personally think knowledge is power."

Daniel said the group's first goals are to get the word out and build their membership. She hopes to see events, such as an "MS Walk and Roll" for walking and wheel-chair bound MS patients, in the future.

Fighting MS Together meets from 6 to 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the John B. Amos Cancer Center Classroom.

For more information, call Daniel at 653-6043.

Ask the judge

Capt. Steven J. Collins
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: Please explain all the relevant tax issues Soldiers encounter when they deploy and later return from deployment?

A: The first issue is combat zone compensation benefits. The most well-known benefit of service in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area is tax-free compensation.

Any month a Soldier serves in a CZ/QHDA, even for a single day, makes compensation for that entire month eligible for exclusion from gross income. In short, the money earned is tax-free.

For enlisted Soldiers, all compensation received is excludable, this includes any re-enlistment bonuses due if the Soldier actually re-enlists in the CZ/QHDA.

Commissioned officers can exclude up to $5,957.90 per month. Generally, this exclusion is made automatically and will be reflected on both the Soldier's LES and annual W-2.

The second issue is the extension of time to file when Soldiers return from the CZ/QHDA. For non-deployed Soldiers and civilians, extensions may be applied for from the IRS. Extensions to file are granted automatically by filling out and submitting Form 4868 prior to April 15. This extension is good through Aug. 15, but applies only to filing, not paying. So, while you may wait until August to file, if you owe any amount and have not paid it by April 15, penalties and interest will accrue until you file.

If a Soldier needs more time to file, he can also ask for a two-month extension by filling out form 2688. To have the two-month extension, the Soldier will need to have a good reason for doing so.

For deployed Soldiers, the other major benefit of service in a CZ/QHDA is the automatic extension of the deadline to file their income taxes. This extension is for the full period of time spent in the CZ/QHDA, plus six months (180 days) after leaving the CZ/QHDA. Any days served during the normal income tax filing season (Jan. 1 through April 15) are also added.

For example: Pfc. Binots is deployed and enters the CZ on Feb. 1, 2003. He has not filed his 2002 taxes. Binots leaves the CZ on Oct. 1, 2003. Binots must file his taxes for 2002 before June 13, 2004.

No pre-deployment action must be taken to claim the extension, but when filing later, the name of the operation must be placed on the return. Federally, this extension also applies to a joint filing spouse.

State treatments of the extensions vary. Not every state uses the same rules in granting extensions, if any, to Soldiers and their spouses. State rules should be checked on an individual basis.

For example, while Alabama grants a full extension to joint-filing spouses, Georgia allows for an extension to file based upon the Soldier's extension, but does not tax the accrual of penalties or interest on any amount owed by the non-deployed spouse.

For deployed Soldiers, spouses may file a joint return if they have a valid general power of attorney that specifically mentions the power to file tax returns (the PoAs at the legal assistance office do) or a special PoA to file tax returns. This is also true for single Soldiers who give someone a PoA to file their returns. If access to the online MyPay electronic version of the W-2 is unavailable, a general PoA may also be used to pick up a deployed Soldier's W-2 from his or her unit or personnel assistance center.

Located in Building 880 (across from the post movie theater), the Tax Center will be open Jan. 21 through April 15. Normal hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Tax Center will also be open on April 3 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and until midnight on April 15.

All customers are seen on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call 545-4267.

Scholarship deadlines draw close for students

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

For typical students, applying for Georgia's HOPE scholarship is an easy thing. They just need a B average in the core curriculum subjects taken during high school.

But military students are not typical. On average, they attend at least two high schools before they graduate.

And the good news is that even military students and military spouses can receive some of the millions of dollars in HOPE scholarships.

Since the HOPE program began in 1991, more than 700,000 students have received more than $2 billion, according to the program's Web site.

Those students planning to attend Georgia public universities or colleges receive full tuition, coverage of some HOPE-approved mandatory student fees and a $300 per year book allowance. Students attending private institution receive $3,000 per year and can qualify for an additional $1,045 grant.

Ethel Houman, with the Georgia Student Financial Services, said although she's not sure what the state's leadership will do about the program, she believes that "HOPE should be there. They might take away some of the extras like book allowance, but the scholarship should still be there."

She said the HOPE eligibility requirements for military students are not as complicated as some might think.

"If a student graduates from a Georgia high school, even if they've only been here a few months, they are eligible," Houman said. Those students whose parents are not residents of Georgia need to apply for an out-of-state tuition waiver.

Students whose parents are Georgia residents, but graduate from high schools outside of Georgia, are also eligible for the scholarship to attend college in Georgia. All grade and course requirements are verified by the GSFC system, Houman said.

If a student's parents move out of Georgia, the student can still maintain HOPE eligibility by maintaining a 3.0 GPA, but Houman said the college has the option of taking away the out-of-state waiver.

"I answer military questions (about the HOPE scholarship) all the time," Houman said.

She recommends checking the Web site for information about eligibility and calling the GSFC if an individual doesn't find what they need there.

She said deadlines for high school seniors applying for HOPE scholarships are set by the high schools, generally between February and April.

For more information on the HOPE scholarship program visit www.gsfc.org/hope or call (800) 546-4673.

CLOSER

Other scholarships available to students in the Fort Benning community include:

■ 2004 Ranger Memorial Foundation/Bill Heard Chevrolet Partner Scholarship.
Deadline: Feb. 1
Eligibility: Active-duty ranger-qualified Soldiers serving in ranger units; children younger than 22, wife or unmarried widow of deceased ranger-qualified Soldier, nationwide. Applicants must have a 3.0 high school or undergraduate grade point average.
More information: www.rangermemorial.org

■ Defense Commissary Agency Scholarships for Military Children
Deadline: Feb. 18
Eligibility: Students with a valid military ID card planning to attend a college or university on a full-time basis
More information: www.commissaries.com or www.militaryscholar.org

■ Fort Benning Officers' Spouses' Club
Deadline: Postmarked by March 20
Eligibility: Family members with a valid military ID card residing in the tricommunity or whose sponsor is assigned or attached to Fort Benning.
More information: Applications available at the OSC Thrift Shop, Officers' Club, high school guidance counselors or by calling 687-6111.

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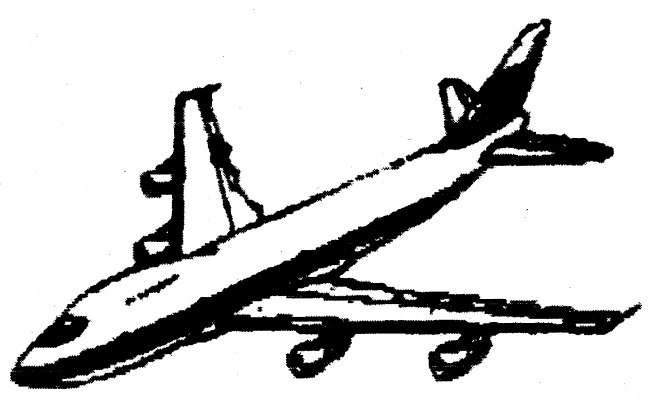

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Call 545-6934 or 545-5485.

McBride first-graders lunch, learn with parents

Program aims to keep students interested

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

You wouldn't expect to see snowmen popping up on Fort Benning this week, but they showed up in bounty at McBride Elementary School Tuesday.

McBride first-graders spent the better part of an afternoon creating "sock snowmen" with the aid of their parents as part of the popular Lunch and Learn program, which unites the school, students and parents.

Students learned about listening and following directions, creative expression, sequencing, reading and creative writing during the project.

The creative aspect of the lesson helps spice up education for the students, said Lisa Roush, a first-grade teacher at McBride.

"We want to keep their interest going," she said. "If they're interested and active in the learning process, it's more beneficial to them — they'll get a better grasp of the material.

"I'm pretty sure they'll remember the day they made snowmen," she said, laughing.

But perhaps more importantly, they were able to share the experience with their parents, Roush said.

"When a parent takes interest in their child's education, it shows the child that school is important, it shows value in what the child is being taught," Roush said. "It's also a great self-esteem boost for the children when their parents come in."

Roush said the turn-out was great, and it was nice to have "adult help."

Esmerelda Leyva took time out of her schedule to join her 7-year-old daughter, Samantha Hernandez. She said it was her third Lunch and Learn.

"It encourages her to learn when I am here," Esmerelda said.

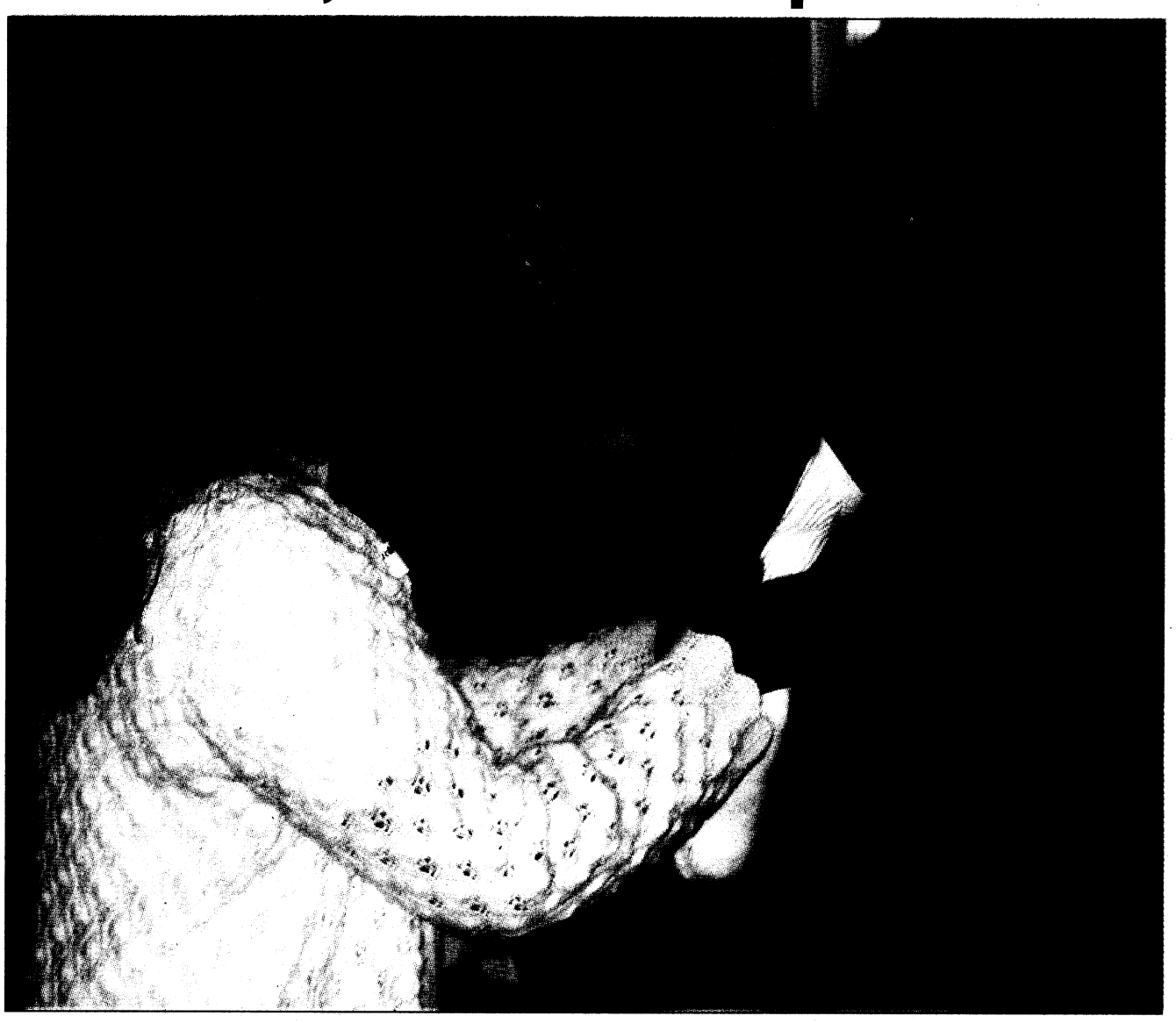
"It gives her pride in what she's doing that I'm here doing her schoolwork with her."

Esmerelda said she tries to make it out to opportunities such as the Lunch and Learn projects as often as possible.

"They didn't have things like this when I was going to school — I wish they would have," she said. "But that didn't stop my mother from being in the classroom, and it really helped encourage me.

"They'll remember this," Leyva said. "They'll remember, 'Oh, she was interested in me learning since I was young.' It shows them that it's important."

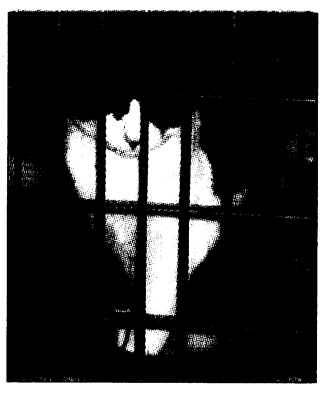
Getting to have their parents as schoolmates for a day also gives the children something to look forward to and reinforces parents' support of their children and their education, Esmerelda said.

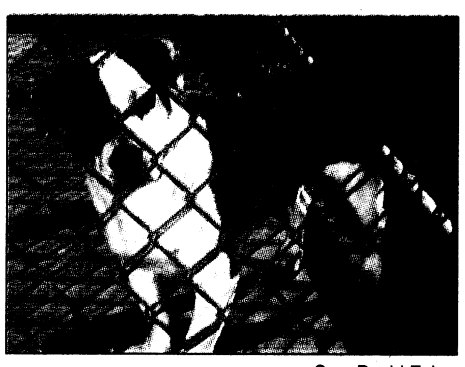


Sgt. Kim Dooley

Esmerelda Leyva, left, helps her daughter, Samantha Hernandez, 7, build a "sock snowman" during McBride Elementary School's first-grade Lunch and Learn Tuesday.

Pets of the week





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Source of power can help with resolutions

Sincerity, willpower not enough

Chaplain (Capt.) Tommie Pickens
203rd Forward Support Battalion

Each year, people get together to celebrate the ending of things past, and beginning of things to come. During this time, people look back on the things they accomplished during the past year, but mostly on the many things they failed to accomplish. Typically, it is the disappointment of those failures that fuels a very popular annual ritual — the New Year's resolution.

Each year among the celebration and reflection, we make promises to ourselves about how we intend to improve or make a permanent change in some aspect of our lives.

Some people will actually meet the goals they set the previous year. Still others, the vast majority probably, will stop trying within three months into the next year. Why is it that despite the best, most earnest intentions do we fail to reach our goal? I submit to you that it not a matter of our sincerity or willpower, but it is the source of the power from which we draw that will make the difference.

In the Bible, 2 Kings 25:10, there is a story about how the great city of Jerusalem fell to the Chaldees army, who broke down the walls of Jerusalem round about. In life, when we set out to do something in our own power, armed only with human reasoning and secular wisdom, we are almost always doomed to fail.

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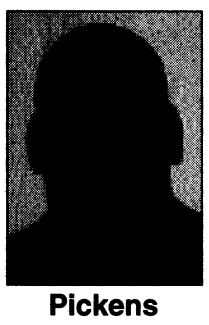

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The Bible warns us in Proverbs 25:28 that "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down without walls." Indeed, man cannot rule over his spirit without God's help. Without it, we are defenseless against the attacks of the world.

What attacks?

Mark 13:22 recounts that "For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if (it were) possible, even the elect. People, even the most devout believers, can be seduced into obedience to something other than Almighty God. Matthew 6:24 states that we cannot serve two masters.

We want to lose weight, so we spend money on books, trainers, silly exercise gadgets and so fourth. If you search the scriptures, you find that Philippians 4:5 says, "Let your moderation be known unto all men," and Proverbs 23:1-2 warns us restrain our appetite, if we know we're big eaters.

We covet raises and promotions and make money the core reasons for laboring on our jobs. Proverbs 23:4 says to not labor only for worldly gain, "cease from thine own wisdom."

With God as the source of our strength and wisdom, we are able to successfully resolve to do make the changes in life we sincerely desire.

CHAPEL NOTES

Religious Education programs — Religious education programs and sacramental programs for all ages are available.

Volunteers are needed to fill positions of catechists, co-ordinators and assistants in all areas of religious education.

For more information, call the Religious Education Center at 545-5508, or e-mail WamplerC@benning.army.mil.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Fort Benning's Protestant Women of the Chapel meet at Custer Terrace Chapel from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursdays. Child care is provided.

The Bible studies are: Covenant, Creative Counterpart, A Woman of Value and Breaking Free.

For more information, call Natalie Rauch at 221-5607.

Sunday school — Are you looking for a way to experience God's blessings?

The Sunday School ministry needs you. Classes are available for all age groups from preschool to adult. Transportation is available on post if needed.

For more information or to inquire about being a volunteer helper call the director of Religious Education at 545-4715 or Sunday School director, Rosario Seelen at 682-0102.

Catholic Women of the Chapel — Catholic Women of the Chapel meet the first Friday of each month at Sightseeing Road Chapel at 10 a.m. for business, religious study, rosary and Mass. They also meet the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at TIC annex for Bible study. Child care is provided at both meetings.

For more information, call Theresa McCrackine at 687-0894.

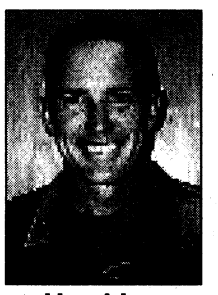
Better questions bring results

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Family Life Ministries Center

Do you ever feel like the bumper sticker that says, "Just when I figured out all life's answers, they changed all the questions!" Isn't it funny how the quality of most any answer we get is in direct proportion to the quality of the questions that we ask? Whether you are trying to take a bridge in Baghdad or attempting to pry answers out of an adolescent, the objective of either mission is the same — to get the right answers, we've got to ask the right questions.

So in that spirit, and since it's a month full of reflections, resolutions and mental restarts, here are the top five questions you can ask of the person or people in your life that mean the most to you.

Better Question No. 1 — On a scale of 1-5 (1 = being rotten; 5 = being great). Where would you say our relationship is?



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Better Question No. 2 — What is the one thing you'd most like me to "be" toward you in the New Year to make it our best year together?

Better Question No. 3 — What is the one thing you'd most like me to "do" for you in the New Year to make it our best year together?

Better Question No. 4 — If you knew I wouldn't get defensive, what is the one thing you'd most want to tell me?

Better Question No. 5 — What do you think the best time we ever had together was and why?

Whether you are a commander of a brigade or a couple about to be engaged, these are five questions that cut ice — they get to the heart of what makes your relationship fly or die. I hope you'll take a risk in the new year and actually carve out some time to ask these strategic questions. As you do, keep these tools in your kit bag:

- The objective is to listen, not verbally counterpunch your mate or child. If you don't agree with what you hear, stun your partner by not even saying a word in defense. Simply respond with, "Hey, thanks for sharing that!"
- The objective is to learn. Think of it as reading your mate or child's owner's manual. They are telling you what it takes for them to have a great relationship with you.

If there's any way that our team of trained counselors at the Chaplain Family Life Center can help you with your New Year's Resolution, give us a call at 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,
Monday- Friday	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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
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Lady Greenwaves take victory, 44-40

Spencer defeats Griffin in close game

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Spencer High School's Lady Greenwaves basketball team squeaked out a close 44-40 victory over the Griffin Bears Tuesday night at Spencer High School.

The game came down to the wire with the Greenwaves only leading by two points in the final minutes of the game.

Spencer fought Griffin's inside game and kept pulling down rebounds. A desperate Griffin defense made repeated fouls against the Greenwaves that ended with Spencer at the free-throw line sinking one, spreading it to a 3-point game.

"All I had to do was be patient and keep my head in the game and not give up," said Octavia Williams, Greenwaves point guard.

Griffin gained possession of the ball but failed to make a basket. Spencer grabbed the rebound, and with the crowd screaming and less than a second on the clock, Spencer's forward, Marissa Cole, got fouled, went to the line and put one in, dashing Griffin's chances of a win.

"We did well," Cole said. "We were in a slump for a while, but we're getting better."

In the start of the game, it didn't look so promising for Spencer with Griffin coming out strong and scoring the first points.

Then, the Greenwaves defense materialized and got more organized under the basket and stopped letting Griffin make easy outside shots.

"Overall, we played a great game. We had a good defense and were more patient on offense," Williams said.

The first period ended with the Lady Greenwaves trailing by three. When they came back in, the scoreboard was reading 6-9.

> "We just tried to stay in the game and stay focused. We aren't always going to be in the lead."
>
> **Marissa Cole**
> Lady Greenwaves' forward

Halfway through the second period, Spencer tied up the score 13-13.

"We just tried to stay in the game and stay focused," Cole said. "We aren't always going to be in the lead."

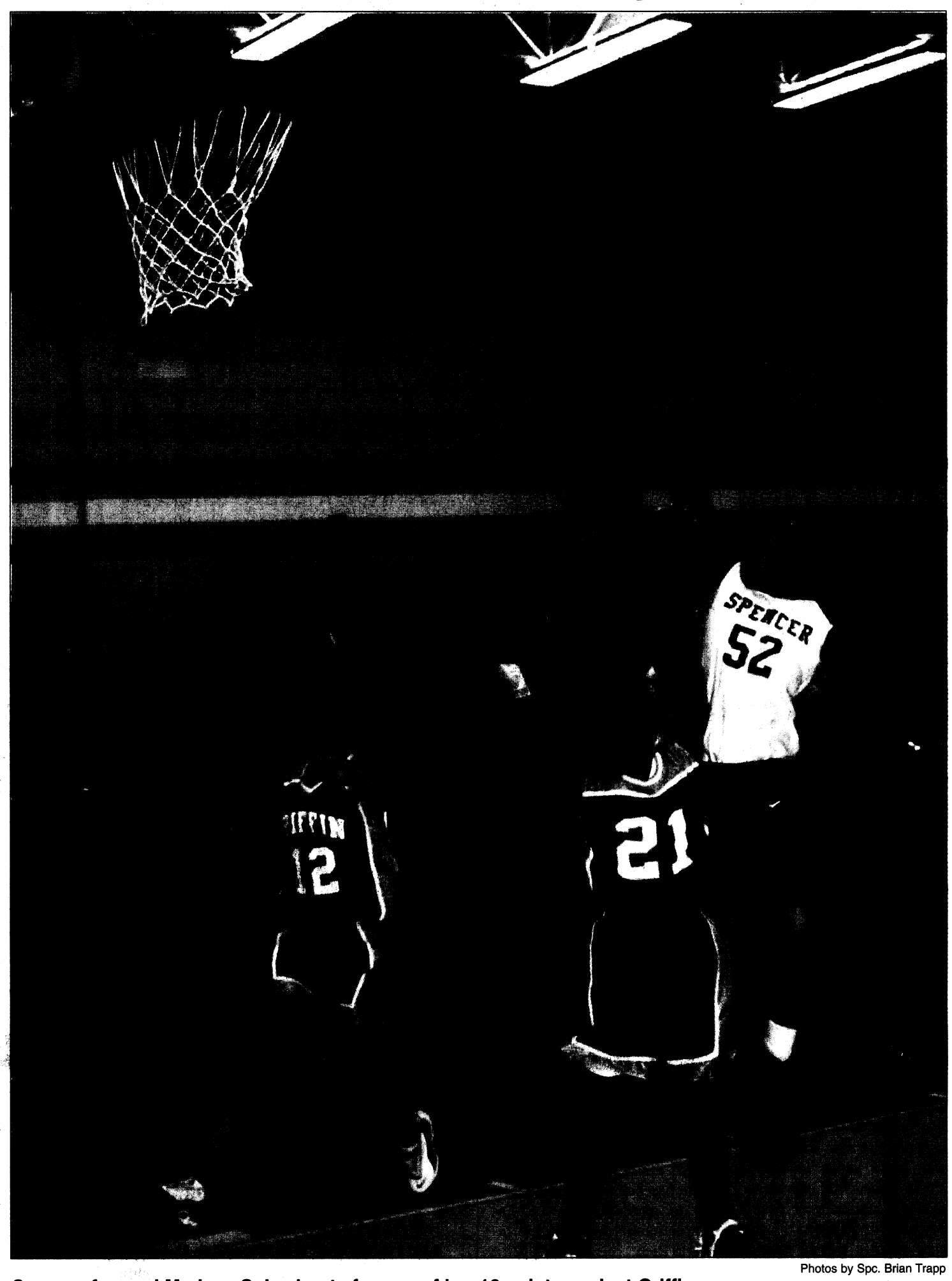
The rest of the period, Spencer played catch-up, then took the lead and widened the point gap with a last second 3-point shot by Cole that went in with the buzzer. At the end of the first half, the teams walked off the court with Spencer in the lead 21-17.

Spencer came out strong from the locker room, but Griffin quickly took momentum and the lead of the game, 23-24, three minutes into the third period. Griffin couldn't hold on to it, though, when they sent Spencer to the free throw line and the Greenwaves went back in the lead, 25-24.

After Spencer took back the lead, the team regrouped and shut down Griffin's inside game, and a strong Greenwaves defense opened up the chance for few key break-aways, taking it to 31-24.

In the final period, Griffin came out and forced three turnovers and closed the lead, but weren't able to overtake the team.

"The first half of the season was rough and (Griffin) beat us then, but we put it past us and this time, we came in and did what we had to do as a team," Williams said.



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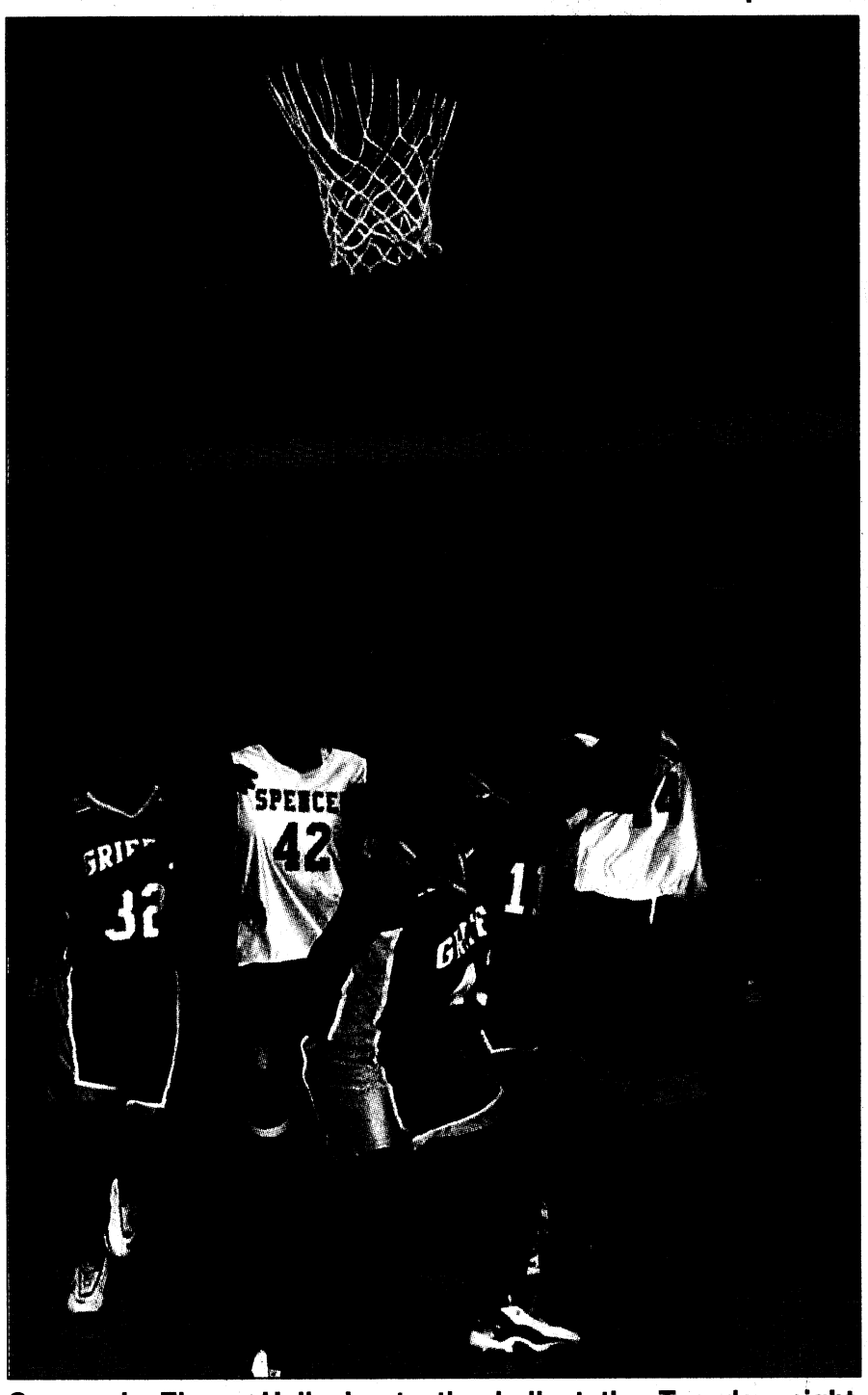
Spencer forward Marissa Cole shoots for one of her 16 points against Griffin.

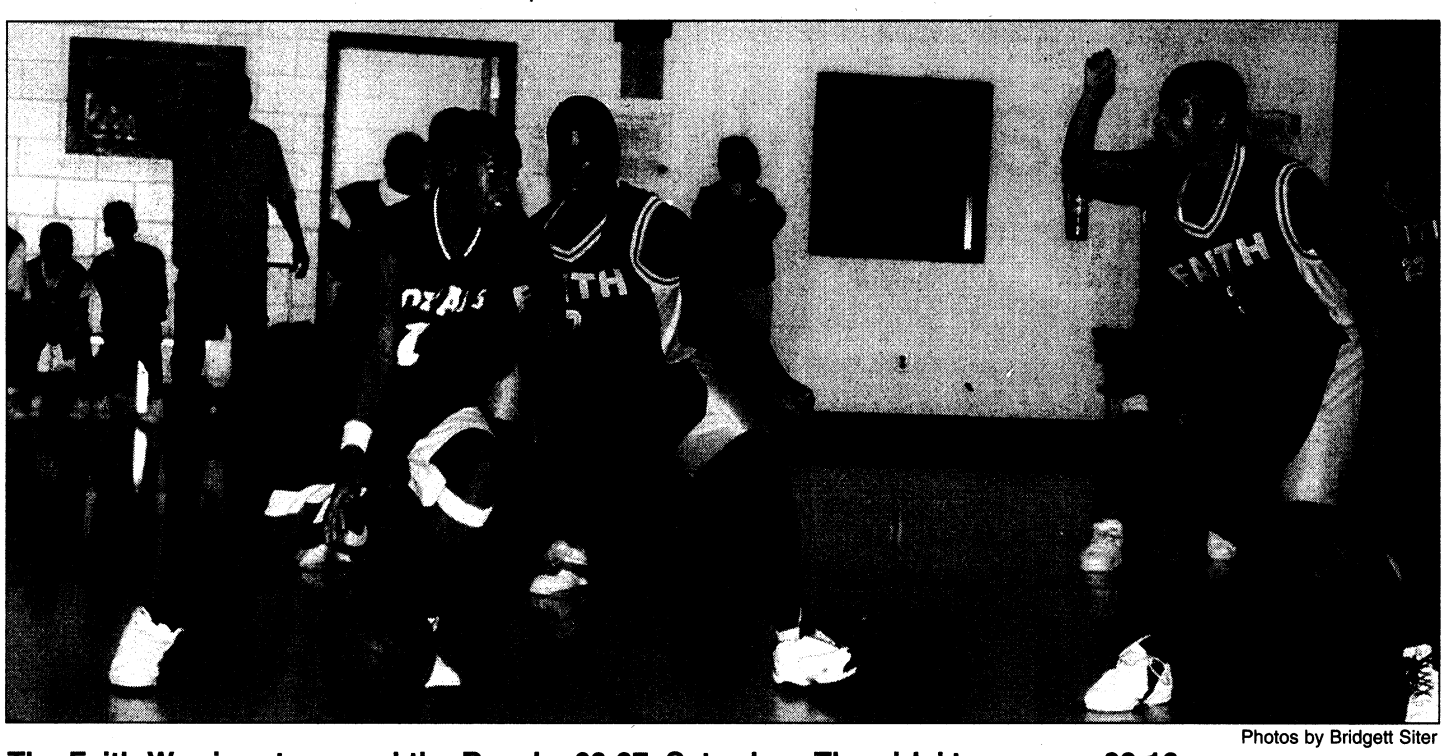


Spencer's Ebony Hall shoots the ball at the Tuesday night game. Hall scored 7 points.



Lady Greenwaves' point guard Octavia Williams crosses past a Griffin defender. Williams scored 15 points overall, 9 points in the second period alone.

Faith full-court



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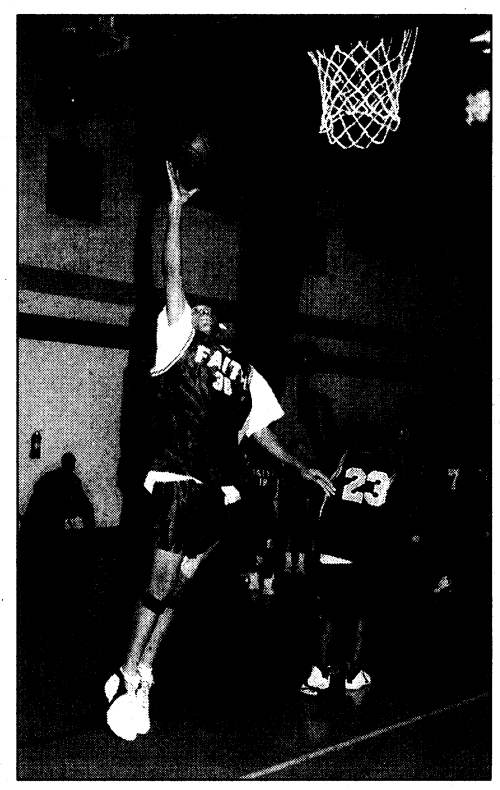
The Faith Warriors trounced the Royals, 60-37, Saturday. The girls' team won, 38-16.



Faith Middle School's Gerome Anthony warms up Saturday before the Warriors junior varsity basketball game against the Royals of Mother Mary Mission in Phenix City. Faith's girls' and boys' JV teams are undefeated.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Aerobics instructor needed — Briant Wells Field House is looking for certified exercise instructors for a variety of classes. For more information, call 545-4388.

All-Army Small Arms Championships sign-ups — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will host the All-Army Small Arms Championships in conjunction with the U.S. Army Infantry Center March 14-25. Soldiers and units will compete with the M-16 rifle or M-4 carbine, M-9 pistol and M-24 or M-14 rifles against counterparts from the Army, Reserve, National Guard and Cadet Command. The USAMU has a limited number of weapons available for Soldiers and cadets who do not have assigned weapons.

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Rifle matches will be shot at ranges from 200 to 500 yards. Pistol matches will be fired under combat time standards at seven to 25 yards. All firing will be done with helmet and individual combat gear (minus body armor and mask). Long-range matches will be fired at ranges of 600 to 1,000 yards. Matches are open to all Soldiers, U.S. Military Academy and ROTC cadets. Squad-size teams will be from brigades, divisions, major commands, each state and territory and Army Reserve major subordinate commands. Participants must send a letter of intent to Michael J. Behnke, USAMU chief of competitions, at michael.behnke@usarec.army.mil or fax 545-6252 by Jan. 30. For more information contact Behnke at (706) 545-7841 (the DSN is 835).

Hunting Regulations — There have been changes to the Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing regulations this year:

• Authorization to hunt or fish on Fort Benning now includes all DoD civilian employees working full-time or the equivalent and all active National Guardsmen and reservists on paid drill status.

• The number of guests that can be sponsored per day has increased from two to three.

• Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1961, must show evidence of completing a hunter safety course.

• Guest permits can now be purchased as daily passes, monthly weekend passes, or in periods of time up to 30 consecutive days.

Saturday Bike Rides — Saturday bike rides are in full gear. Riders meet at 10 a.m. Saturdays at Briant Wells Field House and can choose from 10-, 15- or 20-mile rides.

Additional miles can be added on demand. All you need is a bike, helmet, water and plenty of energy .

For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

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Youth baseball — Coast to Coast athletics is recruiting youth baseball players (ages 11-12) to represent the U.S. in international competition in Puerto Rico.

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The Coast to Coast tour lasts seven days. For more information or to request a program application, call 373-4455 or visit www.CoastToCoast Athletics.com.

Arena Football — Alignment for the 2004 af2 football season begins in late March.

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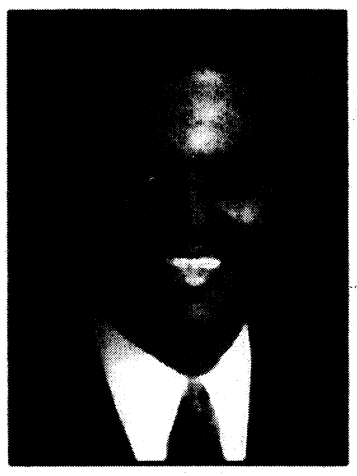

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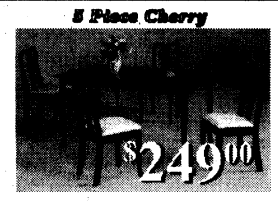

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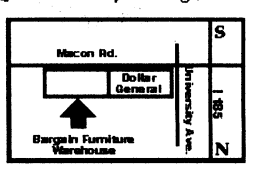

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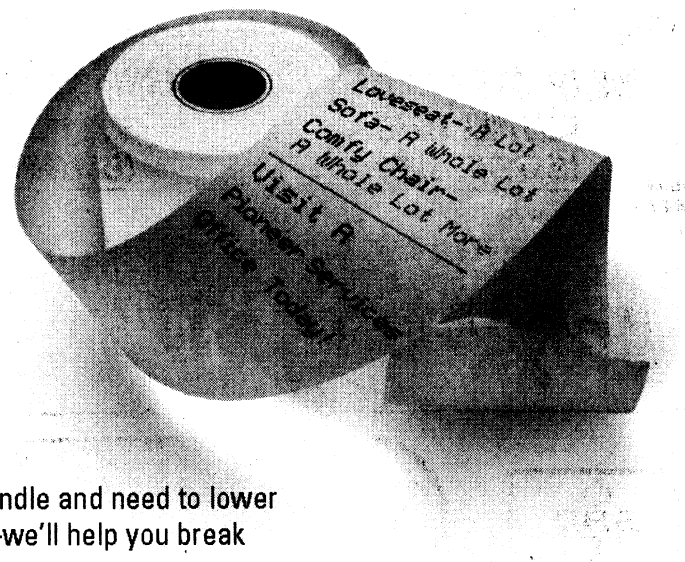

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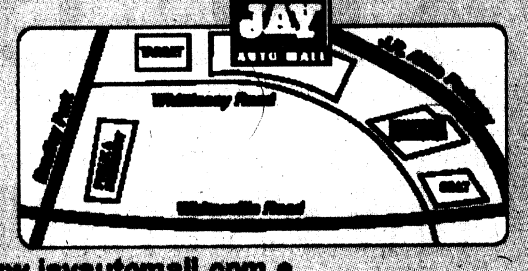

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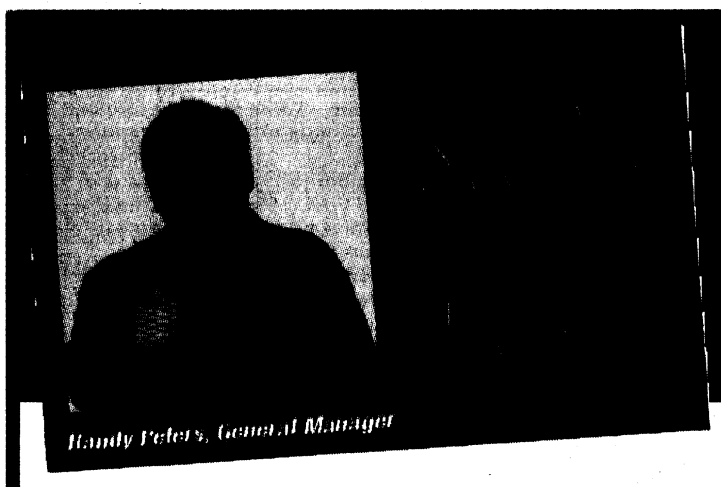
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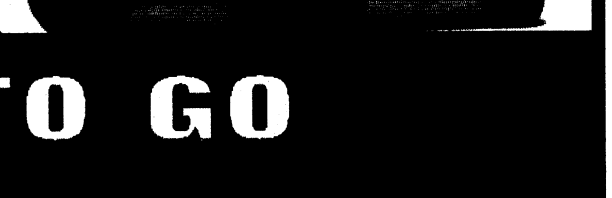

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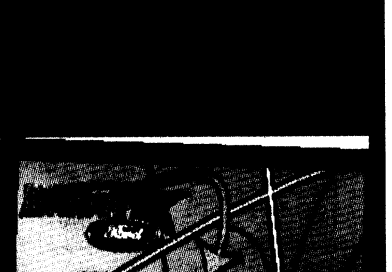

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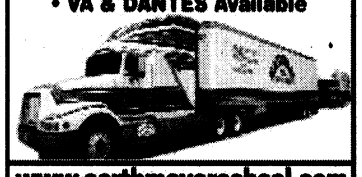
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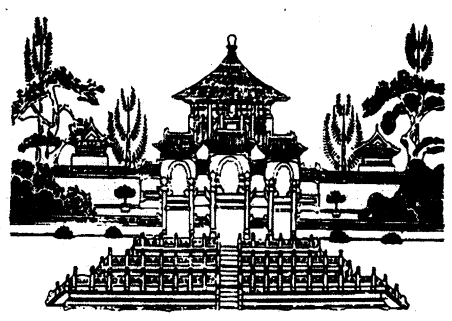

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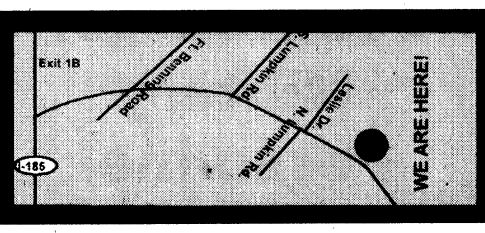

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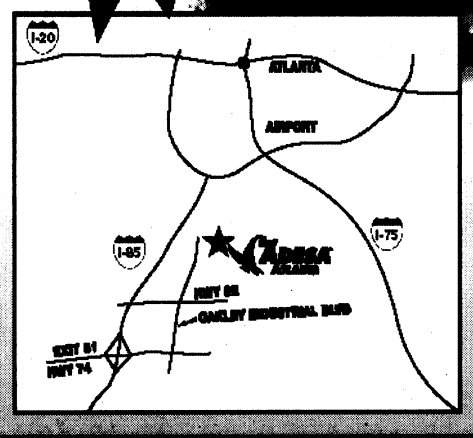

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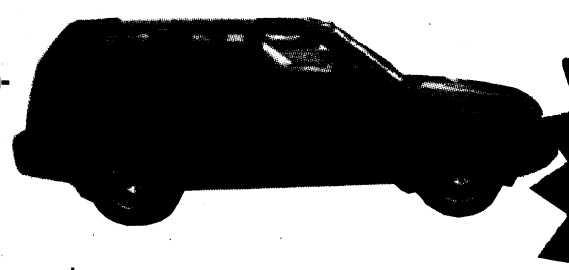

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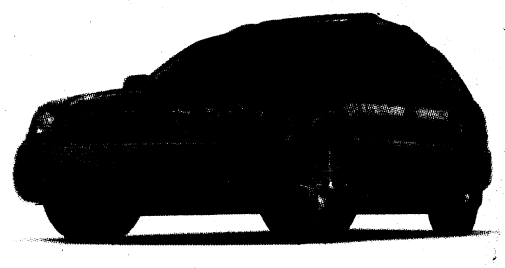

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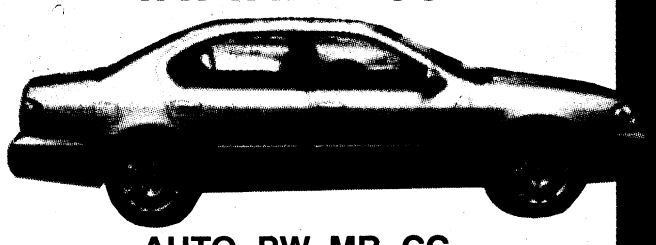

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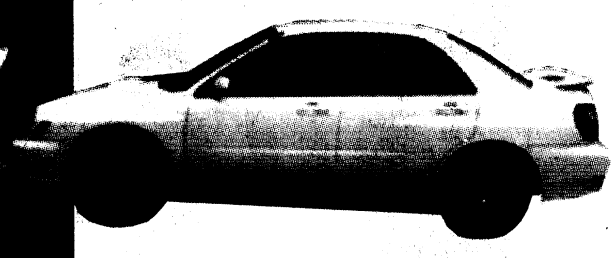

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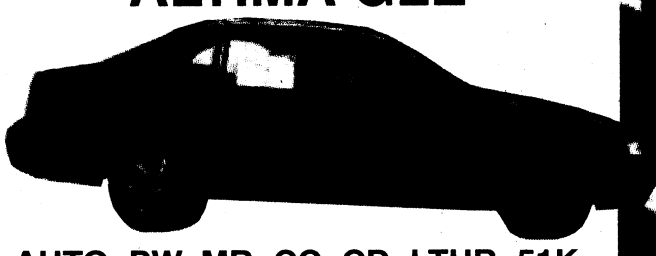

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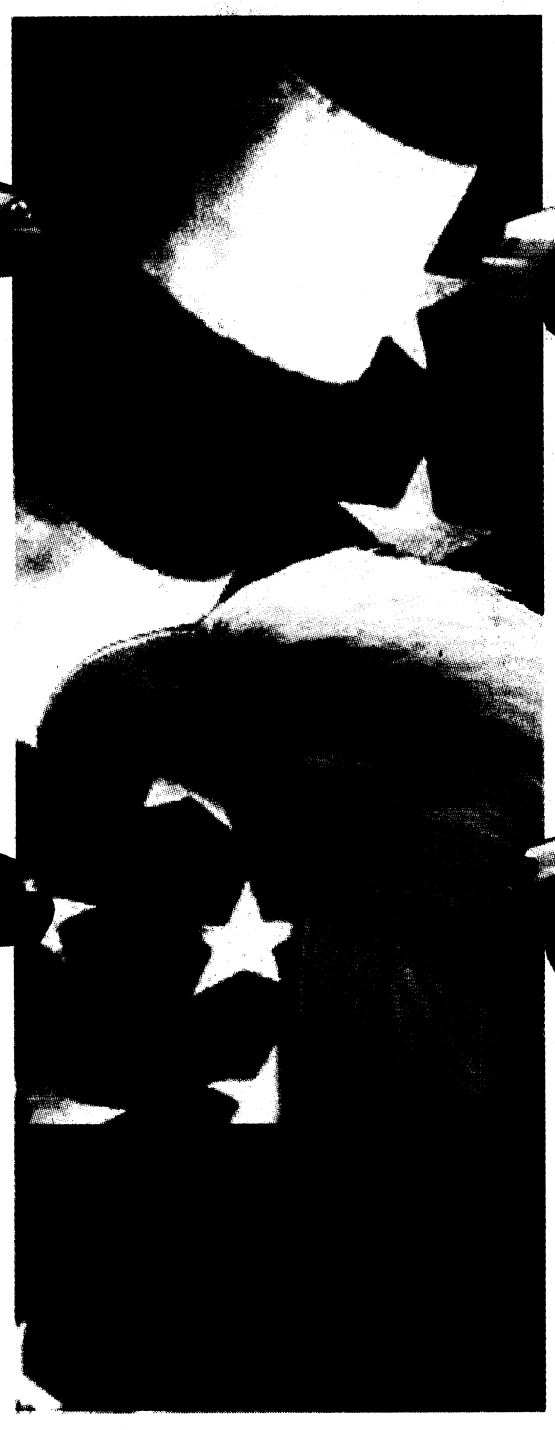

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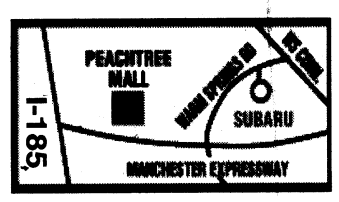

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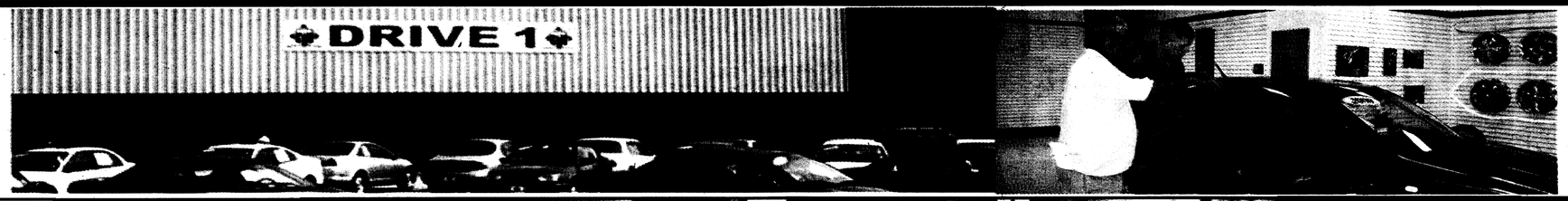

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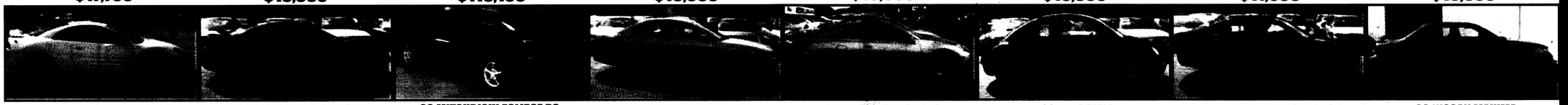

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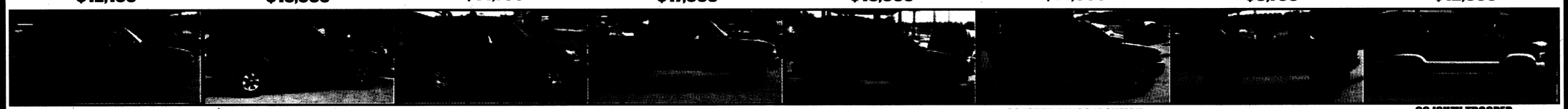

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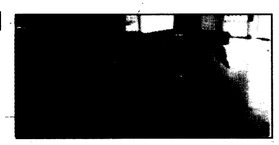

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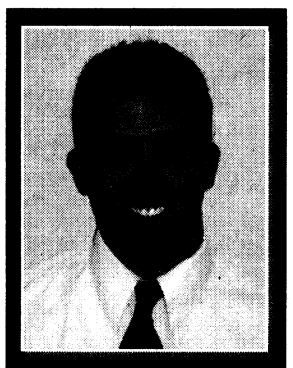

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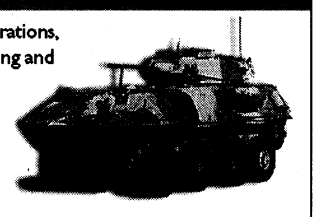

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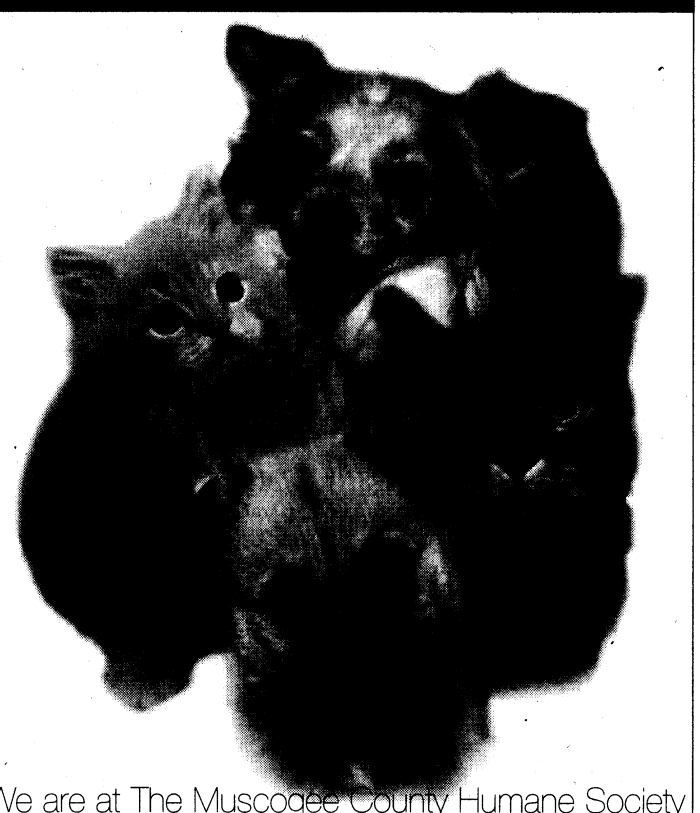

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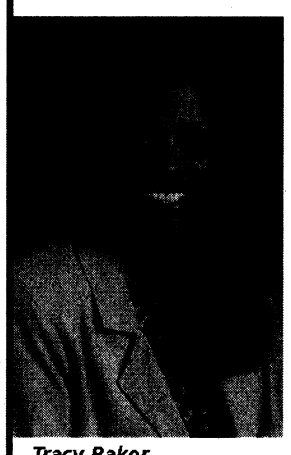

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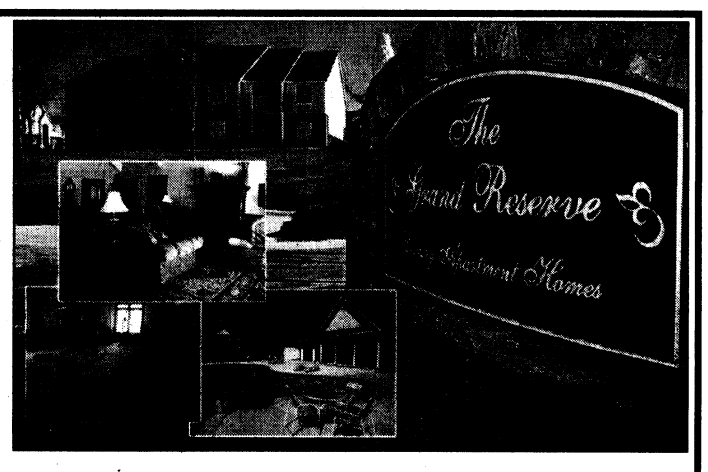

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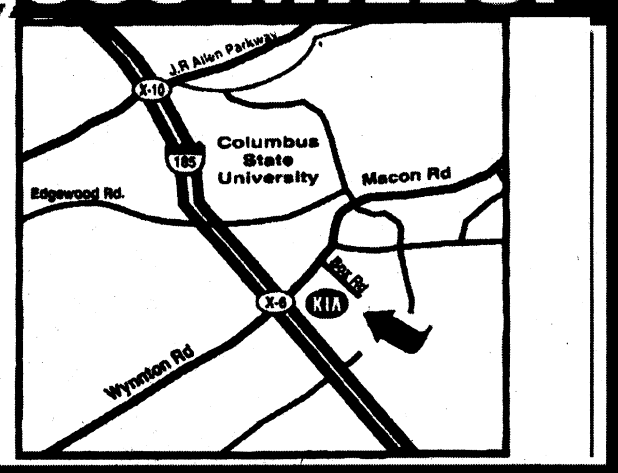

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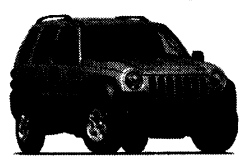
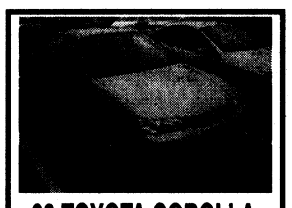
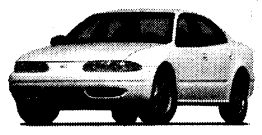
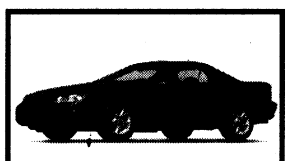
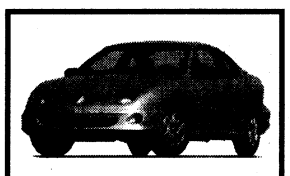
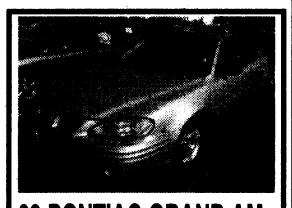
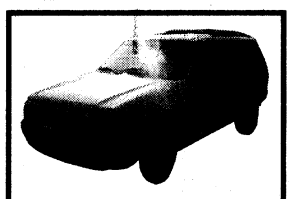
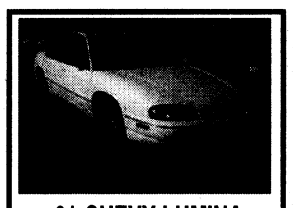
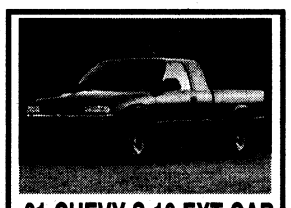
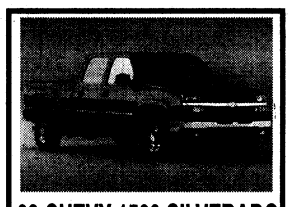
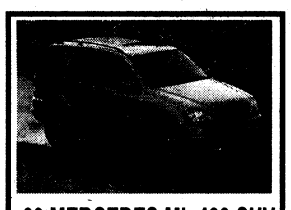
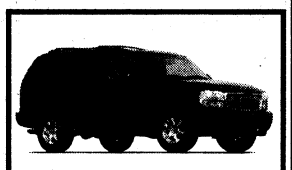
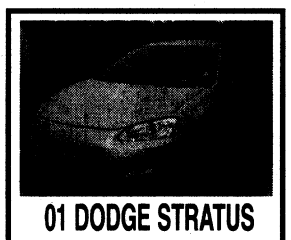
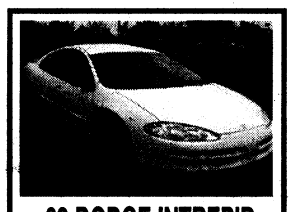
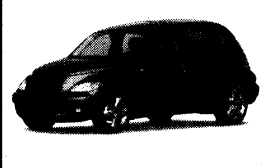
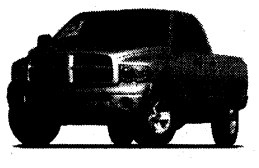
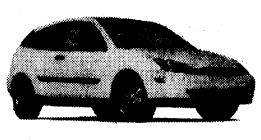
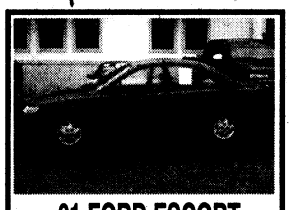
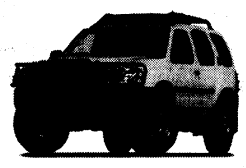
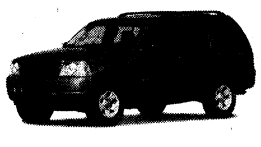
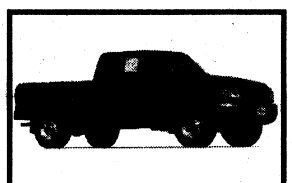
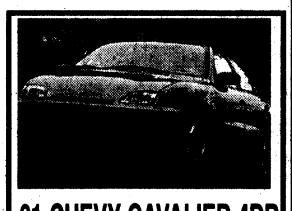
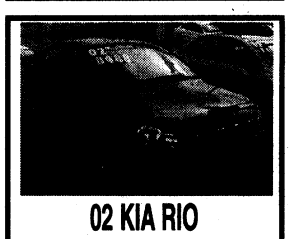
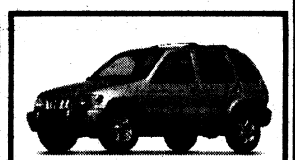
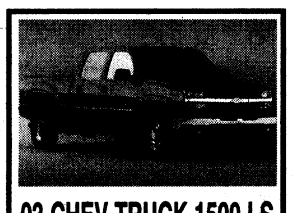
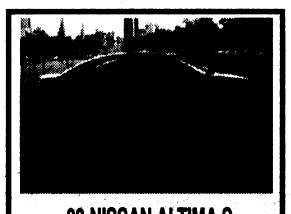
 02 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT $12,995	 98 TOYOTA COROLLA $4,995	 01 OLDSMOBILE ALERO $6,995	 02 CHEVY CAMARO Z-28 $14,995	 02 FORD ESCAPE $15,995	 00 PONTIAC SUNFIRE $4,995	 02 PONTIAC GRAND AM $8,995
 97 FORD EXPLORER XLT $6,995	 02 CHEVY MONTE CARLO $10,995	 01 CHEVY LUMINA $8,995	 01 CHEVY S-10 EXT CAB $9,995	 03 CHEVY 1500 SILVERADO $17,995	 00 MERCEDES ML 430 SUV $17,995	 GMC YUKON $16,995
 01 DODGE NEON $6,995	 01 DODGE STRATUS $7,995	 02 DODGE INTREPID $11,995	 01 DODGE GR CARAVAN SPORT $12,995	 03 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER SPORT $12,995	 03 DODGE 4DR RAM $19,995	 03 DODGE DURANGO $14,995
 01 FORD FOCUS $6,995	 01 FORD ESCORT $5,995	 01 FORD TARUS $8,995	 02 NISSAN XTERRA $14,995	 03 FORD EXPLORER $16,995	 01 FORD RANGER $8,995	 01 CHEVY CAVALIER 4DR $6,995
 01 DAEWOO NUBRIA $4,995	 01 DAEWOO LANOS 4DR $3,995	 01 DAEWOO LEGANZA $5,995	 01 KIA OPTIMA $7,995	 02 KIA RIO $5,995	 02 KIA SPECTRA $6,995	 02 KIA SPORTAGE $8,995
 03 MITS OUTLANDER XLS $14,995	 03 CHEV TRUCK 1500 LS $16,995	 03 MAZDA 6 $15,995	 03 NISSAN ALTIMA S $15,995	 03 HYUNDAI SONATA $11,995	03 TOYOTA COROLLA $10,995	03 TOYOTA CAMRY $15,995
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Road construction continues

Lane must stay closed to save money, time

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Construction on the I-185 access control point is underway and on schedule.

"I'm optimistic it will be done on or before the end of August," said Capt. Mindy Rosito, project engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

All concrete from Custer Road to just south of Victory Drive will be torn up, said Dean Miller, industrial engineer with the Master Planning Branch, Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics.

For those who wonder why an outbound lane on I-185 can't be used, Miller said they can't open an outbound lane for traffic because where the outbound lanes are now is where the new welcome center and a parking lot will be. The roads are being shifted over.

"If they were to leave a lane (on I-185) open, it would extend the build time and the project would cost more money," he said. "Logistically, it would be a nightmare."

The construction workers are using a wrecking truck and smashing the pavement, breaking it up. Then they scoop it up and take it away for disposal, Rosito said. There is also some work being done to expand some of the culverts.

The changing traffic patterns on post will be forgotten as soon as people have the five inbound lanes on I-185 when the project is complete.

"I think the MPs are doing a good job adjusting as they go and addressing the outbound traffic problem," Miller said.

"I hope everybody realizes this will be so much better than it was," Rosito said. "It may be inconvenient now, but will be better in the long run."

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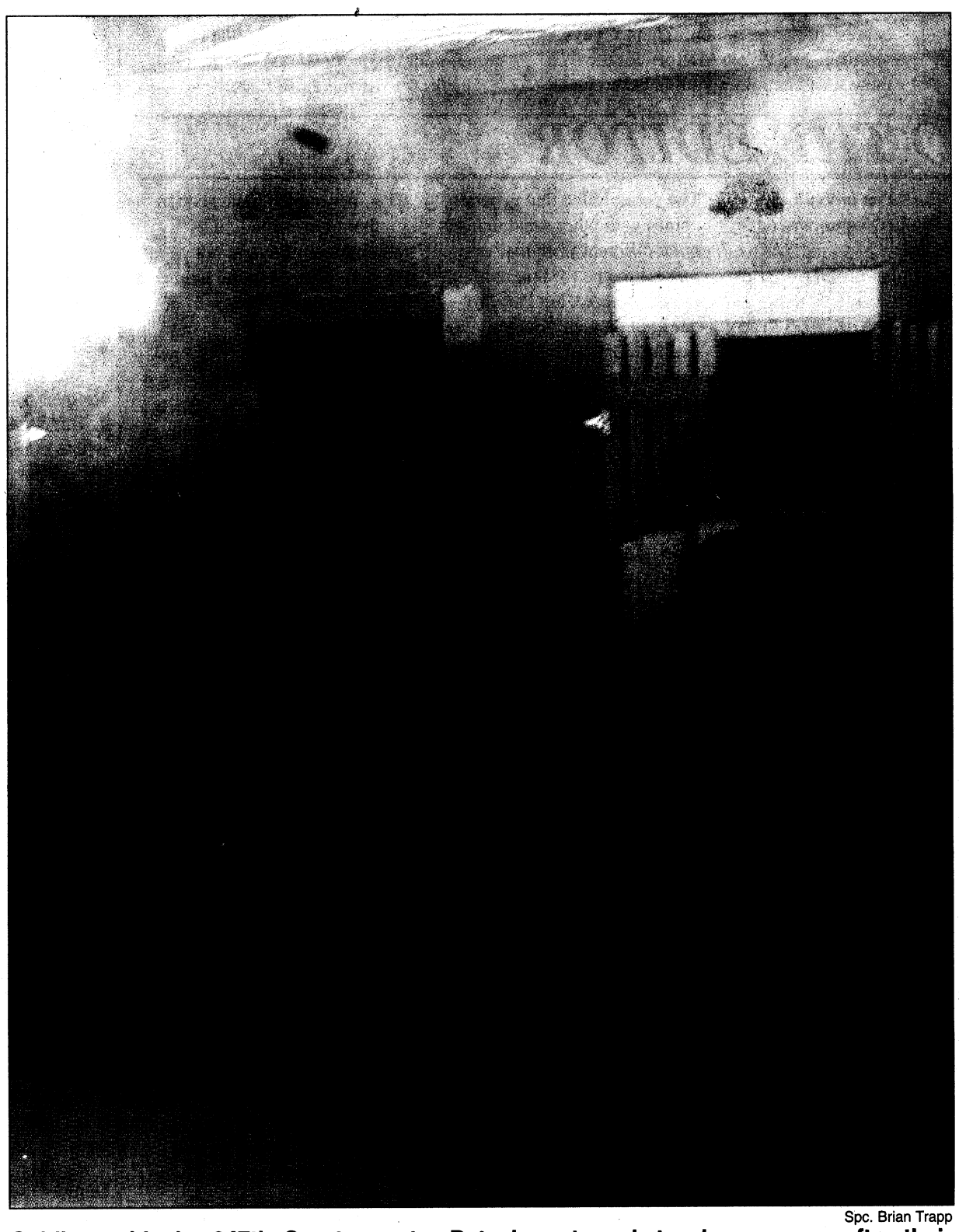

Spc. Brian Trapp

Soldiers with the 347th Quartermaster Detachment, rush to clear a room after their convoy came under enemy fire as part of their mobilization training. Convoy maneuver operations were done at McKenna MOUT site.

Post takes on new look

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

In a series of moves that officially began Jan. 5, the command and staff structure on Fort Benning is taking on a new look.

Soon after taking command of the Infantry Center, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley created a staff action team to assess the organizational structure and recommend changes. The proposed changes affect all of the primary directorates and the five school brigades on post.

"What we did was consolidate the staff from the old Infantry School and Infantry Center organization into one U.S. Army Infantry Center staff," said Lt. Col. Richard Turner, deputy chief of staff.

Turner said the staff mimics a division staff, clarifying lines of control and increasing the overall staff effectiveness.

He said there were three documents the Infantry Center had for staff organization and function — Fort Benning Policy Memorandum 10-10, the organizational flow chart and the officer rating scheme — none of which agreed.

"We had good people doing good things," Turner said, "but nothing was synchronized. We were stove piped."

See **STAFF,** A-6

3rd ID to become 'brigade units of action'

Reorganization to split division into 5 brigades

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — "It's like breaking china," said the commanding general who has proposed to make his division larger, diversify his brigades and turn all his Soldiers into riflemen.

Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., seized Baghdad and helped in the stabilization of Fallujah. They know what tactics work against an unconventional enemy and what vulnerabilities make American troops targets.

Their task now is to turn their three brigades into five rapidly deployable "brigade units of action" that are able to plug into any division and independently fight a high-intensity conflict.

"The chief told me that he wants five maneuver brigades ... to respond to all the needs of combatant commanders when a crisis occurs, and he said that he wants it to happen ASAP," said Maj. Gen. William Webster, 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general, referring to instructions given to him by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker.

See **3rd ID,** A-7

CLOSER LOOK

3rd Infantry Division's reorganization into five "brigade units of action," which is to take place as soon as possible, could bring about several changes, including:

- 3rd ID could grow by as many as 2,000 to 3,000 Soldiers.
- Combat troops could decrease by about 10 to 15 percent.
- Each brigade unit of action will have one less company-size element and fewer artillerymen.
- Each brigade unit of action will have more military policemen, better command and control assets to talk to each other over long distances and more troops certified to call in close air support.

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Sure the Army takes care of its own. But let's face it, everyone needs a little help now and then, even Uncle Sam and his kids. That's us.

Fort Benning had plenty of help last year, and this seems like a good time to say thanks.

Problem is, what if I leave someone out? It would be impossible to list all the individuals and organizations that deserve a hug and a handshake.

That said, I'll give it a go. Should I fail to mention someone you know who makes life a little sweeter for Soldiers and their families, be sure to drop us a letter.

Might as well start with the 3rd Brigade's recent deployment to NTC. AUSA, the Association of the U.S. Army, provided food for the Soldiers and their families during the deployment ceremonies on Kelley Hill. Of course, that's just one of many, many ways AUSA has helped our troops, their families and our schoolchildren here on Fort Benning.

Thanks to the organizations that volunteered during this deployment and the ones that came before — the folks from Omega, the Science Applications International Corporation, the Lockheed Martin Corporation and countless others.

Thanks, too, to all the auto and motorcycle dealerships (Chattahoochee Harley Davidson, Drive 1, Bill Heard, Carl Gregory, etc., etc.) that help out regularly. Thanks for supporting the Parade of Heroes, hosting rallies and collecting toys for Santa's Castle. Many, many thanks.

Thank you to the staff at the Freedom House, for feeding our Soldiers and giving them a place to hang out in an atmosphere Mom would be proud of. Bless you.

Thank you to the local congregations — St. Luke comes to mind — who make it their mission to feed our boys and care for our families.

Thank you to all the businesses who offer discounts and specials just for us — restaurants like Golden Corral, which offers a free meal on Veterans Day and a discount year-round.

And the phone companies that allow Soldiers and family members to call home free during events like the Independence Day celebration.

Thanks to Express Automotive on Benning Boulevard for making repairs affordable and less stressful for the wives of our deployed Soldiers. I've personally been on the receiving end of your kindness, and words aren't sufficient to express my appreciation. Thanks, guys.

Thank you Vivian McRory for the thousands of cookies you've baked for our Soldiers, for feeding and mentoring their wives.

Thank you to the organizations, like Clear Channel and Knology, that supported Operation We Care and Hugs to Kuwait and to the local businesses that supply trophies and plaques to our stellar performers.

Thank you to my friend Puff and the folks of Rolling Thunder who volunteered their time and energy to help families in need during their Soldiers' absences.

Thank you, Paul Voorhees, *the* Ranger Joe, for years and years of moral and financial support. We love you.

Thank you to all the local ball teams and attractions, like Callaway Gardens (free admission through Feb. 15!), for entertaining our troops and their families and for raising funds for the causes that are near and dear to our hearts, like the Katie Turner Foundation.

Thanks to First Command, CB&T, TIC and all the other financial institutions that contributed dollars to every cause that came down the pike.

Thanks to everyone — the hundreds of people and organizations — who participated in House of Heroes. When you take care of veterans, you send the message that you care for Soldiers and their families everywhere.

And a great big thanks and God bless you to everyone who donated a dime or took the time to pray for our nation or write to our troops.

Thanks for waving those flags.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Dec. 31, Thusnelda "Nellie" Nearen was laid to rest at the Fort Benning cemetery next to her beloved husband, Willie. Six generals, all of them former commanders at Fort Benning, carried her casket. Twelve others, among them the mayor and city manager of Columbus, the present commander of Fort Benning, a Medal of Honor recipient and eight colonels, served as honorary pallbearers. The Chief of Army Chaplains, Gen. David Hicks, officiated and Gen. John Hendrix gave the eulogy. Who was this woman for whom generals mourned?

As Gen. Hendrix so eloquently told us, Nellie came to this country as an Austrian immigrant, the bride of a WWII veteran and a survivor of the Nazi and Russian occupations. As a naturalized citizen, Nellie took great pride in being an American and having visited all 50 states. She received hundreds of Christmas cards each year from people in those states who saw in her a life that epitomized all that is best about this nation.

Nellie spent a lifetime in service to the Fort Benning community. She cared for 19 poor and elderly people in rural Alabama, who knew her only as "Georgia." Driving her 1963 Ford Fairlane, Nellie brought gifts of food and clothes to people she called the "true Americans."

With undaunting courage, total dedication and uncompromising values about what was right and good, Nellie left a legacy of what it means to be a patriot.

On her tombstone is inscribed a simple yet powerful epitaph: "Angel of Mercy." In every sense of the words, she was. In all that it could ever mean, Nellie Nearen was an American.

She will be missed.

— Kathleen Tracy
Columbus

The author of an article in an earlier issue of *The Bayonet* expressed very negative opinions about the food served in a local restaurant (The Bavarian House), even about food that was not ordered or eaten by the author. By the author's own admission, she is not an expert in German cuisine. Her opinions were based on her (and her daughter's) experience with food cooked by one man who learned to cook in his mother's restaurant in Germany.

Apparently, the author is unaware that methods used to prepare German meals vary considerably across Germany, and even across contiguous cities and villages within a German state. This fact makes eating (and drinking) your way across Germany an adventure to be remembered fondly.

In terms of the restaurant whose food was so badly represented in the aforementioned review, let us provide a different opinion. Our opinion is based on the following sets of experiences: one of us was born and raised in Bavaria, we both had mothers, aunts and grandmothers who cooked German food and we both have eaten repeatedly in restaurants in almost every state in Germany.

The cold salad served in the Bavarian House is very good and quite similar to that served in restaurants across Germany. The potato salad that generally comes with other salad items is quite different from that we make at home (or that our mothers made), but that fact does not distract from its quality. Of course, a cup of hot goulash soup (one of our favorites) can also be ordered, in addition to or instead of the salad.

The main course, be it one of various types of grilled or breaded schnitzel, rouladen, sauerbraten or whatever, is always of excellent quality and of quite sufficient quantity. Again, these meals often differ in various ways from those prepared by other chefs. That is a good, not a bad, thing. (It's amazing how good but different a simple meal of bratwurst can be from one German village to another.) After the main course, the restaurant is prepared to serve a slice of (real) homemade cake, some like mom used to make and some she would not have tried to make.

Enough said. Our opinions are based on more than our experience with meals prepared by anyone's father or by any relative born in Germany. Our opinions are not based principally on the likes and dislikes of our child, grandchildren or great grandchildren for pickles or mustard, or on their uncanny (and unsubstantiated) ability to differentiate by sight alone between ground paprika peppers and ground chili peppers. (Our oldest great granddaughter loves pickles and thinks the rouladen served at the Bavarian House is super. However, she also likes to eat at Taco Bell — go figure). We know that Germans use the term Haus to refer to the building in which they live, but they also call the great state in southern Germany (Deuschland) Bayern, not Bavaria, something the writer of the previous article may not know.

— Gunda and Richard Christ
Columbus

Regarding your Jan. 12 review about the Bavarian House restaurant, I would like you to know I was very appalled after reading this very damaging article following this very first visit to the restaurant. Instead of taking pen to hand, don't you think it would have been better to approach the owners and allowed them to correct those faults noticed by you? And as far as how the meals were prepared for both yourself and Jessica, you should know that not all Germans prepare their meals the same way.

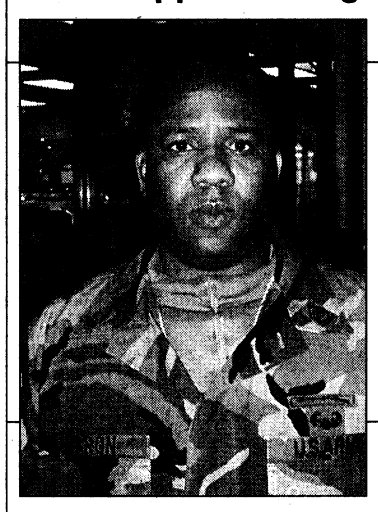
One factor to consider is from which of the several German Lander (states) they come from. I believe that instead of casting negative comments, especially with this being your first visit, you should have approached the owners. Another alternative is for you and Jessica not to return to the restaurant.

With your remark, I believe your motive is to try to put them out of business. After all, this was your first visit. It's not like you had observed these infractions over a period of several visits. I and my family have eaten there on several occasions and think the establishment and food are fine.

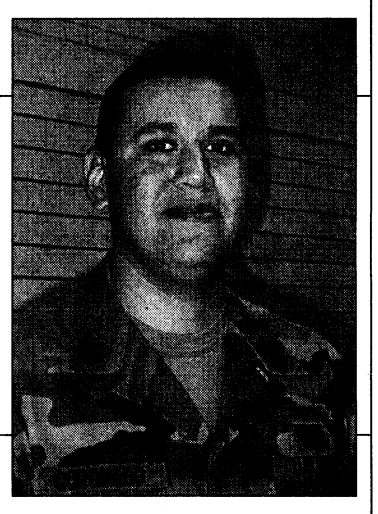
— Christa Deane
Columbus

VARIOUS VOICES

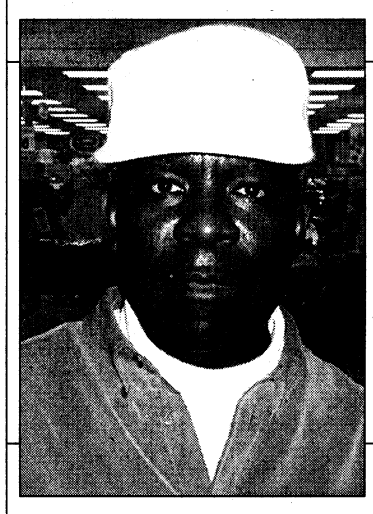
Whom do we, as the Fort Benning community, owe a "thank you" to for their support during the past year or so?



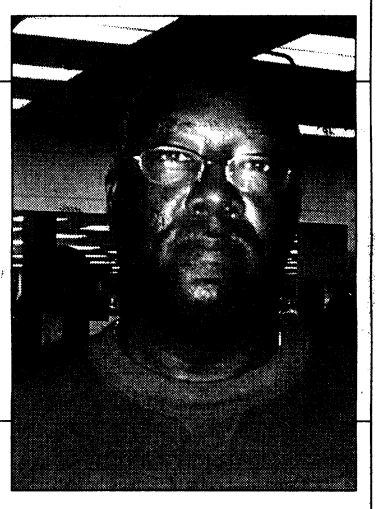
Sgt. 1st Class Roberto Aron, Garrison — "The Community Life Program, because they have helped many families while their Soldiers were deployed and they are always here to help."



Staff Sgt. Pablo Coronado, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "Country's Barbecue, because they donated so much food to the Soldiers after the Parade of Heroes."



Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Davis, Directorate of Training — "Santa's Castle and the Officers' Spouses' Club, because they do a lot of work behind the scenes for Soldiers and their families."



Retired Master Sgt. Michael J. Harris, Columbus — "The whole community, because of the support they've shown to Soldiers and their families. They have worked together with the Fort Benning community to make life better for the Soldiers."



Merica McCune, family member — "Philadel[illegible] Baptist Church in Smiths Station, because they put on a play about Soldiers and they held fund-raisers to help support the Fort Benning community."



Denise Stephens, family member — "There are so many businesses that have shown their support, it's hard to narrow it down to one. We send a heartfelt 'thank you' to all of them."

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

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Tree pruning under way

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Motorists leaving Fort Benning on Lumpkin Boulevard have seen some of the post's beautification efforts in the past few months.

Although Shaw Infrastructure, Inc. has crews out daily pruning dead limbs and removing dead trees, the job of tackling the huge, old trees in the Main Post historical area was contracted out.

Tree surgeon Joe Arms and his company, A & S Tree Service, are working on the contract now.

A & S spent six months on Austin Loop and estimate it will take two months to finish the work in progress on Miller Loop. James Parker, a forester from the Land Management Branch, said there are a number of trees on Main Post nearing their maximum age. Laurel and water oaks are the problem trees, he said.

"At 50 to 60 years old, these trees start falling apart in urban areas," Parker said. "Most of these trees are 70 to 80, and we're trying to save what we can."

The trees are affected by the utilities, roads, sidewalks, buildings and even a fungus that causes rot. They may look healthy from the outside, Parker said, but are hollow inside. He estimates the pruning will extend the life of the trees by 10-15 years.

Hankins said tree roots, which spread 20-40 feet, can get into basements through cracks in the walls and eventually ruin a house. Trees that grow within 50 feet of houses are the Housing Division's responsibility to maintain.



Melissa House

Mark Tryon, a tree climber with A&S Tree Service, prunes an oak tree Wednesday morning.

Arms said his company's initial contract was for 3,800 hours, but it was modified and will end up around 4,800 hours.

The pruning entails removing what Arms calls "sucker" branches that sprout from the trunk and from main or "leader" limbs.

His best climber, Mark Tryon, took advantage of the cool weather Wednesday morning to prune an oak with a huge honeycomb. Since the bees won't fly in the cold, Tryon said he wouldn't have to worry about getting stung.

As Arms' crew prunes, they make assessments on the health of the tree and mark trees for possible removal.

But before a tree can be removed completely from the historical area, a Form 144-R, Environmental Consideration Form, must be approved.

Once a tree is removed and the stump is ground out, the tree will be replaced. Parker has a list of approved trees, like scarlet or northern red oaks, that can be used. Residents can plant trees, Parker said, but they should make sure the tree is native to Georgia and not something invasive, like the "popcorn tree," a Chinese tallow tree.

Parker said the Land Management Branch and Shaw will work together to develop an annual schedule for tree maintenance.

The schedule will indicate which trees need to be pruned or removed and where trees need to be replanted. A coordinated and staggered maintenance schedule will ensure there are trees of varying ages throughout the Main Post area.

The inventory, which took about a month to complete, cataloged approximately 9,400 trees on Main Post that were within 66 feet of a road, no matter what the diameter. The other trees inventoried were those greater than 8 inches in diameter — the ones Parker said create the most problems.

The contractor recorded the coordinates of each tree using a global positioning system and noted species, health, height, diameter and life expectancy data on each tree.

Parker said one of the largest trees on Main Post is a cherry bark oak, close to 48 inches in diameter, located behind the commanding general's house.

1,600 Soldiers face extensions

12 units with year overseas to stay longer

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense has approved the extension of selected Army units past their 12-month "boots on the ground" time in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

The extensions are for 12 units, affecting approximately 1,600 Soldiers of about 130,000 currently deployed.

The time extended will vary by unit, between five and 60 days.

The Department of Defense is committed to supporting the combatant commander and his mission while balancing the need to take care of Soldiers, their families and communities.

"We are entering the most challenging period for our Army since World War II," said Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army chief of staff, in a message to the extended Soldiers.

"As we deploy and redeploy nearly one quarter of a million Soldiers over the next four months, we all will be required to make sacrifices to ensure that we safely and successfully accomplish the mission.

"Soldiers' contributions to Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and other expeditionary operations have been critical to our nation's successes and to keeping the American people safe.

"We are warriors, and that entails a special ethos: I will always place the mission first, I will never accept defeat, I will never quit, and I will never leave a fallen comrade.

"When our nation calls upon us, we have to be motivated by things that come from deep in our souls.

"It is called service for a reason. It is about giving more than you get. It is about duty. It is about sacrificing for the good of the whole.

"We are committed to not having you stay in country one day longer than necessary.

"Our Army has worked hard to reduce the number of units and Soldiers required to make this sacrifice. What you are doing is critical to mission success and we are grateful for your continued commitment to our nation's security and remain dedicated to each and every Soldier.

"You and your families need to know that we have done everything possible in order not to extend you. For the few units being extended, there are no other alternatives.

"Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for our great nation and may God bless you, your families, the Army and the United States."

Extensions will be handled on a case-by-case basis, so no effective dates have been announced.

Officials also are not publicly identifying units likely to be extended, but said they have unique skills and provide important capabilities to the combatant commander.

They stressed that every effort will be made to keep extensions as short as possible.

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Benning celebrates MLK's birthday, legacy

Bridgett Siter
Staff writer

Fort Benning celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on what would have been his 75th birthday Jan. 15.

Chaplain (Col.) Joel Cocklin, the Infantry Center's staff chaplain, opened a commemoration service at Marshall Auditorium with an invocation and summed up America's progress in the area of race relations.

"We're not completely where we should be," he said. "But this day points toward a greater future."

More than 300 people attended the 90-minute ceremony themed *Remember! Celebrate! Act! A day on, not a day off.*

"This theme captures and captivates the hearts and minds of those of us who are survivors of the movement for civil rights," said Rev. Tim Reynolds, the guest speaker and the pastor of St. James Missionary Baptist Church.

Reynolds' speech fluctuated between an impassioned account of the injustices black Americans have faced and a celebratory "counting of successes."

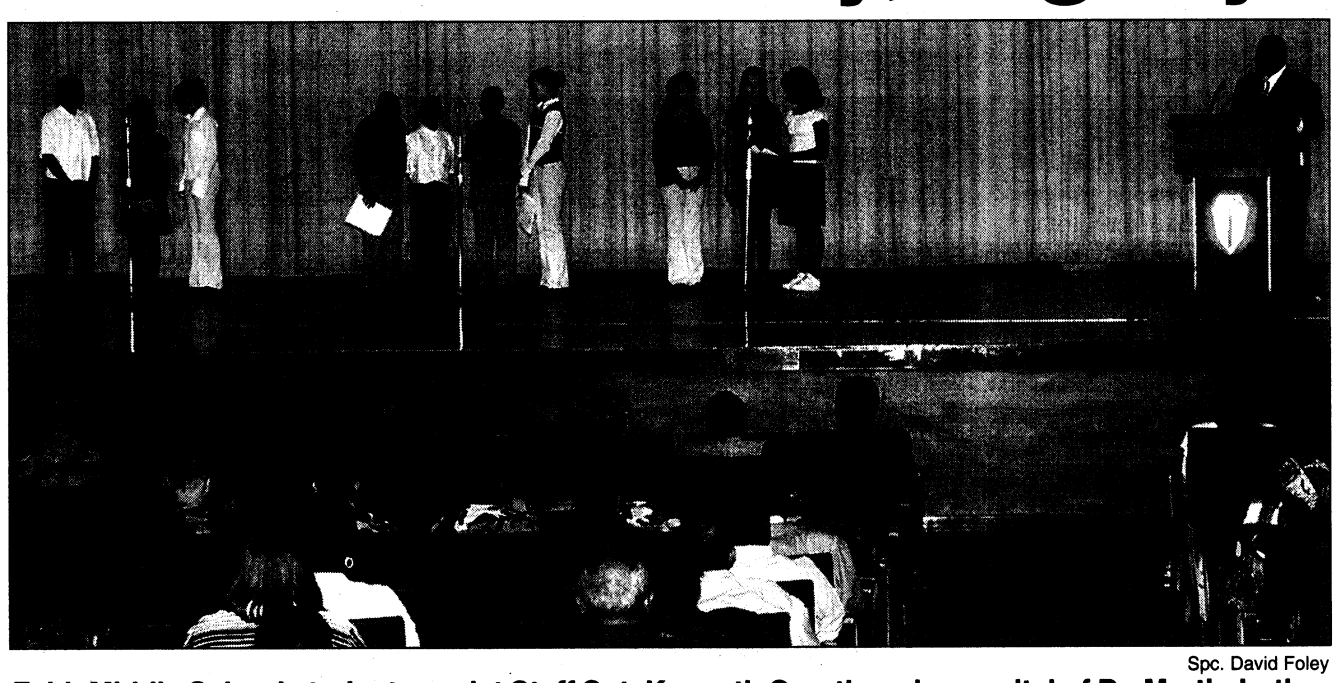
"Many of us remember our great nation embroiled in a struggle with ... racism," he said. "We remember the signs, 'Whites Only.' We remember having to go through the back door ... the second-hand textbooks. We remember four little girls ... in Birmingham, Alabama, being blown apart by hate."

But Reynolds reminded his audience of the contributions of white Americans in the fight for equality.

"We celebrate the move of God upon the hearts of so many people with so many differences," he said.

The struggle for equality has "reaped a bountiful harvest," Reynolds said, and nowhere is it more evident than in the military.

"We have the greatest Army in the world, made up of many races and religions and cultures and ethnicities," he said. "The military is the model for this great nation."



Spc. David Foley

Faith Middle School students assist Staff Sgt. Kenneth Caruthers in a recital of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech from his 1963 March on Washington.

The ceremony, which featured performances by Soldiers, Fort Benning schoolchildren and civilians, marked the beginning of a four-day observance of the MLK holiday, said Brig. Gen. Stephen Layfield, Fort Benning's deputy commanding general.

"This is a big deal," he said. "It's our way of kicking off a great four days of celebration for a great man. I encourage all of you to pause, learn, reflect and respect all the things this holiday stands for."

AROUND POST

1st-termers financial readiness class

The first-termers personal financial readiness training is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today in Infantry Hall's Classroom 2A.

All Soldiers in the pay grade of E-4 and below for whom Fort Benning is the first permanent duty station and who in-processed in December are required by the Department of the Army guidance to attend.

For more information, call Ann Pratcher with the Financial Readiness Program at 545-5485.

NCO/Soldier of the Quarter ceremony

The post NCO/Soldier of the Quarter ceremony is 3 p.m. today in the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation auditorium.

WHINSEC honors defense minister

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation will honor Nicaraguan Minister of Defense Dr. Jose A. Guerra Pastora with the Simon Bolivar Award during a ceremony held at Building 35 in Pratt Hall Jan. 26 at 2 p.m.

Guerra will deliver a lecture on Democracy and Human Rights, and then receive the symbol of the award, a bust of Simon Bolivar. The ceremony is open to the public.

WHINSEC's Simon Bolivar Award recognizes individuals who embody and perpetuate democratic principles of freedom and human rights, not only in their homelands, but also on the stage of international relations.

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

OCS board

Soldiers who are applying to Officer Candidate School need to turn in their packets for the local board, which is Feb. 16-20, by Feb. 4. The Department of the Army board is May 10-14.

For more information, call 545-7218 or 545-8861.

Upcoming Ranger School graduation

The next Ranger Training Brigade graduation is Feb. 13.

Prior to graduation is Rangers in Action, a demonstration of the skills Soldiers learn during training. Rangers in Action starts at 11 a.m. For more information, call 544-6417.

Black History Month luncheon

The Black History Month luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Officers' Club.

The theme for this year is "African-Americans and Education: The 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education," with guest speaker, Deborah Grant. Luncheon tickets are $7.50.

For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-3198.

Separating Soldiers

The Fort Benning Adjutant General office would like to help Soldiers separating from the military.

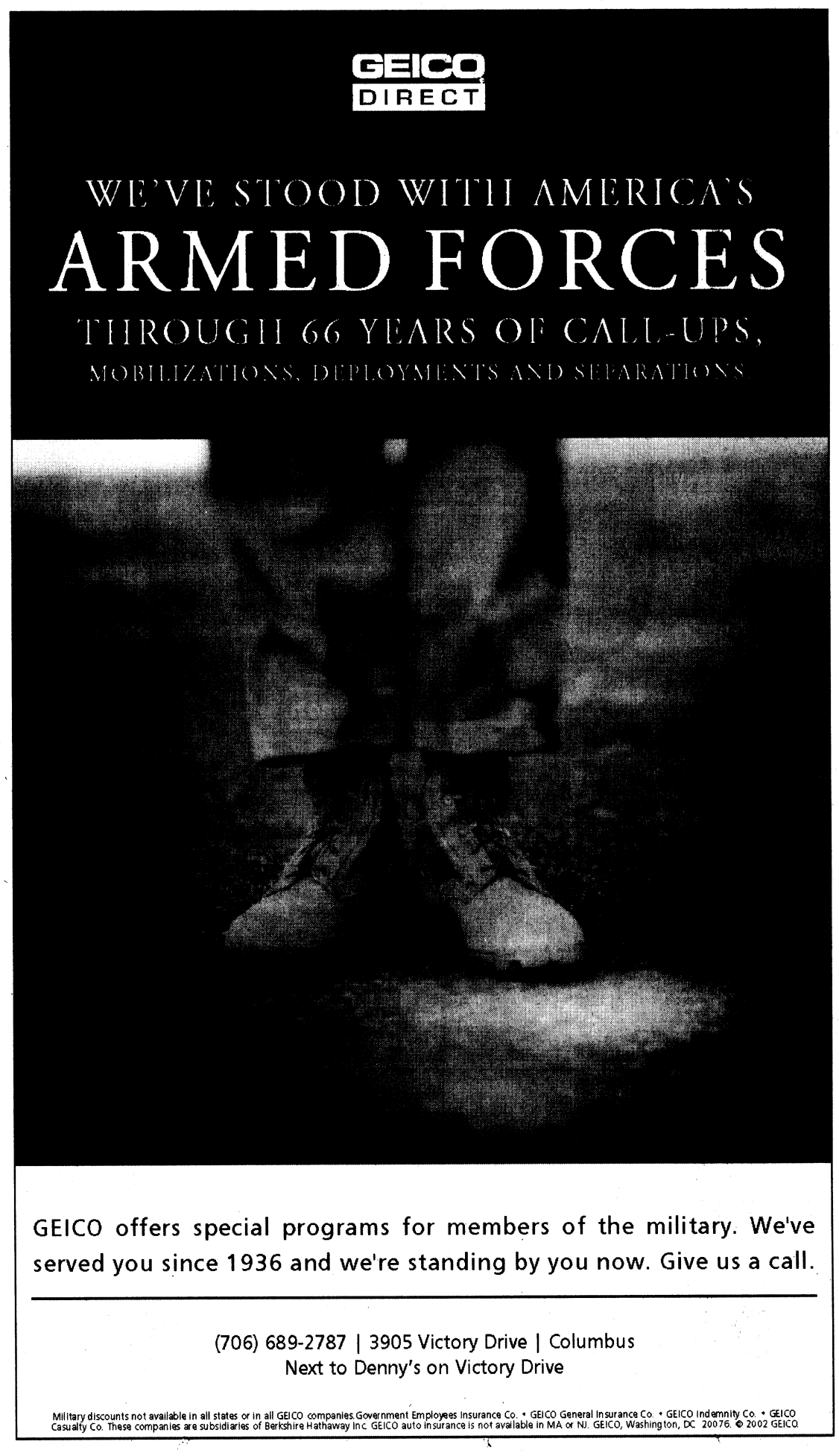
Separating Soldiers with an ETS can expect to have orders published between 60 and 90 days prior to their departure on transition leave, or their separation date, whichever is earlier. Separating Soldiers must see the Army Career and Alumni Program and attend a pre-separation briefing 90 to 120 days. This is mandatory.

Upon regular ETS or separation, Soldiers may be eligible for the following benefits: dental treatment, unemployment compensation, Montgomery GI Bill, vocational rehabilitation and employment, disability compensation, home loans and health benefits.

There are specific time limits and restrictions on the benefits. All of the information can be accessed through the Veterans Affairs homepage at www.va.gov.

For more information, call the local Veterans Affairs office, located in Building 2617 in Soldiers' Plaza, at 545-4887. The Transition Center is located in Building 2619 and can be reached at 545-5400 or 545-5424, or see your unit personnel NCO.





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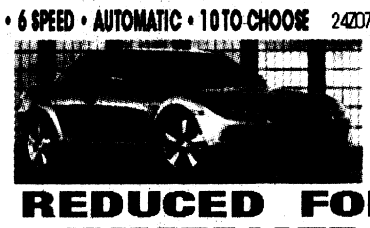

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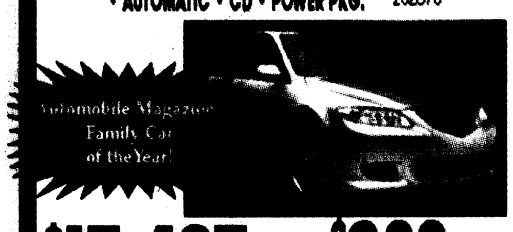

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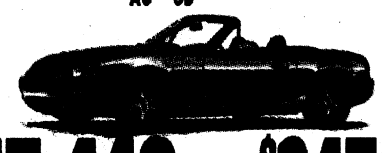

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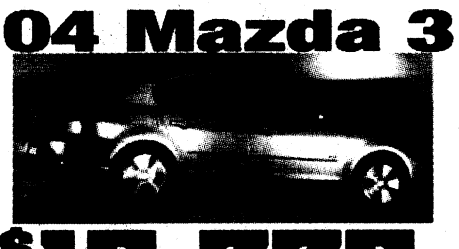

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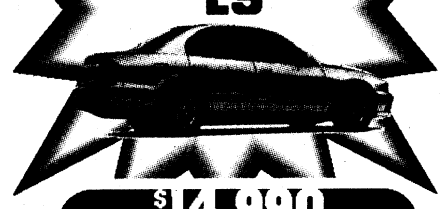

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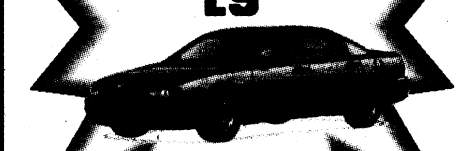

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WHINSEC conducts first jump



Spc. Adrian Lugo

Sgt. Heddy Ortiz, Special Operations Division instructor, connects the cable to the static line during a pre-jump exercise.

Exercise shows joint readiness

Spc. Adrian Lugo
WHINSEC Public Affairs Office

Eighteen paratroopers from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation dotted the skies over Fryar Drop Zone Jan. 13.

This operation marked the first time Soldiers from WHINSEC jumped together as one unit and served as a successful example of unit readiness.

Employing the use of a single C-130 aircraft with multiple passes at an altitude of about 1,200 feet above ground level, the jump not only helped to maintain jump and jumpmaster proficiency but also offered a glimpse into the development of a future Airborne Infantry Operations Course to be taught by the Special Operations Division of the institute, said Sgt. 1st Class James Bobadilla, SOD instructor and primary operations jumpmaster.

"With this jump, we not only demonstrated that WHINSEC is ready as a unit, but we are also proficient enough to instruct others when it comes to the tactical aspects of an airborne operation," Bobadilla said.

The course is expected to incorporate the practical application of airborne tactics, a subject not previously explored in other courses at WHINSEC, he said.

However, a finalizing date has yet to be determined for the proposed course.

Staff Sgt. Jorge Avalos, departure airfield control officer, attributed the success of the day's jump to such things as the weather and coordination.

"It wasn't too hot or too cold, it didn't rain and the winds were down. It was perfect weather. I just wish I'd been able to jump myself," said Avalos, whose mission during the exercise had him working as a liaison between the Air Force and the jumpmaster.

Jump safety officers Capt. Orlando Cosme and Capt. Chris Murray also deemed the jump successful.

"Things went extremely well as far as safety is concerned. We had no reported injuries. No gear issues. Everything was run exactly by the book — as any airborne operation should," Cosme said.

Murray said he was also satisfied with the level of professionalism displayed by those involved in the operation but felt that some aspects, such as the frequency of exercises, could be improved.

Making future jumps open to foreign guest instructors is also in the works pending joint approval, said Murray.

"A (jump) wing exchange would really add to unit cohesion and foster the true joint operability of the unit," he added.

Future WHINSEC jumps and other high-risk quarterly exercises are planned for the coming months, but those are also pending approval and scheduling.

Staff: Reorganizes to help post run more efficiently

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Under the new organization, most of the staff works for the chief of staff, who is responsible for directing, synchronizing and coordinating staff actions for the commanding general and deputy commanding general.

Turner said one of the most useful changes, already in the works, was the creation of the Infantry Futures Group, led by Col. Thomas Vail.

"As the Army was developing future tactics and doctrine, Fort Benning wasn't. We were going about it ad hoc, and no one wanted to hear what we had to say," Turner said.

The IFG, he said, was a big step that is already working well by allowing Vail and his staff to focus on the future and allow the deputy commander, Brig. Gen. Stephen Layfield, to orient on Freakley's main effort — training. Vail also serves as the command group's official representative, easing the commander's travel schedule.

Turner said it was interesting that the reorganization idea was not new. He spent time combing through continuity files left by his predecessors and found at least five years' worth of staff reorganization documents.

The effort also parallels the staff reorganization now going on within Training and Doctrine Command, so the changes are nested with theirs.

The staff action group began working in early September and spent an estimated 400 man hours on the project. They established a new standard "battle rhythm" for meetings ranging from a weekly staff call, a monthly command and staff and a series of IFG-related meetings.

Turner said the reorganization will not be completely transparent because things will get easier and more efficient, and everyone involved will see a much better flow of information down to the lowest level.

In addition to staff organization changes are changes to the structures of three of the five school brigades on post. The 30th Adjutant General Battalion moves from the 29th Infantry Regiment to the Basic Combat Training Brigade, which also gets the Drill Sergeant School from the 11th Inf. Regt.

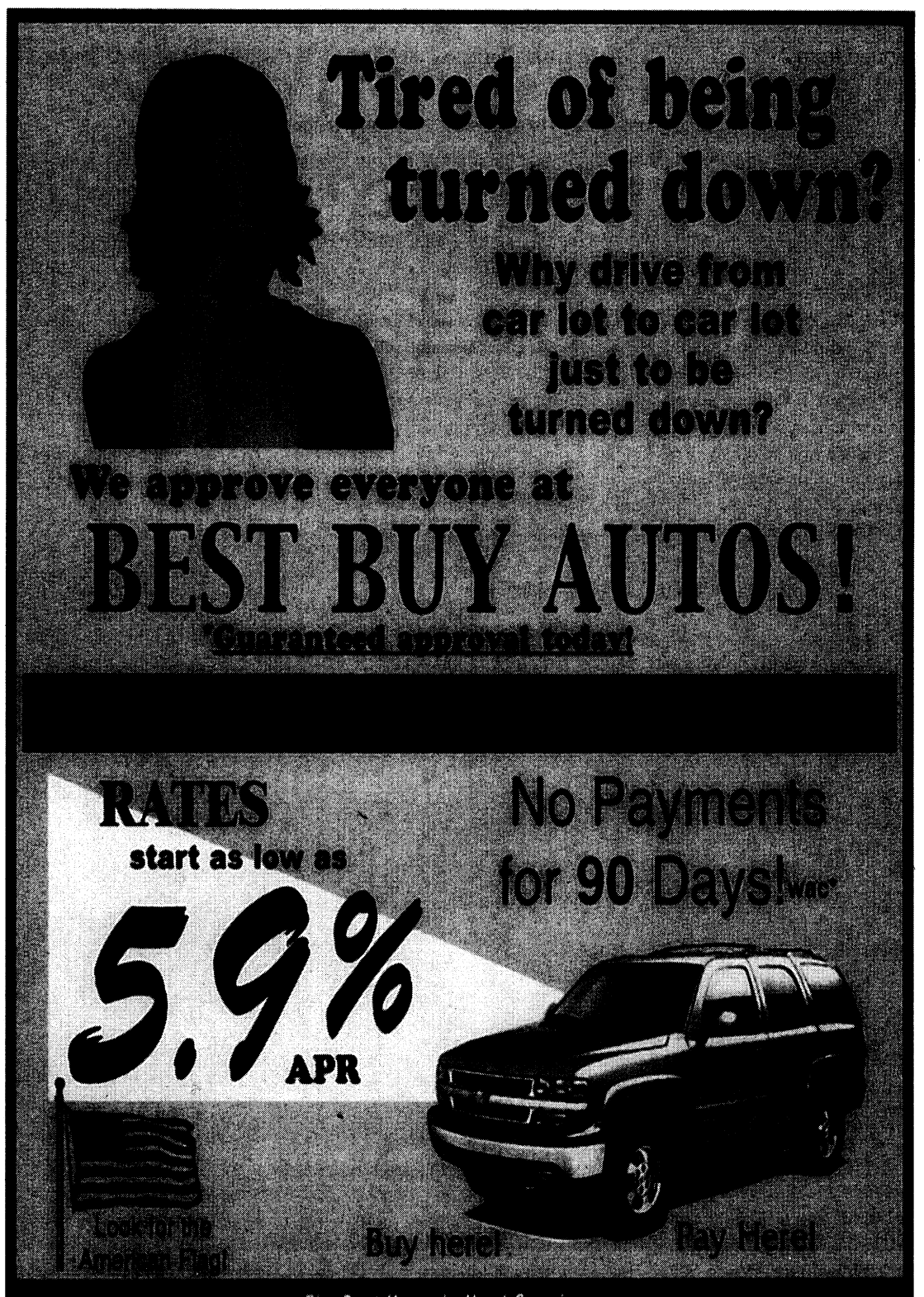
The 11th Inf. Regt. also loses the NCO Academy, which becomes a separate unit under control of the chief of staff. The biggest improvement, Turner said, is moving the Infantry Center staff from A Company and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 11th Inf. Regt., to a newly created HHC, USAIC. The move allows Lt. Col. Alan Neyland, 1st Bn., 11th Regt. commander, to focus on the new Basic Officer Leaders Course.

Another key move Turner said is sure to pay dividends in a matter of time is moving the post's aviation detachment to the 29th Inf. Regt., where it will now have the direct oversight of a brigade commander.

"The 29th is the best in TRADOC in maintenance," Turner said, "and will be able to help the detachment with maintenance issues."

The aviation detachment move should be completed by mid-February. Although the reorganization is still in the initial phases, Turner expects to have any "bugs" worked out by the end of February. "There are indicators that it's already working," he said.







Army, Navy join forces to heal

Reservists lend a hand at post's Winder Clinic

Petty Officer 1st Class Linda Willoughby
Naval Reserve Center-Columbus

During the week, there are seven troop medical clinics open to care for the hundreds of Army personnel going through basic training and other training programs offered at Fort Benning.

However, on the weekends, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, there is only one place they can go — Winder Clinic.

And one weekend a month, naval reservists assigned to Naval Reserve Center-Columbus are there to help out.

"Patient counts range from 100-300 on Saturday mornings and from 50-150 on Sunday mornings," said Capt. James R. Hagler, a doctor assigned to Naval Hospital Jacksonville Detachment B at NRC Columbus.

"Winder Clinic has everything an emergency room would have with the exception of a lab," he said.

Normally, during a drill weekend, there are two or three Navy hospital corpsmen, one nurse practitioner, one physician's assistant and a doctor assisting Army active-duty medical personnel. Civilian doctors and nurses assist in caring for the patients as well.

Winder Clinic has an orthopedic wing and a sick wing.

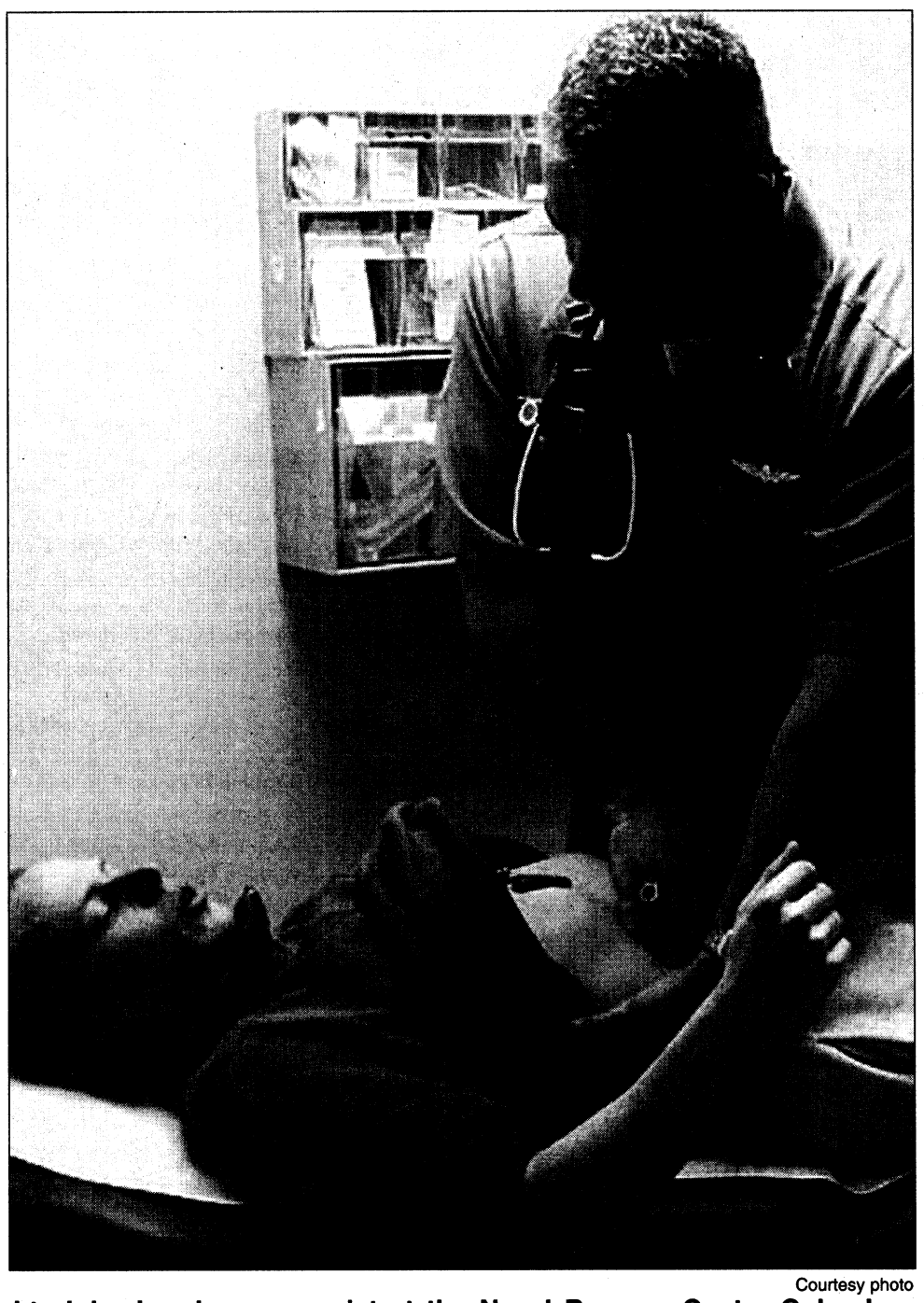
While lending a hand, naval reservists have the opportunity for hands-on training with a variety of illnesses ranging from blisters to heart problems.

Also, given the extreme physical regimen Army enlistees must go through, medical personnel see a multitude of foot, ankle, shin and knee injuries.

Navy hospital corpsmen conduct triage and physicals, compile patient histories and administer treatment.

"I really love coming out here," said Hospital Corpsman Petty Officer 1st Class Alfred King.

"I get to do a lot more than I would at the reserve center, and it's really good hands-on training."



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Lt. John Lunde, a reservist at the Naval Reserve Center Columbus with the Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Detachment B, examines Pfc. Nicolas James.

Both King and Hospital Corpsman Petty Officer 1st Class Keith Metcalfe know how it is from both sides, considering both were previously enlisted in the Army as medics.

Army personnel also come over during the afternoons of drill weekends to conduct training in Army triage protocol.

Upon the completion of a designated number of training hours, Navy medical personnel will have gone through the same training and certification as an Army medic.

3rd ID: To undergo reorganization

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Part of Schoomaker's instruction was to see if the reorganization could take place using existing resources within the division. However, the proposal on the table now would cause the division to grow by about 2,000 to 3,000 troops, said Webster. The brigade numbers would stay the same, but combat troops would decrease by about 10 to 15 percent, he added.

Each brigade unit of action will have one less company-size element and fewer artillerymen, Webster said. However, it will have more military policemen, better command and control assets to talk to each other over long distances and more troops certified to call in close air support, he added.

The transformation of the mechanized division will require more than requesting more troops and equipment; the Soldiers are in for some tumultuous times because they are going to have to work past ways the Army used to do business to create a new organization.

"Soldiers don't mind breaking things," Webster said, "but in the beginning it will be difficult because there will be some frustration and confusion. It's not something that they can't do, but it will be a big challenge.

"They will need to get their equipment combat ready again. Junior leaders will have to learn a number of new tasks and then retrain a lot of new Soldiers. There will be engineers, medics, artillerymen and a host of other Soldiers who will be assigned to a brigade commander who is not accustomed to taking care of Soldiers with their job specialties."

Change is already taking place, and one of the first lessons learned from Iraq that is being implemented into the reorganization is making sure that every Soldier is comfortable being a Soldier first, Webster said. Soldiers must be confident and competent with their own weapons and be able to pick up their buddies' weapons, he added.

There is a program in place now where Soldiers will be shooting a lot more ammunition and using a lot more simulators than before, Webster said.

"All Soldiers, from the journalists and the mechanics to the brigade commander, will have the same level of confidence along with being able to live and defend themselves in the field from the front to the rear," he said.

"The enemy forces are learning from us," Webster said, "and they know that not all of our vehicles are armed and that not all of our Humvees are armored, and they're looking for vulnerabilities to strike with explosive devises and rocket-propelled grenades.

He said Soldiers should exude a fearless confidence that would make the enemy think twice before attacking a convoy or command post.

Webster is working with the Army staff to acquire more machine guns and grenade launchers to put on vehicles, so on the battlefield there will be more crew-served weapons to attack or defend.

While in Baghdad the division had to secure high-value assets and set up numerous checkpoints to prevent terrorist attacks. Security missions alone started to absorb Soldiers and equipment all over the city. Webster's goal is to train more Soldiers to fight so that combat troops don't have to be used to secure a service support unit.

Besides changes to training tasks, other challenges at the division level will be overcoming the chaos that will occur when every unit identification code is affected. UICs are alphanumerical codes that help supplies flow to units. It's a system that allows personnel actions to occur, training readiness to be recorded and money to be budgeted.

"We are going to perform a very complex process of moving property from one UIC to another," Webster said. "I predict that some parts we order for one company will show up in another company. We're just going to have to make sure that things don't go awry."

In order to make sure that this massive restructuring project meets the Army chief's guidelines, a division staff was created. Lt. Col. Eric Wesley is the chief of Reorganization, G7, and he served as the executive officer for the division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team during the push into Baghdad.

"We have a near-term mission," Wesley said, "which is to plan and then develop a course of action to increase our deployable entities and ensure that the division doesn't have to deploy every time a brigade-size element does.

"In the meantime, we must remain combat ready. We don't have the luxury of conducting tests, standing down a unit for an extended period of time and experimenting."

This is not a 3rd Inf. Div. initiative, Wesley said. This is an Army initiative, and Training and Doctrine Command has the long-term mission, he said.

TRADOC was given the responsibility of focusing on Modularity, which is one of Schoomaker's 16 focus areas, Webster said.

Modularity would give smaller units a degree of flexibility and more power. The 3rd Inf. Div.'s role is more immediate but will keep TRADOC informed to help them with their long-term, Armywide reorganization plans, he said.

Previously, whenever there was a change to be made in the Army, it would be handed to TRADOC to do an analysis and within a few years come up with and execute a plan, Wesley said. Now both organizations have parallel guidance.

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> **Maj. Gen. William Webster**
> 3rd Infantry Division
> commanding general

The direction Webster has from Schoomaker is to reorganize, train, tweak some more and go back and train some more until it's time to deploy again.

The first newly formed brigade unit of action will be trained at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., in March.

The first three brigades will be fairly easy to reorganize, but standing up the last two will take some time because more people and equipment are needed to make them whole, Webster added.

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky., commanded by Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, has the mission of reorganizing next.

The division has officially begun to redeploy its more than 18,000 troops after serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Gearing up for the box

3rd Brigade sets down at NTC



Spc. Robert Adams

Spc. Randy Cole, B Co., 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., performs quality control checks on a humvee.

First stop: Draw yard

Troops take first step toward training

Spc. Robert Adams
3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — The first stop for Soldiers from 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, and supporting forces after hitting the ground is the draw yard, where they pick up the vehicles that will be used to train at the National Training Center.

Jan. 11, Soldiers trekked from the dust bowl to the draw yard to find their units' vehicles.

"The process begins early in the morning with a briefing on how to complete the draw yard process," said Sgt. Kingsley Lee, NBC NCO for B Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment.

The yard is arranged in rows according to the number of vehicles each unit needs. Once Soldiers find the vehicles they will use during the rotation, they perform a series of preventive maintenance checks and services.

"It is important to make sure maintenance is done correctly, timely and to standard," said Sgt. 1st Class Jose Feliciano, scout platoon sergeant for Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt. "I've got to make sure I've got good equipment, so there is no chance of any equipment breaking down out there.

"It makes my life easier knowing I won't have to find parts for disabled vehicles," he said.

A civilian mechanic from Vinnell Corporation takes another look at the vehicle and approves it for a test drive. A second check is conducted en route to the quality assurance and quality control station, where another check is performed.

"If a vehicle needs to be fixed, we hand it over to the civilian mechanics ... and once fixed, it comes back through for a final QA — QC before it is cleared for operations," said Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence McGhee, 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt.

If vehicles are problem-free, they're taken to the motor pool.

"We will then get out in the box, get the job done and go home," said Pfc. Susan Gonzalez, the commander's driver for A Co., 203rd Forward Support Bn.

"The training here ... helps Soldiers feel more comfortable with the vehicles and equipment," Lee said. "Without it, there would be a lot of miscommunication during wartime."

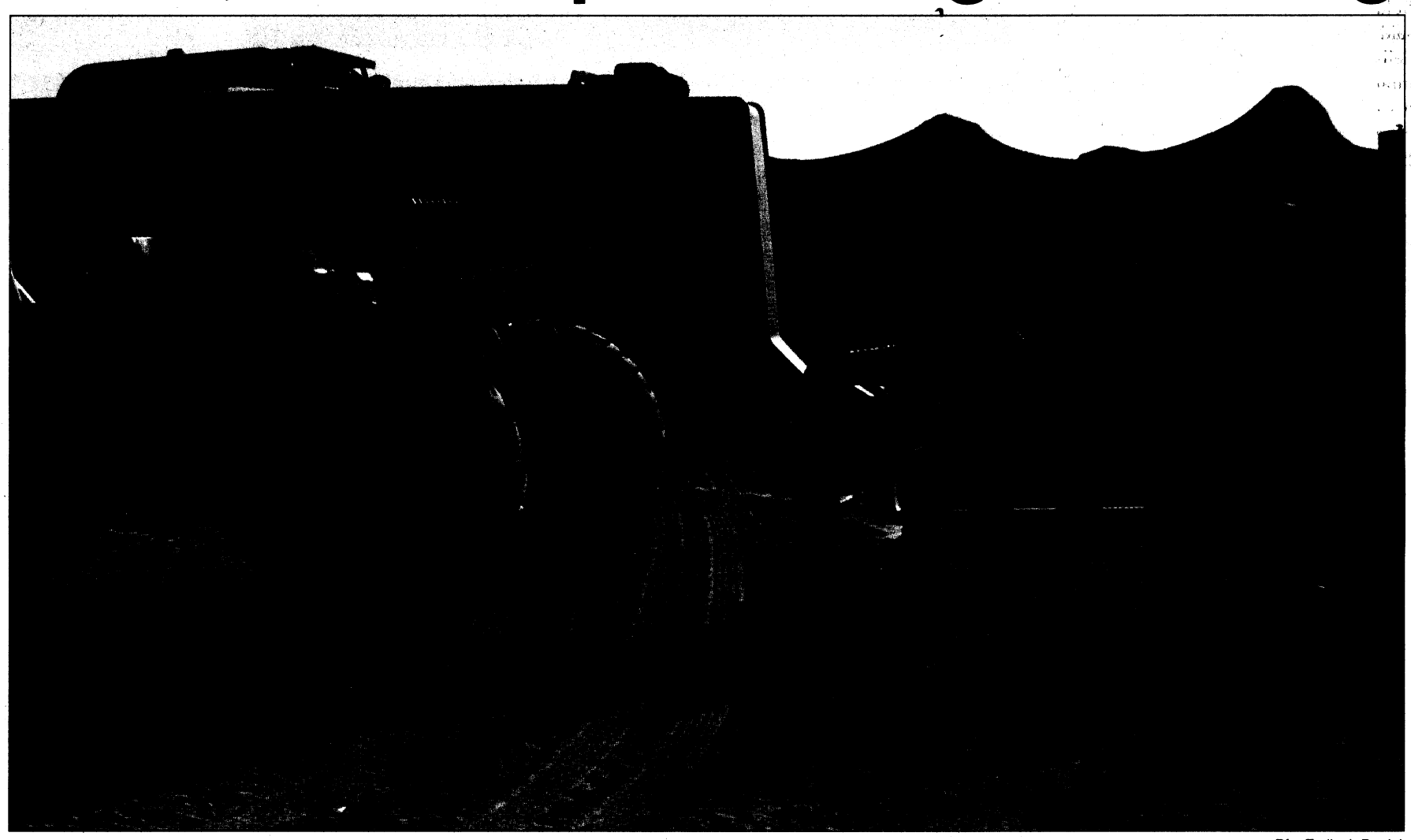
"Seventy-five percent of my Soldiers are new to NTC," Feliciano said. "I'm using the knowledge I gained being here during five other rotations to train them on the importance of correctly inspecting equipment and vehicles.

"The main concern is the accomplishment of all missions and to get everyone home safe."

Behind scenes, unit keeps 3rd Brigade rolling

Supplies allow troops to train to standard

Pfc. Emily J. Danial
3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs



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Soldiers from 559th Quartermaster Battalion and civilians ready a forklift to load supplies at the NTC draw yard.

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — Few of the Soldiers who trek out to the National Training Center realize how much goes on behind the scenes to keep them healthy and happy.

The Division Materiel Management Center keeps the Soldiers at NTC covered when it comes to supplies of every kind. "Materiel" refers to materials specifically used for an army.

There are nine classes of materiel, said Sgt. Maj. Keith C. Dawson, DMMC sergeant major — sustenance, general supplies, fuel, barrier materials, ammunition, "CLASS VI," end items (such as forklifts and other types of machinery), medical and repair parts.

The DMMC tracks and distributes the items essential to NTC operations, Dawson said. Last week, classes I, III and IX were kept particularly busy.

Sgt. Benette Harris, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Support Command Class I NCOIC, opens accounts for the brigade and issues rations to the dining facilities.

"With (the Soldiers) being out in the box, they can't just eat anywhere, and there are too many of them for the dining facility to support," she said. "So each unit has its own DFAC, and they get what we push out to them."

Petroleum specialist Staff Sgt. Iris Rahmings is responsible for issuing JP-8 fuel, a mixture of aviation and diesel fuel.

"Our job is to fuel the force," she said. "Without fuel, vehicles won't run."

Fuel isn't the only item necessary to keep vehicles moving. Sgt. 1st Class David Pickett, who works with 203rd Corps Support Battalion Support Operations, explained how the SPO's systems manage materiel.

"We upload data into the Unit Level Logistics System computer system, which helps us to track equipment and order parts," Pickett said.

Highest priority needs are filled first, Dawson said.

Once priorities are assigned and uploaded into the system, that information is sent to the DMMC, via "electrons flying through the air," where the requests are tracked and filled.

Even though the DMMC's work is not highly visible to the Soldiers involved, they would definitely notice if it wasn't being done.

"If our operation fails, (Soldiers) can't accomplish their mission," said Staff Sgt. Michael Wilson, Class IX NCOIC.

Armor Soldiers settle in California desert

Regiment beds down at NTC

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack
3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — Different brigades and regiments come to sharpen their warfighting skills at the National Training Center throughout the year.

B Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, arrived at NTC Jan. 10.

They arrived late at night and slept on the ground, said Staff Sgt. Greggory L. Hilliard, tank crew member. The next morning, they set up their shelter-halves to provide cover at night.

The Soldiers of B Co, 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., among other soldiers of 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), are staying in the dust bowl.

There, Soldiers stay for about a week to draw their vehicles, multiple integrated laser engagement systems and anything else they need to enter the main training area, commonly known as "the box," for a two-week exercise fighting the opposing force.

"While in the dust bowl, we have been conducting area beautification," said Spc. Craig E. Hilliard, B Co., 2nd Bn., 69 Armor Regt.

"We are waiting for our vehicles to arrive by rail. Once they arrive, we will conduct maintenance on them and make sure our MILES gear is working."

3rd Bde. recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I'm enjoying the fine facilities here — they are better than in Kuwait and Iraq," Craig said.

"There is no wait to go to the PX. The showers and bathrooms are close so you don't have to walk a mile to get to them."

"While in Iraq, we slept on our tanks, and when we are in the box we will do the same," Greggory said.

"I'd rather do that than sleep on the ground. If it gets cold, we can start up the tanks and use them for heat. I'd also rather be here than over in Iraq. We aren't being shot at every day."



Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Spc. Craig E. Hilliard, B Co., 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., tank crew member, puts two shelter halves together to form a tent. The tent will be his home until the unit finishes in the draw yard and goes into the box at the National Training Center.

Quartermasters take on convoy ops

Training gives realistic encounters

Spc. Brian Trapp
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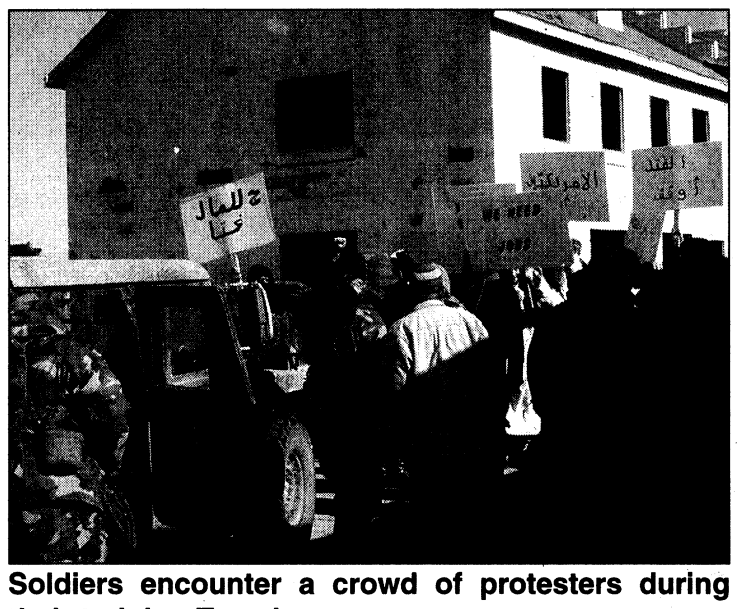


Soldiers encounter a crowd of protesters during their training Tuesday.

Soldiers driving in a convoy encounter a crowd of angry protesters. Once the crowd's shouts are quelled, the Soldiers are attacked from a nearby building.

What are the Soldiers' next steps? A visiting unit is helping train up reserve and National Guard units on this very scenario before their deployment.

The 1st Battalion, 305th Armor Regiment, 87th Division (Training Support), helped a number of reserve and National Guard units complete part of their mobilization training with a convoy operations exercise at McKenna MOUT Site Tuesday.

For the past several days, the 347th Quartermaster Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, has prepared for its upcoming deployment and experienced some new training.

"It was good training — something we as quartermaster Soldiers don't normally do," said Capt. Harold Turks, aerial delivery officer. "Doing infantry tasks is different, but it's something we have to do considering the situation in Iraq."

In the scenario, the Soldiers in the convoy encounter both people and an improvised explosive device along the way. They also encountered a crowd of protesters, foreign media and insurgent enemy forces.

The Soldiers had to enter and clear rooms, control the crowd and evacuate the injured.

The exercise was prompted by convoys being ambushed in Iraq and changes in the Army in general with the concept of warrior ethos, said Command Sgt. Maj. David Grubb, command sergeant major, 1st Bn., 305th Armor Regt. (Training Support).

"The scenario comes from a lot of things — doctrine, accounts of what happened to units coming back from Iraq and a little imagination — (we) combined all of that into this," said Capt. Mark Olin, infantry team chief, 1st Bn., 305th Armor Regt. (Training Support).

"There's little bits and pieces of real life from the past two years combined into it," he said. "There's an American fighting for the (opposing force) Army; there are civilians and media on the battlefield."

"This training gives you a real-world sense of what's going on without the bullets flying, so you get an idea of what's going on when you get in country," Turks said.

Normally the quartermasters perform a supply and support mission. They set up in an occupied area to feed, clothe and resupply Soldiers so they can be sent back to the front, Turks said.

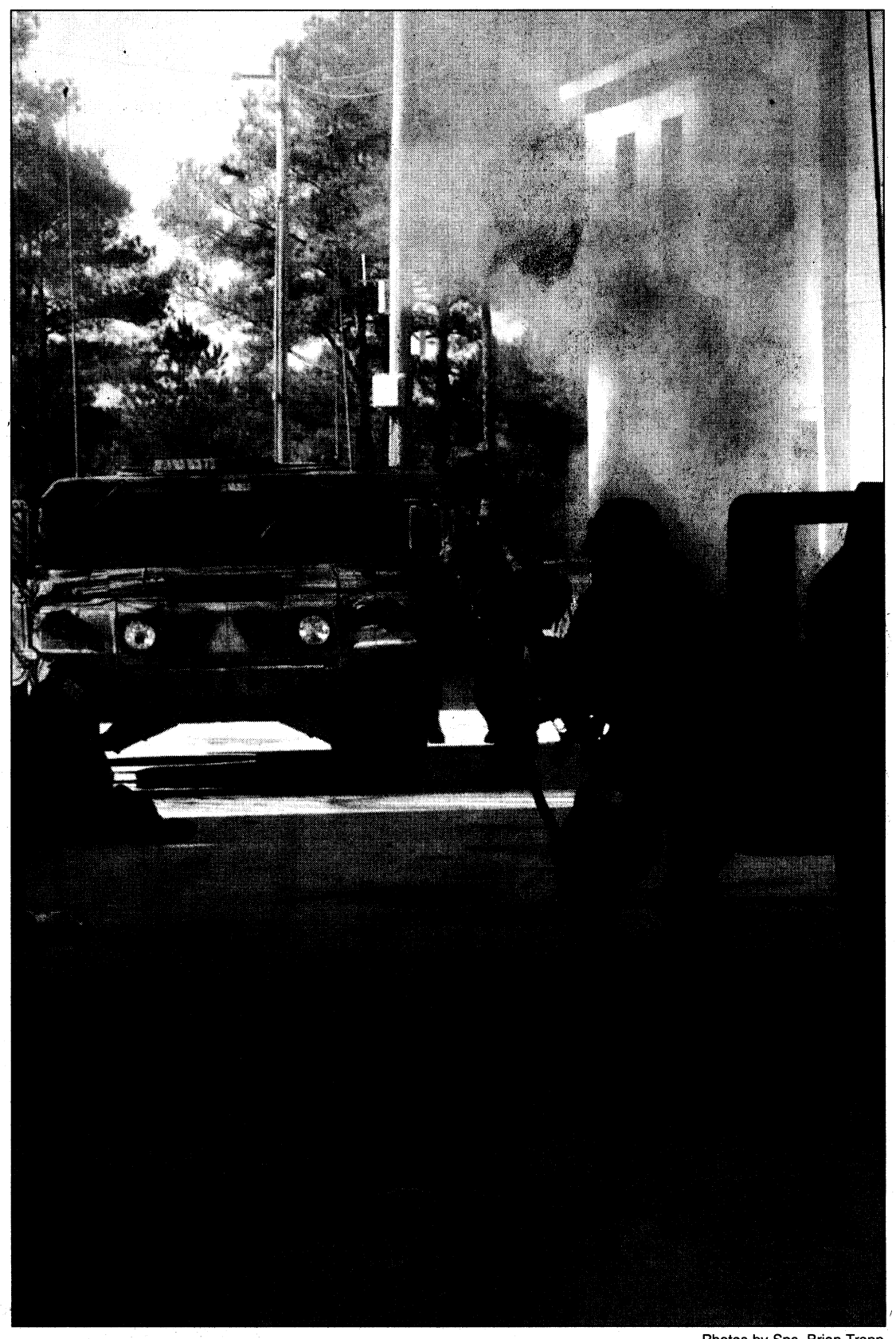
"For our first time doing this thing, we did well," Turks said. "This isn't part of our mission or part of our tactical exercise.

"This is the first we've done convoy training and movement to contact with clearing rooms," he said.

"This is like their graduation for convoy maneuver training," Grubb said. "This is all new. The (majority) of these Soldiers have (never) done this before."

The training also provided a general preparation for Soldiers with "non-specific" military occupational specialty training for entering operations overseas, Grubb said.

"Physically, this training isn't extremely challenging, but mentally it's very difficult. There are a lot of variables in a free tactical environment," Olin said. "Honestly, the most beneficial aspect is the free play they have here. We've had them in lock-step with drill up until now. They can apply what they've learned."



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Reserve and National Guard Soldiers react to an ambush on their convoy during deployment preparation Tuesday.



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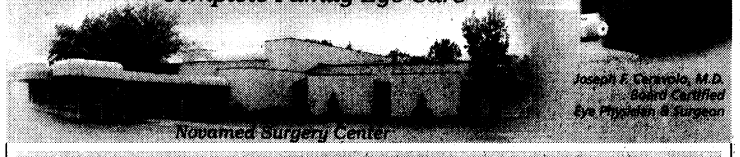

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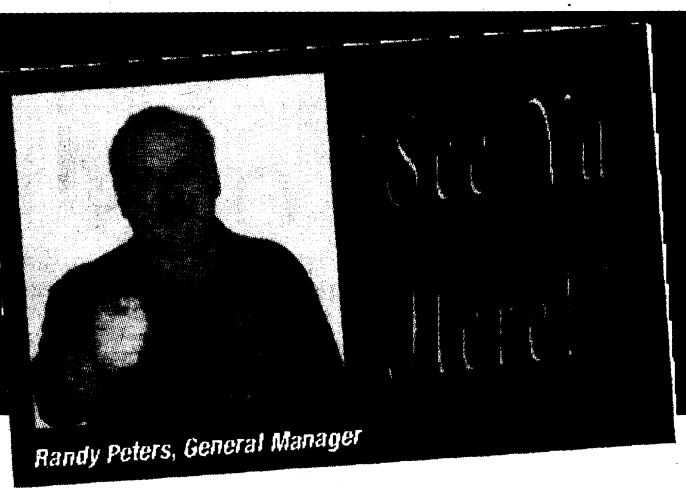

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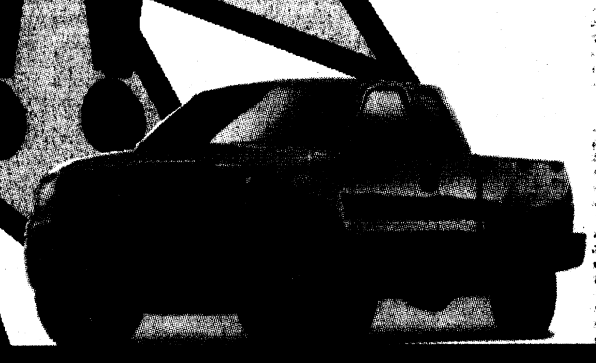

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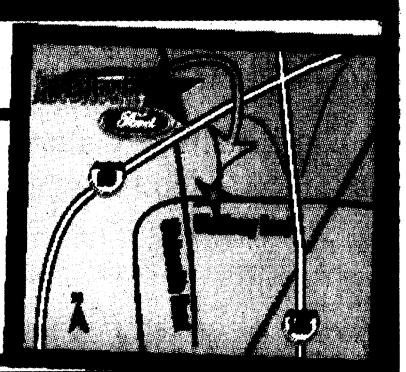

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THE BAYONET
Friday, Jan. 23, 2004

High school transition time

Whoever heard of options? When it comes to high schools, Muscogee County offers an abundance of choices for upcoming freshmen. There are eight — count them! — eight public high schools. Take your pick.

Ah, but there's a catch. There's always a catch.

Fort Benning students are zoned to attend Spencer High School on Victory Drive. If they want to attend another public school, they must be accepted into the school's magnet program.

The magnet school concept, now in its 12th year locally, is designed to allow students to pursue a specialized field of study along with the state's required curriculum. If Johnny thinks he'd like to pursue a military career like his father, he might opt to apply to Spencer's Justice and Military Professional Academy. Oh, he'll still carry a load of English, math and science, just like you and I did. But along with the "core curriculum," he'll take classes that will give him a head start should he follow through with his plans. That's the basic idea behind magnet schools.

Another catch: Fort Benning students attending Columbus schools other than Spencer must be willing to navigate the bus system or work out their own travel arrangements. All students, no matter which magnet they attend, will be picked up at the same bus stop each morning.

Their bus will cart them to a site in Columbus, where they'll board another bus bound for their school. It's much like any metro system, but less complicated. They'll get the knack of it faster than you can spell m-a-g-n-e-t.

Here's a brief description of the choices your eighth-grader should be considering right about now:

Carver High School Integrated Math, Science and Technology Magnet: *Living to learn, learning to live.*
Location: 3100 8th St.
Staff: Principal Joseph Saulsbury, Assistant Principal Vicki Hardaway
Contact: 649-0689 or 649-0930
Highlights:
- internships in the areas of ecology, astronomy and medicine
- mentor scientists and mathematicians

Awards:
- $1.1 million in scholarships awarded to the class of 2002
- student-designed experiment was selected to fly on the space shuttle
- class of 2003 scored 100 percent in science, writing, math and English on Georgia High School Graduation Test, the only school in the state to have 100 percent of students pass the science portion

Qualifications:
- successful completion of Algebra 1
- a cumulative average of 3.0 or above in all science and math courses
- recommendation from science and math teachers
- interview
- acceptable scores on standardized tests

Requirements:
- seniors develop an in-depth research project
- seniors must present a seminar
- all students are required to complete 20 hours of community service
- all students must participate in at least one competition
- participation in the Energy Awareness Competition is mandatory

What students are saying: Amanda Williams, sophomore: "It has a family-like atmosphere. I've had a lot of opportunities in many programs, like the Service Learning Program at CSU."
Open house: March 18, 6 p.m.

Columbus High School Liberal Arts Magnet
Location: 1700 Cherokee Ave.
Staff: Principal Susan Bryant, assistants Judy Whitt and Melvin Blackwell
Contact: Janice Hudson, magnet director, 649-0701
Highlights:
- Columbus is a total magnet, unlike the other high schools, which have an academy housed within a regular high school.
- Columbus' magnet offers a "well-rounded, flexible curriculum, designed to prepare students for college," said Bryant.

History: Established in 1892, Columbus is the oldest accredited high school in Georgia. The magnet was established 12 years ago.
Alumni: Carson McCullers, author; Dan Amos, chairman and CEO of AFLAC; Frank Thomas of the Chicago White Sox; and Sam Mitchell of the Minnesota Timberwolves
Student-teacher ratio: 25-1
Enrollment: 1,245
Awards:
- Page One math winner for past four years
- first place in the CSU Math Tournament and the Georgia Southwestern Math Tournament
- first in region in Science Olympiad
- women's golf state champs 1999-2002

Qualifications:
- application with copy of eighth-grade report card signed by counselor
- at least a B average
- recommendation from counselor, English and math teacher
- entrance exam

Requirements:
- maintain a C average or better
- must complete summer reading and math work
- must complete 20 hours of community service each year
- intensive senior project

Open house: Feb. 10 and 12, 7 p.m.

Jordan Vocational High School
Location: 3200 Howard Ave.
Staff: Principal Dr. Charles Kelley, assistants Cenobia Moore and Larry Laney
Contact: Counselor Barbara Thompson, 649-0951 or 649-0769
Highlights:
- Jordan offers a variety of academies with an emphasis on technology, including building science and construction, metals, nursing, woodwork, architecture and automotive
- each year, students help build a house for the less fortunate with the Columbus Housing Initiative
- students repair homes for the House of Heroes program
- apprenticeships available
- Jordan will offer a culinary arts academy next year
- advanced placement college-level classes available

Enrollment: less than 900
Student-teacher ratio: 20-1
What students are saying: Mathew Woody, freshman, whose brother received a full college scholarship from Jordan: "I just think it has a very good program. We have a lot of competitions and a lot of opportunities for hands-on training."
Open house: Feb. 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; group or individual tours available upon request

Northside Engineering and Engineering Design Academy
Location: Veterans Parkway
Staff: Principal Dr. Renee Mallory, magnet coordinator Dr. Michael Edmondson
Contact: Dr. Renee Mallory, 649-1950
Highlights:
- Northside is Muscogee County's newest high school and currently has only three grades (next year's seniors will be the school's first graduating class)
- Northside is already near capacity
- curriculum, called Project Lead the Way, established through the Rochester Institute of Technology
- students are strongly encouraged to engage in one-week summer programs

Qualifications:
- 3.0 GPA and score Stanine in math
- eighth-grade Algebra is a must
- an interview may be required
- students must complete community service

Open house: Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m.

Kendrick High School Business, Banking and Finance Magnet
Location: 6015 Georgetown Road
Staff: Principal Dr. Edward Barnwell, assistants Jeanette Schomburg and Willie Watts
Contact: James Special, magnet director, 569-2532
Enrollment: 1,000
Requirements:
- Must maintain a 2.5 GPA
- Must complete 20 hours of community service each year

Open house: March 4, 7 p.m.

Spencer High School Justice and Military Professional Academy: *Integrity, Leadership, Service*
Location: 4340 Victory Drive
Staff: Principal Olivia Rutledge
Contact: Virginia Toelle, 685-7652, ext. 124
Program:
- Fort Benning students are automatically assigned to Spencer unless they choose a magnet.
- Students assigned to the school who wish to attend the academy must apply for admission.

Requirements:
- students must maintain 80 percent average in all classes and a 95 percent attendance average and have no discipline problems
- they must complete 50 hours of community service each year

Qualifications:
- counselor recommendation required
- one-page essay required

Open house: Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.

Shaw High School Global Media Resources Academy
Location: 7601 Schomburg Road
Staff: Principal James Arnold
Contact: 569-2576
Highlights:
- students can participate in the WSHS daily broadcast, *Silver Star* and *Images* print mediums, the Raiders News Network

Web site: http://shawhs.schoolwires.com/shaw
Requirements:
- 3.0 GPA in middle school core curriculum
- copy of report card signed by counselor
- teacher recommendation
- good discipline and attendance record
- interview

Open house: Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Hardaway High School International Baccalaureate: *Creative, Active, Service*
Location: 2901 College Drive
Staff: Principal Keith Seifert,
Contact: Ethelyn Riley, IB coordinator, 649-0748
Program:
- Hardaway's IB program meets international academic standards recognized by colleges and universities around the world
- designed for "geographically mobile" students

Enrollment: 1,200
Requirements:
- juniors and seniors must complete community service
- must be active in extracurricular activities

Qualifications:
- acceptable scores on standardized tests
- good attendance record
- four teacher recommendations
- on-site writing sample

Open house: Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m.



VA to pay insurance dividends

Georgia WWII veterans to get money

Department of Veterans Service

During 2004, the U.S. States Department of Veterans Affairs will pay some $10.7 million in dividends to about 29,500 Georgia veterans still holding an active VA life insurance policy.

"These dividends are made possible because veterans are living longer than originally predicted and the insurance trust funds are earning higher yields from investment in long-term United States Government Securities," said Georgia Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, Pete Wheeler.

Wheeler reminded policyholders that dividends will be automatically credited on the 2004 anniversary date of their policies.

Policyholders may choose to receive a dividend check or select one of nine alternate payment options.

But Wheeler cautioned veterans, "Only policies that have been kept in force will receive an annual dividend distribution." He also reminded policyholders that an individual's dividend amount will vary according to age, type of insurance and duration of the policy.

Government life insurance policies were issued to veterans of World Wars I and II and the Korean War who served between 1917 and 1956. Government insurance programs that do not pay dividends cover veterans of subsequent eras.

The largest group of Georgia veterans receiving payments will be some 24,600 veterans of World War II with National Service Life Insurance policies. They will receive an average payment of $360. Total payments are expected to reach more than $8.8 million.

Dividends totaling about $36,000 will be paid to 210 Georgians holding U.S. Government Life Insurance policies that were issued between 1919 and 1940.

Some 3,800 Georgia veterans who maintained their Veterans Special Life Insurance policies will share approximately $1.6 million in dividends.

About $250,000 will be paid to some 890 Georgia veterans holding Veterans Reopened Insurance policies.

Nationwide, VA will distribute about $517 in dividends to some 1.45 million active policyholders.

Although VA also administers a special life insurance program for disabled veterans and a program offering mortgage life insurance coverage, neither pays dividends. Dividends are also not paid for active-duty service members and reservists holding a Servicemen's Group Life Insurance.

Rumors occasionally surface that Congress has approved special dividends or refunds for holders of SGLI.

"This hoax has plagued VA for the past 40 years," Wheeler said. "Congress has proposed no legislation to change the dividend payments. VA's legitimate insurance dividends are paid annually automatically — no application is required."

Veterans who have questions about their policy can call the VA Insurance Center toll-free at (800) 669-8477 or e-mail their question to VAinsurance@vba.va.gov.

BIRTHS

Boys

Eric Martin Parsley II — born Dec. 31 to Angela and Staff Sgt. Eric Parsley.

Brennan Andrew Davis — born Jan. 1 to Melissa and Staff Sgt. Robert Davis.

Thomas Thorpe Pritchard Jr. — born Jan. 1 to Sedia and Staff Sgt. Thomas Pritchard.

Andre Matthew Riley — born Jan. 2 to Spc. Wendy Riley.

Braden Daniel Heiser — born Jan. 3 to Jessica and Spc. Chad Heiser.

Myron Lewis Stevenson — born Jan. 4 to Pfc. Janette Johnson and Myron Stevenson.

Girls

Kendria Iyona Graham — born Jan. 1 to Spc. Kendra Graham.

Alejandra Belicia Whipkey — born Jan. 1 to Spc. Bertha and Brady Whipkey.

Serah Emeri Li Wilson — born Jan. 2 to Angela and 1st Sgt. Erik Wilson.

Skyler Gracen Phillips Gurr — born Jan. 2 to Holly and Spc. Christopher Gurr.

Jade Laura Marie Annan — born Jan. 3 to Beulah and Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Annan.

Madison Marie Muth — born Jan. 3 to Jeanne and Staff Sgt. Lance Muth.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Refuse and recycle pick-up — There will be no yard waste, refuse or recycle pick-ups in family housing Feb. 16. The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be on the following Monday, Feb. 23.

Areas normally scheduled for refuse or recycle pick-ups on Mondays will be picked up Feb. 17. Refuse and recycle collections for Feb. 17-20 will occur as normally scheduled.

For more information, call 545-4232.

Military citizenship day — The Atlanta District Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) is planning a Military Citizenship Day for Feb. 27. The ceremony will be held in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall at 1 p.m.

Military personnel that have applied for citizenship prior to Aug. 1, 2003 are encouraged to contact their personnel officers and request that their name be submitted for consideration.

Military dependents that have applied prior to January 2003 are requested to fax their Notice of Action Form I-797C to 404-331-6031, also for consideration to: Community Liaison Officer, Bill Castro.

Tricare survey — The Tricare Management Activity has contracted with a survey research firm in the Washington, D.C. area, to conduct a telephone survey (a legitimate and important survey) of TRICARE beneficiaries on behalf of the Communications and Customer Service Directorate.

The survey will gather information about beneficiary information needs, preferred sources, and information-seeking strategies. Results will be used to develop a new national suite of beneficiary education products and services.

Pilot testing started Tuesday and full survey operations to be conducted between Monday and Feb. 18. The study design calls for 10-minute phone interviews with representatives from five groups:

- active duty,
- active duty family members,
- retirees and their family members under age 65,
- retirees and their family members 65 and over, and
- spouses of activated Reserve Component members.

The goal is 3,400 completed interviews, which might require calling approximately 10,000 beneficiaries.

For more information call Mr. Chuck Watkins, (703) 681-1770 or customer.research@tma.osd.mil <

Women's Conference — Fort Benning Women's Conference will address challenges that military wives face and offer constructive advice to promote a sense of camaraderie in the community.

The conference is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 10. Attendees will pay $12, child care is available. Registration ends Feb. 7.

For more information, call Kim Akers 689-3263 or Carrie Snyder at 689-9629.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The AA meetings support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

HOPE Grant Program — The HOPE Grant Program will pay all tuition and fees for diploma and certificate programs at Columbus Technical College and up to $100 per quarter for textbooks for all active-duty military and their family members. Civilian employees are also eligible if they are Georgia residents and have a Georgia driver's license.

For more information, call Clovie Quick at 545-9848 or 545-9864 or e-mail him, quick2325@aol.com or clovie.c.quick@us.army.mil

ACS Lending Closet — The purpose of the Army Community Service Lending Closet is to lend household goods to soldiers and their families who are awaiting receipt of their household goods or preparing to PCS. For more information, call 545-4485.

Student rewards — Students in sixth through eighth grades wishing to participate in the "You Made the Grade" program can bring their B-average or better report cards into the Main Mall Post Exchange to exchange for a coupon book with savings of more than $50 on items such as shoes, fragrances or fast food. Entry forms for U.S. savings bonds drawings are included in the package.

AAFES awards savings bonds totaling $10,000 to three students each quarter. Winners are selected randomly in January, April, July and October. For more information, call the PX at 682-0826.

off post

Free trees — Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January.

The 10 trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Washington Hawthorns, two American Redbuds and two Kousa Dogwoods.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 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 to receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Jan. 31, or go online to arborday.org.

Chance to win Harley Davidson Sportster — Habitat for Humanity of Russell County, Ala. will give away a 100th anniversary Harley Davidson Sportster.

Tickets for donations of $100 will be available until Thursday.

A drawing will be held at the annual Phenix City, Russell County Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Central High School cafetorium Thursday. Money from this proceed will be used to renovate the Pearce Building in memory of the late Judge Wayne Johnson. Winner need not be present to win.

Tickets are available at the following locations: Phenix-Girard Bank, Colonial Bank, Habitat for Humanity of Russell County office, Habitat board members, Russell County Bar Association, Phenix City, Russell County Chamber of Commerce, Auburn Bank (located in Wal-Mart Supercenter), CB&T county offices and *The Phenix Citizen*.

For more information, call 297-2174.

Infantry Band — The Infantry Center Band Chamber Music Group will perform at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 2101 Wildwood Avenue.

The event is open to the public.

For more information, call 545-5313.

Diabetes course — The Georgia Extension Services announces its annual staff development course, Diabetes 301, designed especially for school system personnel who work with children who have diabetes.

Diabetes 301 will be held Saturday and Feb. 12 at the Columbus Government Center Annex. Pre-registration is required in order to have adequate supplies. The course uses a hands-on, workshop approach.

The course costs $15.

To register, call 653-4200 or e-mail Joanne Cavis at uge2215@uga.edu and request a syllabus and registration form.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

■ **Monday:** hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, fresh roll, fruit, milk

■ **Tuesday:** steak sandwich, scalloped potatoes, veggie sticks and dip, fruit, milk

■ **Wednesday:** lasagna, garden salad, seasoned corn, garlic toast, fruit, milk

■ **Thursday:** corn dog, potato wedges, broccoli, fruit, milk

■ **Friday:** baked chicken, steamed rice and gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk

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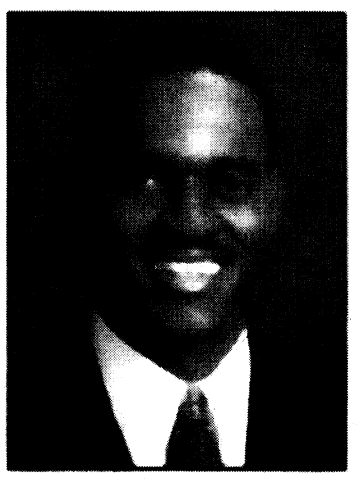
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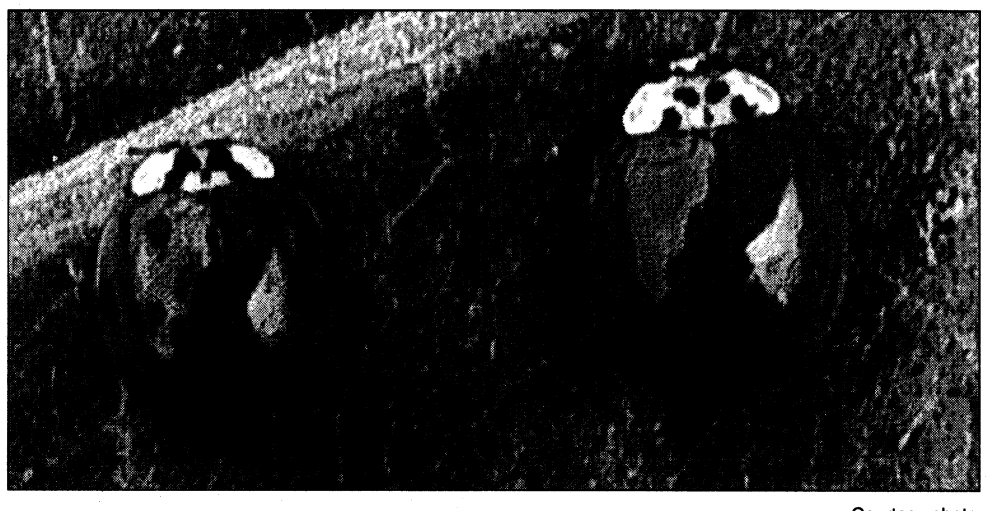

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Look familiar? Asian lady beetles have invaded post.

Bugs, bugs, bugs! They're everywhere: Crawling on the windows, crawling on the walls, and hanging out on the side of the building. Contrary to popular belief, these pesky critters are not ladybugs and they are quite useful to agriculture, despite their annoyances.

Lately, there have been numerous calls to the Pest Management Section concerning ladybugs and the control of them.

Remember that the multicolored Asian lady beetles are really only a pest by their presence. They do not feed on or damage anything in the home. They do not carry diseases or sting, nor can they breed indoors. However, when large numbers of them take up residence in a home, they will crawl all over the walls, windows, light fixtures and any other surface.

There are several versions of the common name of this insect.

It has been called the multicolored Asian ladybird beetle, multicolored Asian lady beetle and even the Halloween beetle. The scientific name of this insect is Harmonia axyridis.

These little bugs, called Asian lady beetles, came to the United States as a biological control agent to deal with soft bodied insects on trees and plants. However, they spread rapidly to other portions of the country. Both adult and immature multicolored Asian ladybugs kill significant numbers of plant and tree pests, especially aphids (soft-bodied insects that are often found in large numbers sucking the sap from stems or leaves of plants).

But how do we tell the difference between a ladybug and an Asian lady beetle?

Adult Asian lady beetles are oval, convex, about quarter-inch long, and pale yellow-orange to dark orange-red. The Asian lady beetle can be identified with a marking similar to the letter "M" on the midsection of the insect, or a beetle with between 0 and 19 spots. The regular-to-irregular shaped "M" marking will usually be comprised of several small black spots fused together. Ladybugs are not usually identified with this distinctive marking.

During the fall and early winter when the weather is cooler, the multicolored Asian lady beetles start congregating on the south side of buildings in large numbers and enter buildings for protection against the weather. The beetles do this because in their homeland they inhabit tall cliffs over winter in order to remain alive. There are no tall cliffs on Fort Benning, so the next best thing is a building. An important behavioral characteristic of Asian lady beetles is that they often seek hibernation sites in and around buildings, whereas native lady beetle species typically spend winter in sheltered sites outdoors.

Eventually they work their way into the building through small cracks or crevices or natural breaks in the windowpanes, door jambs or foundations as the temperatures decrease. Once inside the building, they hibernate until the first warm days of late winter or early spring, when they seem to come to life again and begin crawling about.

If the temperatures where the beetles are hibernating get near 50 degrees F, some beetles will wake up and begin crawling around. When they become active in the late winter, they often find themselves inside the home rather than outside. At this time they are merely looking for a way to escape to the out-of-doors.

This reawakening may take place over several weeks, depending on temperatures and the size of the population. As soon as the weather warms in the spring, the multicolored Asian lady beetles begin emerging from their winter quarters. They will continue to do this until they have all departed for the season. After they leave, they will look for food and mate, and the females will begin laying eggs on foliage. A short time later both males and females die.

Because the lady beetle is a tree-dwelling insect, homes and buildings near forested areas are especially prone to infestation.

When multicolored Asian lady beetles are agitated they give off a yellowish fluid that has a faint, foul odor. This is a defensive reaction to ward off predators but it does not affect humans. It is called "reflex bleeding." The liquid is exuded from its legs and it can stain. The beetles also release a pheromone that attracts more beetles to the same area. Although it may bite, it does not injure humans nor can it breed or reproduce indoors.

Even though there are measures that can be taken to eliminate the beetles as they appear inside, the long-term solution to eliminating a beetle "problem" is prevention. Once lady bugs have become established in the home, there aren't a lot of treatment options. There are not a lot of recommended chemical measures at this point.

Beetles can be prevented from entering buildings by caulking or sealing cracks and crevices. Beetles already inside can be physically removed by sweeping them or vacuuming. Be sure to empty the vacuum bags afterward. Do not kill the beetles. Just release them outdoors underneath a shrub or tree away from the area.

Insecticides are not recommended for use indoors. Through chemical usage, beetles wandering around at the time of treatment may be killed, but there are no practical, cost-effective methods of getting to areas where the hibernating beetles have massed.

Outdoors, preventative measures include monitoring the south side of buildings for swarming beetles.

These are areas where they will collect prior to moving into hibernation sites. If it is practical, caulk obvious cracks and spaces where the beetles can gain access, check attic vent screens and repair if necessary, caulk wherever a pipe, conduit, telephone or cable TV wire goes through the siding, and ensure that the weather seal on basement windows is tight.

For more information, call the Environmental Management Division at 545-3224.

Districts support military students

Two counties agree to help with transition

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

In a series of school board meetings, representatives of local school districts are signing a memorandum of agreement designed to build a network of support to help ease the transition of military families.

The memorandum is the result of the Secondary Education Transition Study conducted by the Military Child Education Coalition in 1999. Fort Benning and Muscogee County Public schools were among the initial participants in the study and were original signatories of the memorandum.

On Dec. 11, the Harris County School Board agreed to sign, then Russell County, Ala., on Jan. 14, expanding the network further. Phenix City considered the agreement Jan. 20, said Fort Benning Schools Liaison Officer, DeWayne Baldwin, who proposed the agreement to neighboring districts.

"Whenever a school system takes the initiative to place the needs of military children at the forefront of their educational agendas," Baldwin said, "we need to give them credit."

He said there are approximately 8,000 military children in schools at Fort Benning and in the six neighboring counties. Muscogee County has about 3,300; Russell and Phenix City counties, about 300 each; Lee County, about 200; Harris County, about 60; and Chattahoochee County, at least two.

The numbers, Baldwin said, are based on impact aid forms and will vary from year to year.

Baldwin's goal is to have all the districts sign the agreement.

"If we can get 100 percent, it's great. I love the idea of supporting military kids."

Once districts sign, it's up to Baldwin to work with the district to create a local action plan, in which the district identifies which of the SETS "Best and Promising Practices" need to be implemented.

While many of the practices are geared primarily for secondary schools, many are valid for the elementary grades also.

- Schools signing agree to:
- improve the timely transfer of records,
- develop systems to ease student transition during the first two weeks of school,
- foster success to extra-curricular programs,
- communicate variations in school calendars and schedules,
- create and implement professional development systems,
- continue strong child-centered partnerships between the installation and the supporting schools and
- Provide information concerning graduation requirements.

Each district will have a unique local action plan, because not all will need to put the same programs into place. Baldwin will begin work with Harris County in March to develop its plan.

Baldwin said he is working especially close with Chattahoochee County, which Tuesday evening agreed to sign the memo, because of its new high school.

"I'd like to have the programs in place even before the school opens so they won't have to worry about the transition issue," he said.

"If we can tell parents that the district is attuned to the needs of military children, they'll be more willing to live there."

Baldwin said he has received a great deal of support from the local districts, in large part because there are a lot of retired Soldiers and military spouses in the classrooms and on the school boards.

Benning Backstage plans new production for May

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Benning's Backstage, Fort Benning's own dinner theater group, is preparing for auditions for its third production, *California Suite* by Neil Simon.

The play is a comedy based on a hotel room and deals with situations that four different sets of characters get themselves into while visiting California.

Benning's Backstage is looking for six women from 20 to 50 years old, and five men from 20 to 60 years old to play a variety of parts for this production.

"We'll take seasoned actors, amateur actors and even someone who has never been in a play before," said Peggy Cornwell, producer and director. "There's no acting experience required. People are trainable."

The auditions will be cold readings from the script, no monologue needed.

"The auditions will be very easy, and I'll make it as comfortable as possible," Cornwell said. "It will be easy and non-stressful; people should just come and have fun."

The auditions will be 7 p.m. March 22 and 23 at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. Show dates will be May 21, 22, 28 and 29.

Backstage crew and dinnertime performers are still needed. For the dinnertime performers the group is looking for musicians, singers or even a magician.

For information, call Cornwell at 689-4342.

EVERYBODY'S ALL-AMERICAN

National Pie Day celebrates favorites

Donna Budjenska
Bayonet staff

Today is National Pie Day, as proclaimed by the American Pie Council. That's right: there is an American Pie Council.

But that's not the issue; pie is. And today is the day to celebrate it, in all its wondrous variety. Bake a pie, share a pie and definitely, most importantly, eat a piece of pie. Why?

Why not?

Isn't there something wonderful about a day dedicated to nothing more ambitious than enjoying a time-honored American dessert? It's low-key, no pressure and nothing but gratifying.

There aren't even any greeting cards associated with National Pie Day.

Just pie.

The American Pie Council's Web site (www.piecouncil.org) details ideas for how to observe National Pie Day and even gives a brief history of pies. It's worth mentioning at this point that, if you're anticipating National Pie Day, you'll really get worked up over the Great American Pie Festival, scheduled this year for April 15-18 in Celebration, Fla.

If you want to observe National Pie Day by baking a pie but want to try something other than a family favorite, numerous online sites offer recipes (www.pierecipe.com, www.fatfree.com/recipes/pies and www.pastrywiz.com are a few). If your ambitions don't run that way, the grocery store's frozen food section has some classics of its own.

And don't overlook the tricommunity's offerings, as local cafes and restaurants serve up at least a few varieties of pie.

Ah, pie. It's everybody's all-American.

Fort Benning Army Family Action Plan

AFAP is a powerful, grassroots process that provides a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues that concern America's Army Family.

For more information and to be a part of this process, pease contact the Fort Benning AFAP Office at 545-5377 or aftb@benning.army.mil.

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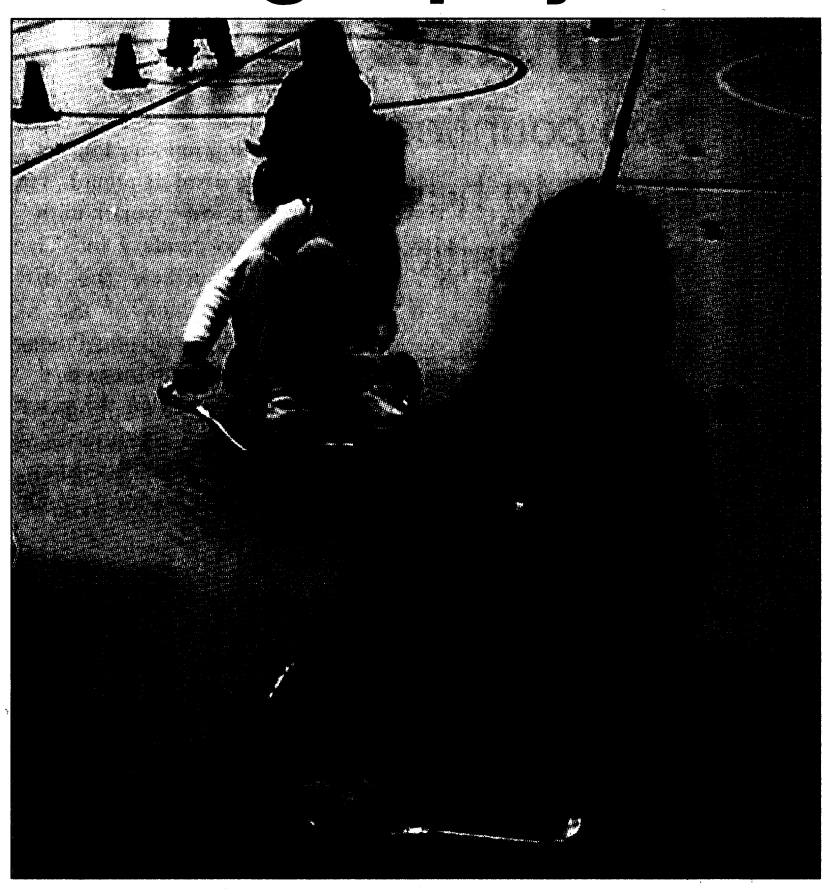

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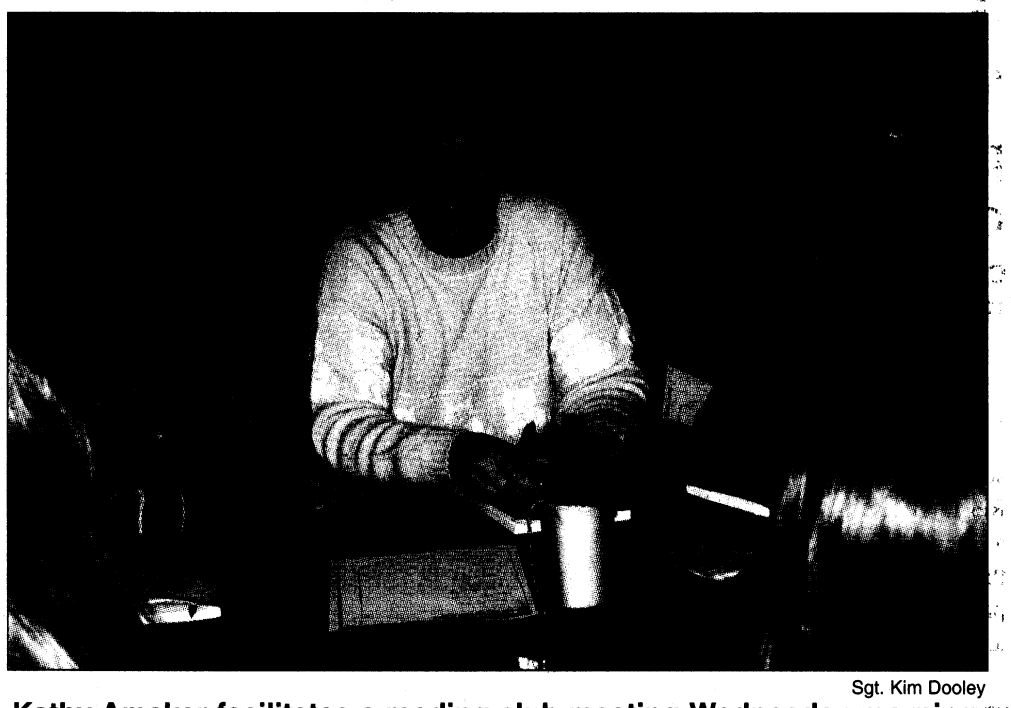
Stowers Elementary School invited families to celebrate of Family P.E. Night Jan. 15. The annual event, organized by Stowers' P.E. teacher, Becky Archilla, included a variety of physical activities for students, their parents and siblings to choose from. Stations included tumbling, cupstacking and jump rope. Achilla said the event was intended to get the families involved and to teach the children to stay active and lead a healthy lifestyle.

Oprah influences school club

Book clubs encourage reading

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Kathy Amaker facilitates a reading club meeting Wednesday morning.

Who would have thought Oprah Winfrey would be responsible for Stowers Elementary School's fifth-graders getting excited about the written word? Probably not many.

But an idea borrowed from Winfrey's television show has prompted her students to read more avidly, said Stowers fifth-grade teacher Andrea Chambers.

Chambers said she adopted the show's roundtable book club format, because she thought it would get the children more interested in reading.

"At first I didn't think it would really catch on," she confessed, "but they love it. And they're reading a lot of books they never would have picked up in the library before."

Chambers said the children are given six weeks total to read their books.

"They are able to read on their own," she said. "They choose the time and place."

They meet with their reading clubs at the three- and six-week marks.

Parents serve as facilitators at these meetings. Chambers said she has about 10 volunteers.

"We get together and discuss the books — were there confusing parts, what did they like best about it, what would they change," explained Miranda McQuown, a parent facilitator.

"The children really seem to enjoy it," she said.

McQuown said the program is also beneficial to the students' parents.

"Parents play a very important role in any school system," she said. "Their participation gets the children more interested and gives them bonding time."

McQuown said her daughter, Raven Franklin, has always been a "reader," but being involved in the reading club has brought them closer together.

"Often, our lives get so busy — especially as a military wife — and it gives us time for just the two of us," she said. "Getting to read together is her favorite thing about the reading club."

Pets of the Week





Photos by Spc. Brian Trapp

This cat and dog are just a few of the animals available for adoption at the Vet Clinic. For more information, call 545-4444.





Times of difficulty can be turned around

'Chapel Mom' provides touch of home

Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Yates
11th Infantry Regiment

Every Sunday, the 11th Infantry Regiment Chapel is full of students attending the Regiment's various schools. As a chaplain, I would like to think they are there to hear me preach. I know better. They are mostly there because of Marianne.

Marianne, or Chapel Mom, as she is affectionately known, has attended the chapel for years. Every Sunday, she and other ladies in the congregation serve refreshments to the attendees after the service.

Once I asked her how this tradition started. She told me that about six years ago, her husband, a retired command sergeant major, died. Many friends of the family brought desserts to the home and offered her comfort during her time of loss. The next day, Marianne wondered what she was going to do with all the food. It occurred to her that the students going through schools might enjoy the cakes and other desserts. So she brought them to chapel.

When she saw the students' response, she decided to do the same thing the next Sunday, starting the tradition that's still going today.

Every Saturday, Marianne and other women in the congregation bake cakes, make pudding and buy drinks and other goodies for the students who attend the chapel. The majority of people attending the chapel are away from home. Marianne and the other ladies provide a much-needed touch of home while the men and women are separated from loved ones.


Yates

It is not surprising that the students ask Marianne on a regular basis to attend their graduations.

On many occasions, she has pinned the Airborne wings on a new graduate because, as the Soldier said, "I won't have any family there, and I would like you to do it. You have been my family here."

When I think of what Marianne has meant to so many of the young Soldiers who have passed through the 11th Inf. Regt., I am reminded of a Bible verse in which the Apostle Paul tells the Christians in Corinth that through Christ, God can cause the things that cause us pain, the difficulties in our lives, for good. If we allow him to, God can work in these "weaknesses" and demonstrate his strength through them. He can give us the strength to minister to others.

That is exactly what Chapel Mom did.

When her husband died, she took a time of difficulty and weakness and turned it into something good. Surely, we see the work of God in her. He has given her the strength to do what she does.

Thanks for the example, Chapel Mom.

REFLECTIONS

CHAPEL NOTES

Religious education programs — Religious education programs and sacramental programs for all ages are available.

Volunteers are needed to fill positions of catechists, co-ordinators and assistants in all areas of religious education.

For more information, call the Religious Education Center at 545-5508, or e-mail WamplerC@benning.army.mil.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Fort Benning's Protestant Women of the Chapel meet at Custer Terrace Chapel from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursdays. Child care is provided.

The Bible studies are: Covenant, Creative Counterpart, A Woman of Value and Breaking Free.

For more information, call Natalie Rauch at 221-5607.

Sunday School — Are you looking for a way to experience God's blessings?

The Sunday School ministry needs you. Classes are available for all age groups from preschool to adult. Transportation is available on post if needed.

For more information or to inquire about being a volunteer helper, call the director of religious education at 545-4715 or the Sunday School director, Rosario Seelen, at 682-0102.

Catholic Women of the Chapel — Catholic Women of the Chapel meet the first Friday of each month at Sightseeing Road Chapel at 10 a.m. for business, religious study, rosary and Mass. They also meet the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at TIC annex for Bible study. Child care is provided at both meetings.

For more information, call Theresa McCrackine at 687-0894.

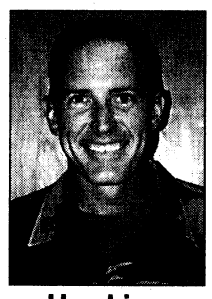
Through challenge, we grow

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Family Life Ministries Center

"That which does not kill me makes me stronger." It was a sign that hung above the door to our Special Forces team room ... and it was the quote that I was sharing with my seventh-grade son after a particularly difficult basketball practice last evening.

We all have challenges and problems, don't we? In fact, the question isn't *if* we'll have challenges in this day — this adventure we call life — it is merely a question of when we'll have challenges, isn't it?

It's often been said that the only people who don't have troubles are gathered in little neighborhoods — we call them cemeteries. If you're breathing, you have difficulties. It's the way of life. And believe it or not, most of your problems can actually be healthy for you. Let me explain ...


Hawkins

Maybe you have seen the Great Barrier Reef, stretching some 1,800 miles from New Guinea to Australia. Tour guides regularly take visitors to view the reef. On one tour, the guide was asked an interesting question.

"I notice that the lagoon side of the reef looks pale and lifeless, while the ocean side is vibrant and colorful," a traveler observed. "Why is this?"

The guide gave an interesting answer: "The coral around the lagoon side is in still water with no challenge for its survival. It dies early. The coral on the ocean side is constantly being tested by wind, waves, storms — surges of power. It has to fight for survival every day of its life. As it is challenged and tested, it changes and adapts. It grows healthy. It grows strong. And it reproduces."

Then he added this telling note: "That's the way it is with every living organism."

That is how it is with people. Challenged and tested, we come alive. Like coral pounded by the sea, we grow. Physical demands can cause us to grow stronger. Mental and emotional stress can produce tough-mindedness and resiliency. Spiritual testing can produce strength of character and faithfulness.

So you have problems. No problem — just tell yourself, "There I grow again."

If there's any way that our team of trained counselors at the Chaplain Family Life Center can help you, or if you desire to grow amidst your challenges, give us a call at 545-1760. We look forward to serving you more in 2004!

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- Friday	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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
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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Dr. Bill Purvis - Senior Pastor
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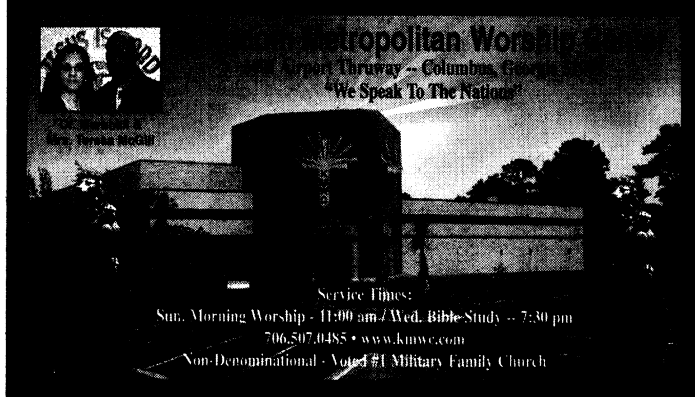

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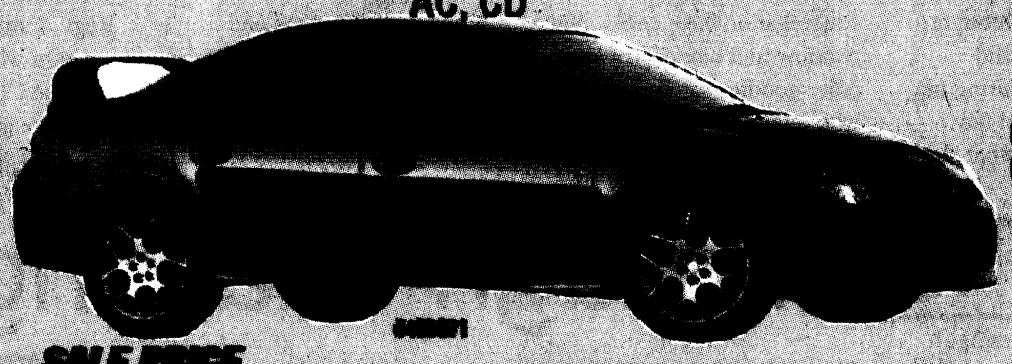

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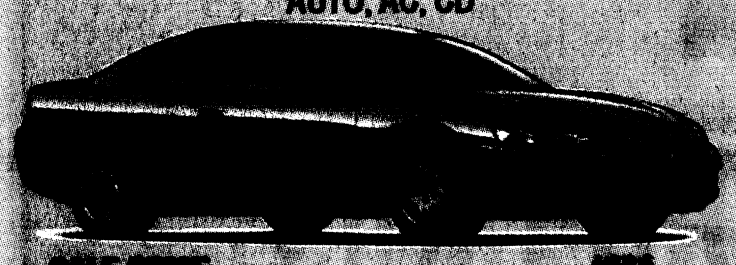

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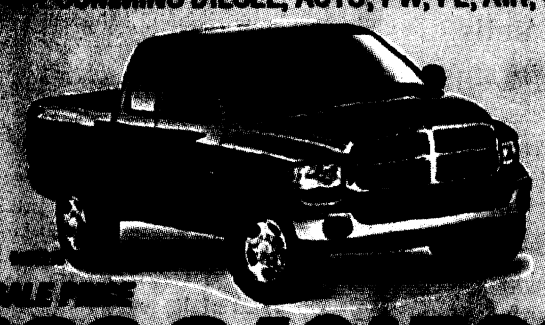

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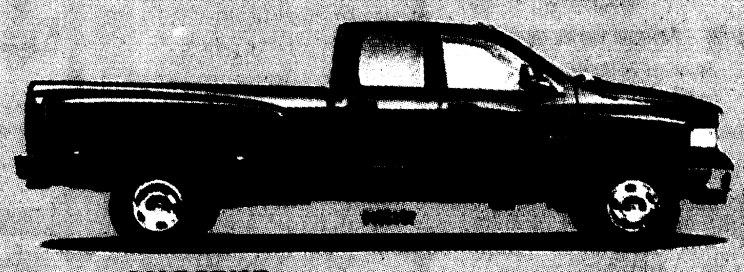

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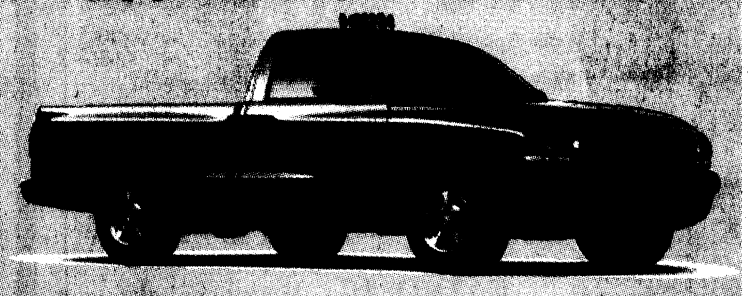

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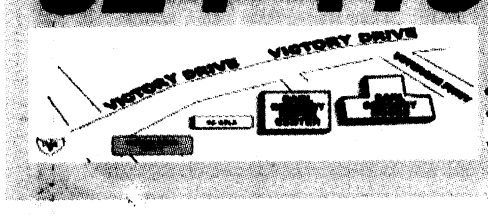

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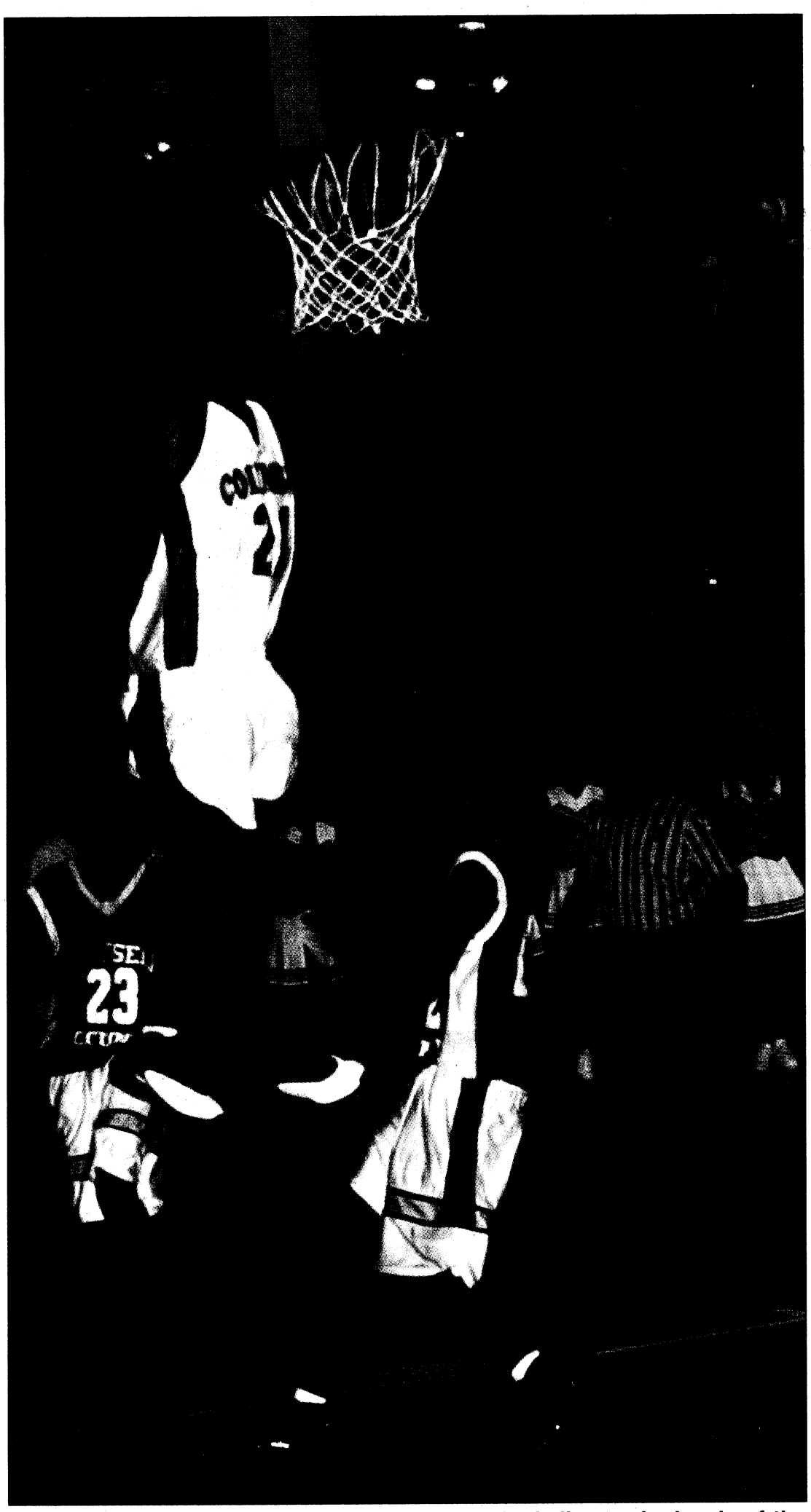
Columbus Blue Devils' Mfrekemfon Akpaninyie dives for the ball, fighting the Russell County Warriors to a 65-45 finish at Columbus High School.

Columbus defeats Russell County



Columbus Blue Devils' Andreas Wright dunks the ball over the heads of the Russell County Warriors Saturday night. Wright scored 9 points overall in the game.

Blue Devils take out Warriors, 65-45

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Columbus Blue Devils boys varsity basketball team defeated the Russell County Warriors, 65-45, Saturday night at Columbus High School.

It didn't look good from the beginning for Russell County, who beat Columbus during their first meeting earlier in the season.

Columbus came into the game playing strong and pulling down rebounds. A strong defense opened up the court for the Blue Devils' offense.

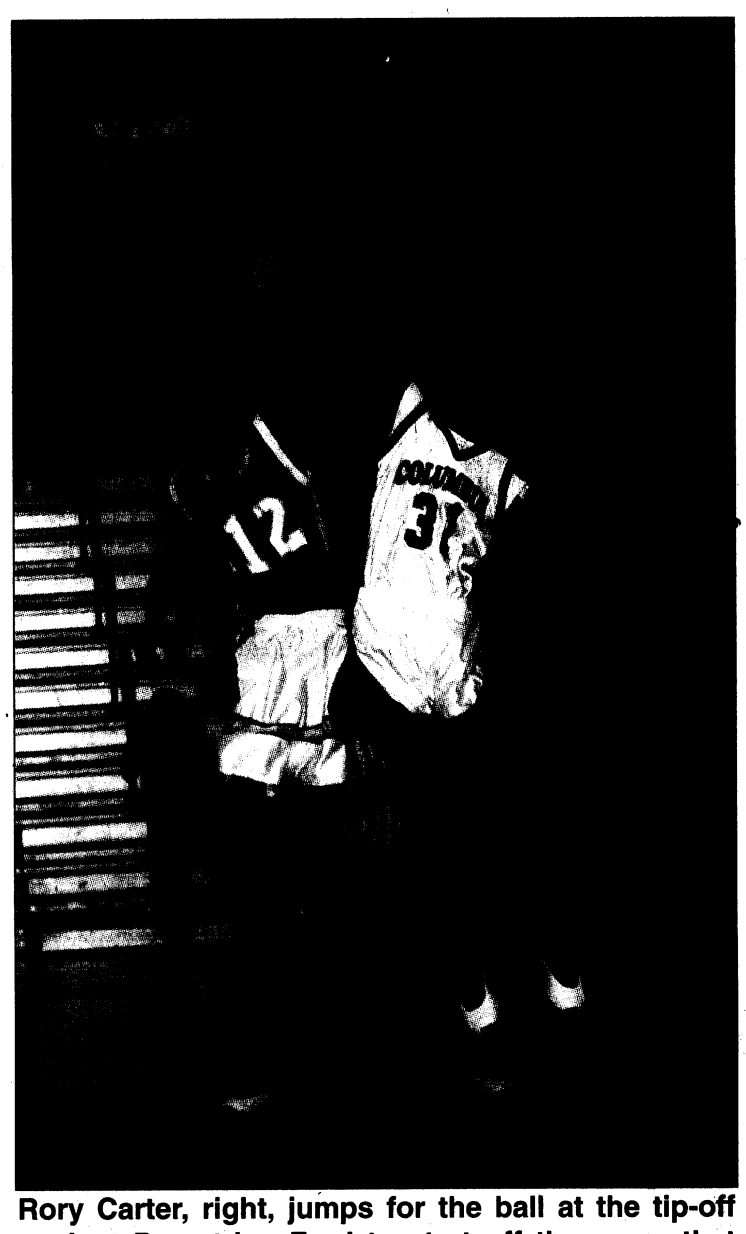
"I thought we got a lot of things out of our press," said Larry Ferrell, Blue Devils coach. "We got some turnovers and created some opportunities, and it brought up the tempo of the game."

In the first period, Russell County lost possession of the ball a number of times because of traveling and double dribbling. The Blue Devils had a comfortable 18-4 lead at the end of the first period.

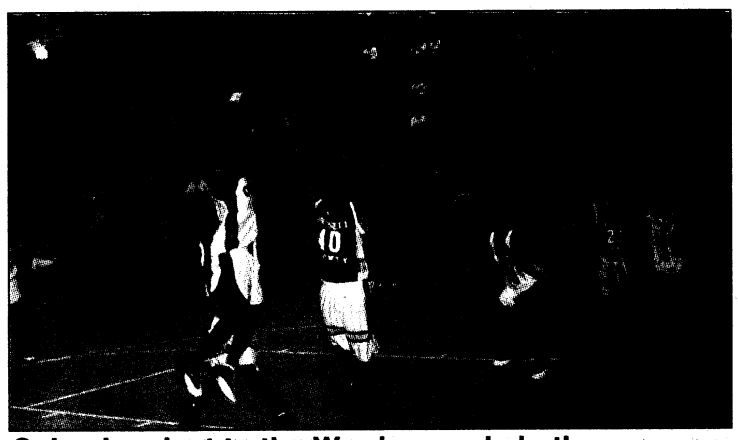
In the second period, the Blue Devils continued to widen the gap in the score when Russell County wasn't able to match Columbus' run on the board. At the end of the first half, Russell County tried to rally for a comeback, but the teams still walked off the court with Columbus in the lead, 37-21.

When the teams returned for the third period, Russell County became a different team, moving the ball better with stronger passing on the outside even though they had difficulty getting their inside game going.

When the game started to swing away from Columbus, the Blue Devils pulled together to shut down the Warriors' offense and started forcing turnovers, taking the momentum back. Columbus' deep bench continued to wear on Russell County through the end of the third period with Columbus in the lead, 49-30.



Rory Carter, right, jumps for the ball at the tip-off against Demetrius Ford to start off the game that improved Columbus' record to 7-10.



Columbus lost to the Warriors early in the season.

"They beat us the first time we played them, but we've made a lot of progress. The guys have been working really hard and it's paying off for us," Ferrell said.

During the final eight minutes of the game, the Blue Devils seemed to catch their second wind and started to stomp the Warriors, dominating the whole court with the score at 62-34 with 4:12 left in the game that ended at 65-45.

"Anytime we scored 65 points, we did well," Ferrell said. "Our defense created a lot for us. We played a tough game last night, and tonight we played all four quarters really hard; that makes a big difference."

Soldiers win singles in Arme Forces Bowling Championshi



AP Photo

1st Lt. Michele Barksdale of Fort Jackson, S.C., wins the women's singles division of the 2004 Armed Forces Bowling Championships.

Tim Hipps
U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs Office

LAS VEGAS — The two youngest Soldiers in the tournament stole the individual spotlight in the 2004 Armed Forces Bowling Championships contested Jan. 6-8 at Castaways Hotel, Casino & Bowling Center.

Spc. Casey Collins, 25, of Camp Carroll, Korea, and 1st Lt. Michele Barksdale, 26, of Fort Jackson, S.C., won the men's and women's Armed Forces singles championships.

For the first time ever, the Armed Forces Championships were contested in conjunction with the 2004 USA Bowling National Amateur Championships, which determine the 16 members of Team USA. Although the pairing in three daily flights eliminated the intensity of head-to-head competition between service members, the military bowlers expressed delight in competing alongside the best amateur bowlers in America.

Collins won the Armed Forces men's singles title with an eight-game total of 1,693 and best game of 256. He finished 79th overall in the USA Bowling National Amateur Championship men's field of 141 bowlers. The top 32 made the cut to contend for spots on Team USA.

"There's no doubt in my mind that I can make Team USA, too," said Collins, grandson of a retired Army colonel whose family has owned bowling centers around Fort Bragg, N.C., for more than 50 years. "I will be back."

Barksdale prevailed in Armed Forces women's singles with an eight-game total of 1,612 and best game of 246. She finished 86th among 101 women in the three-day USA Bowling National Amateur Championships.

Daughter of retired Army Capt. William Barksdale, who barnstormed through many bowling alleys between battle stints in Vietnam and jumping from planes in Thailand, Michele has been hanging around the lanes with dad since she was 3.

From age 14 until 24, however, she quit bowling and dedicated her athletic abilities to basketball. After a successful career at Pemberton Township High in New Jersey, she made the Army women's post basketball team at Yongsan, Korea.

While lifting weights, Barksdale sustained three herniated disks in her lower back that prevented her from running and jumping. So she returned to her first athletic love and finished second in the 8th Army Bowling Tournament in Korea. Before long, she had earned a spot on the veteran-laden All-Army women's bowling team.

"I remember when Casey and I first came in [to All-Army bowling camp] and we were the youngest," Barksdale recalls. "They were saying things like: 'We have bowling shoes older than y'all.' So it really feels good to beat them all.

"We may be the youngest, but we're the winners."

Navy ET1 Bessie Lowery (1,607) was second among Armed Forces women in singles, followed by Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Bobbi Boutwell (1,555) and Army Chief Warrant Officer Joyce Dawson (1,530) of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Navy HM3 Johnny Bryan (1,680) was second among Armed Forces men in singles, followed by Air Force 1st Lt. Rickie Bannister (1,662) and Army Chief Warrant Officer John Wilson (1,619) of Fort Belvoir, Va.

Sgt. 1st Class Ken Reynolds of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and Sgt. 1st Class Don Oglesby of MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., too Armed Forces n

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Cottonmouths boost post morale

Hockey team shows military appreciation

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Columbus Cottonmouths are picking up the pace and proving they have what it takes. Their most recent victories include Augusta, Florence and Greenville, where they locked in their position for the playoffs.

As morale rises for the Cottonmouths, they raise the morale of Fort Benning Soldiers. The team is giving all military personnel a $3 discount on any seat in the stadium.

"Fort Benning is a very important part of the community, and we would like to show our appreciation," said Scott Middlebrooks, Cottonmouths director of sales and marketing.

For the past three years, the Cottonmouths have invited various Fort Benning units to games and given them special treatment.

Guest units are invited to come to the Civic Center an hour before the general public is allowed in to enjoy all the concession stands before anyone else, Middlebrooks said.

The team also arranges transportation to and from games for basic training units.

"Every time basic training Soldiers are in the stands, they get a lot of attention from the rest of the fans," Middlebrooks said. "They get at least three standing ovations from the fans; it is really good for their morale."

The atmosphere at the games where there are Soldiers present is louder and more upbeat, said Jerome Bechard, assistant coach.

"They come to the games and participate in the chanting and make the game more exciting," he said. "They are a team supporting a team."

That's what it's all about — teamwork, Bechard said.

"If one player doesn't work with the rest of the team, we don't score. If one Soldier doesn't work with his buddies, the mission fails," he said.

"Of course a Soldier's mission is more dangerous, [but] we have [similar] goals," Bechard said.

In promoting morale and teamwork, military discounts are available throughout the entire season.

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Upcoming events for the Cottonmouths include the Cottonmouths' Puck Night, March 12 — the first 1,500 fans to arrive will receive a free puck.

Also, Military Jersey Night is March 27, where jerseys will be auctioned off to fans, who may go down to the ice and take the jersey they purchased off the player's back. The money made at the auction will be donated to different charitable organizations, Middlebrooks said.

The Cottonmouths will play tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Civic Center.

For more information on game times and events, call 571-0086 or visit the team Web site at www.cottonmouths.com.

Rigdon Park seeks Little Leaguers

Baseball season arrives

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

"Take me out to the ballgame ..." Or put your child in the ballgame.

That's right. It's that time of year again — National Little League registration is in full swing and looking for a few good batters.

Teresa Locey, NLL president for Rigdon Park, said now is the perfect time to sign up your little ones for America's favorite pastime. Opportunities include T-ball, coach-pitch, minor league and major league baseball.

Registration will run through Feb. 28, when Little Leaguers will hit the field to begin practices, opening the season with the first game March 20. Locey said players will get to play in at least 18 to 20 games throughout the season, maybe even more depending on how their teams do in upcoming tournaments.

"This is a great way to develop the children's social skills and sportsmanship," Locey said, adding that the league's coaches provide great mentorship.

Just ask Linwood Johnson. The 50-something vice president for Rigdon Park said he still remembers his first Little League coach.

"The coaches help mold and shape the kids and help them understand what they can do," said Johnson, who will watch as his grandchildren partake in the Little League legacy, which has been in place since 1951.

All coaches are required to be certified and undergo a background check and first-aid training, Locey said. Volunteers are also required to submit a background check.

The game itself is beneficial to players, Johnson said.

"My grandson was competitive to begin with, but playing in Little League has helped him to understand about sportsmanship and discipline," he said. "It gives him something to do and somewhere to go."

Keeping players occupied and providing them something purposeful to do with their time can be especially important to children in the Fort Benning community, Johnson said.

"It would give them a real release and help a lot to give them something to do besides think about where their fathers and mothers are deployed," he said. "They can come out and let go and just have some fun."

Registration is $50 per child and covers charter fees, insurance and District 8 dues, Locey said.

Parents can register their players at Rigdon Park 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 28.

For more information, call Locey at 685-9895.

CLOSER LOOK

National Little League season is right around the corner. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Parents can register their players at Rigdon Park 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 28.
- Registration is $50 per child and covers charter fees, insurance and District 8 dues.
- All coaches are required to be certified and undergo a background check and first-aid training. All volunteers must have a background check.
- Registration ends Feb. 28, at which point practices begin. The season's opening game will be March 20.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Aerobics instructor needed — Briant Wells Field House needs certified exercise instructors for a wide variety of classes. Call 545-4388.

All-Army Small Arms Championships sign-ups — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will host the All-Army Small Arms Championships in conjunction with the U.S. Army Infantry Center March 14 to 25.

Participants must send a letter of intent to Michael J. Behnke, USAMU chief of competitions, at michael.behnke@usa rec.army.mil or fax (706) 545-6252 by Jan. 30. Call 545-7841.

Hunting regulations — Changes to the Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing regulations include:

- Authorization to hunt or fish now includes all DoD civilian employees working full-time or the equivalent, and national guardsmen and reservists who are in a paid drill status.
- The numbers of guests that can be sponsored per day has increased from two to three.
- Guest permits can be purchased as daily, monthly or weekend passes.

Saturday Bike Rides — Meet at 10 a.m. Saturdays at Briant Wells Field House and choose from 10-, 15- or 20-mile rides. You need a bike, helmet, water and plenty of energy. Call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

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Youth baseball — Coast to Coast athletics is recruiting baseball players ages 11-12 to represent the U.S. in international competition in Puerto Rico. amateurs will c international during the 2004 breaks. The Coa lasts seven day packed with ac training and cult

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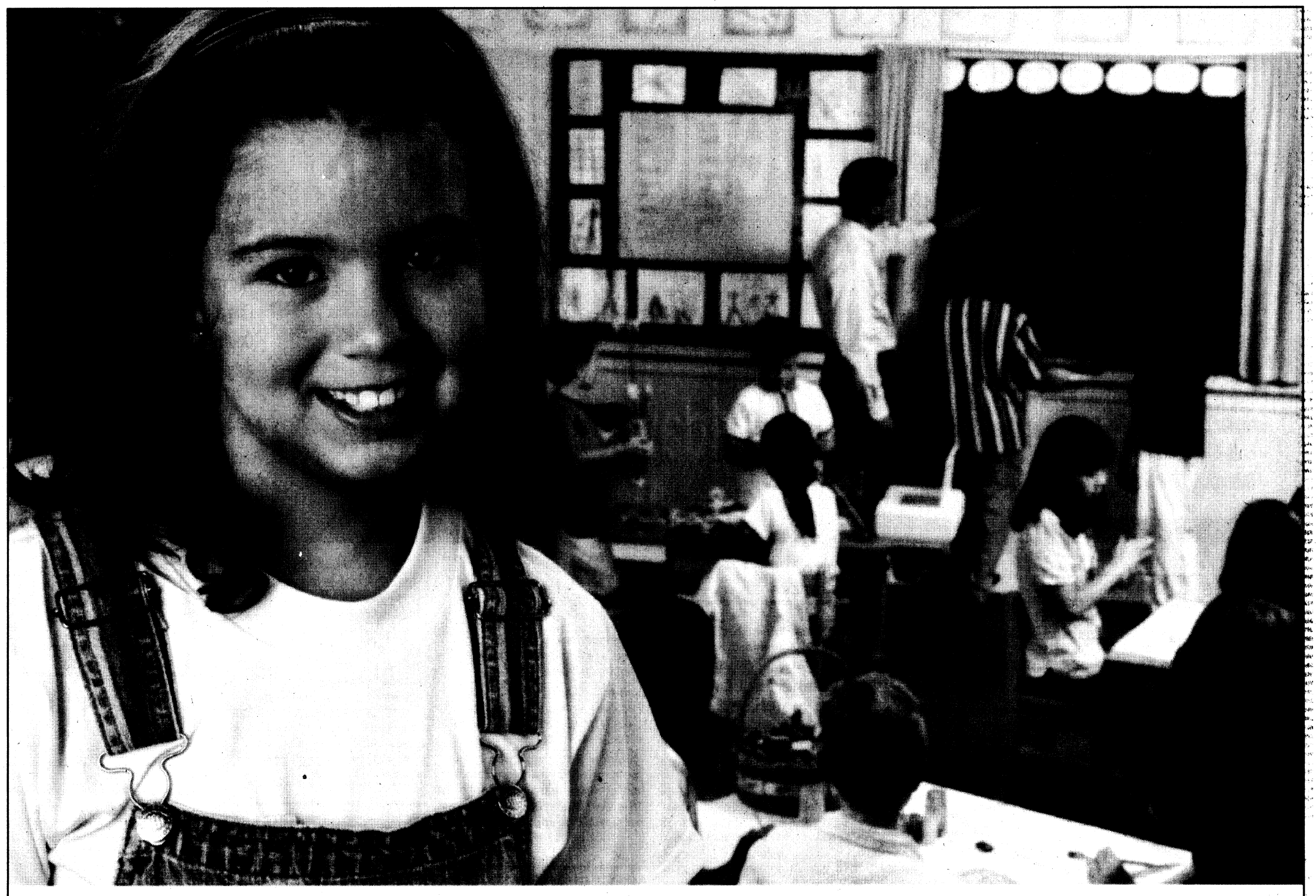



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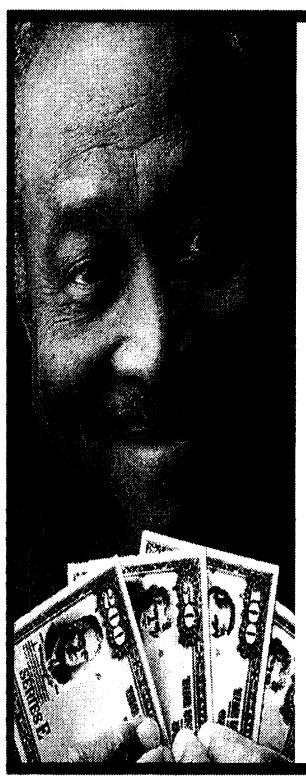

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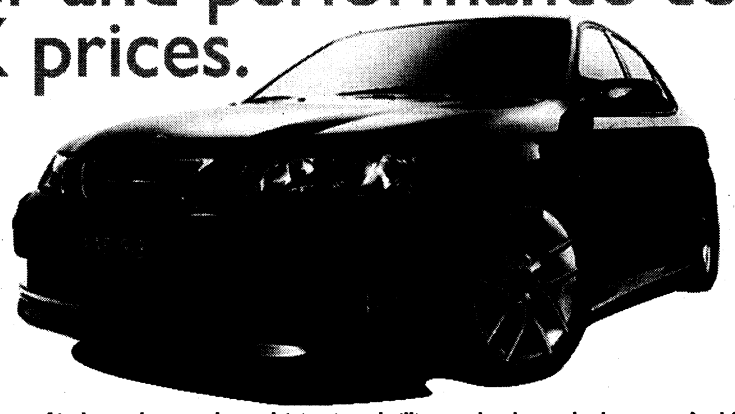

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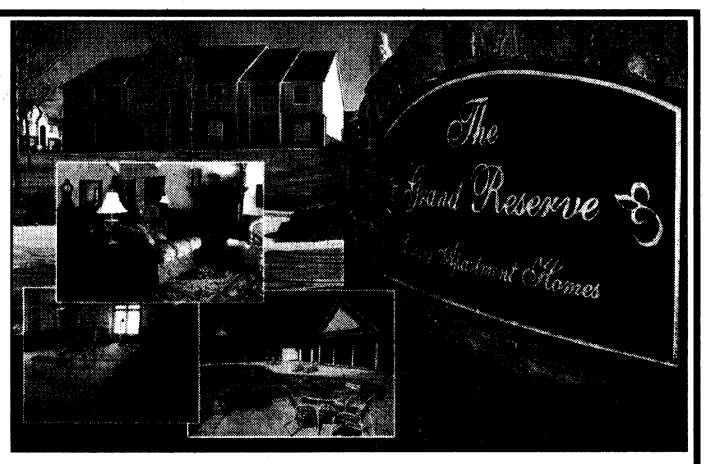

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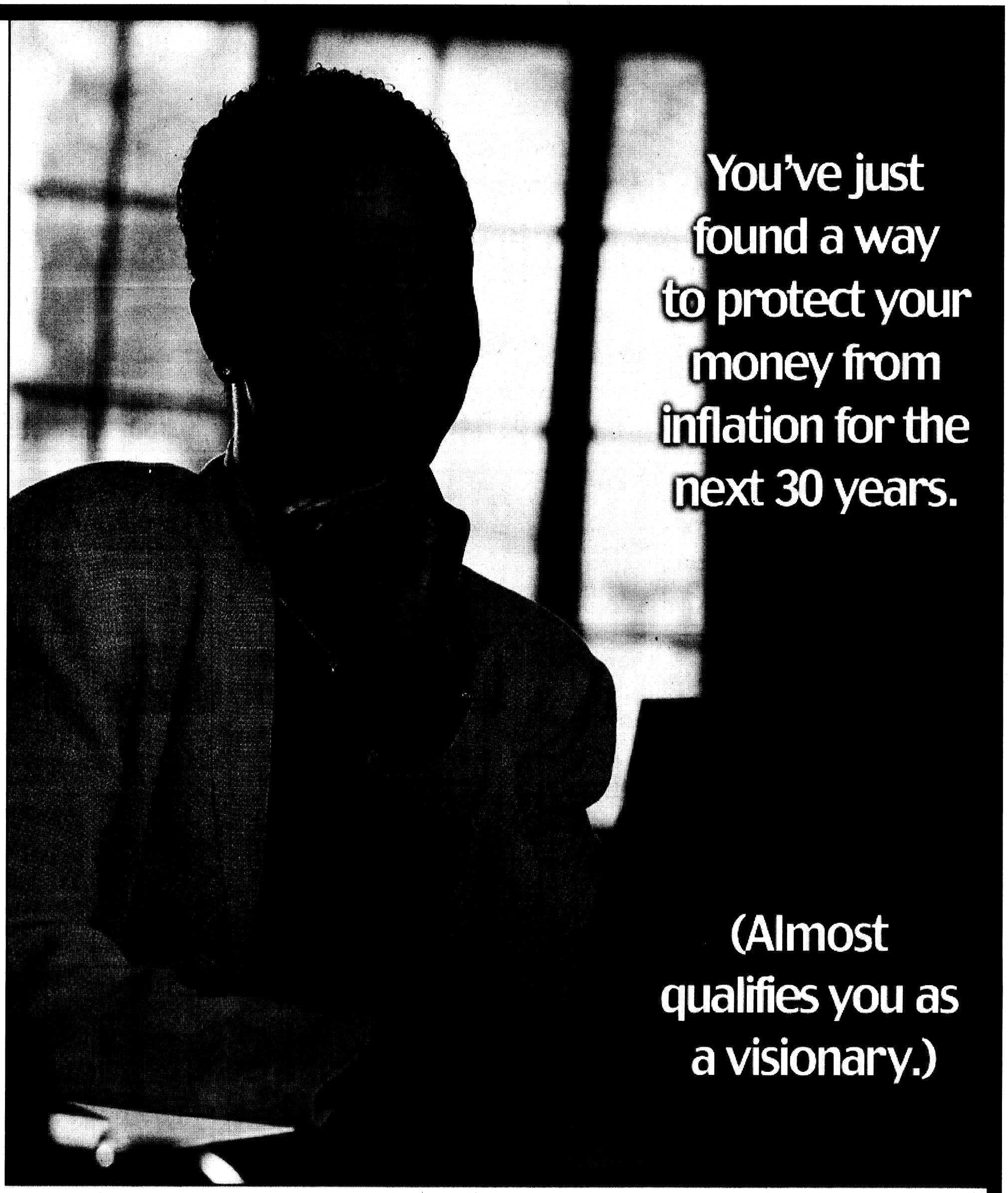

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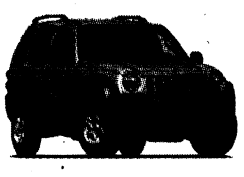
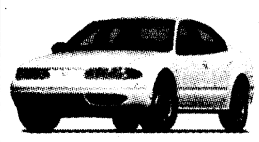
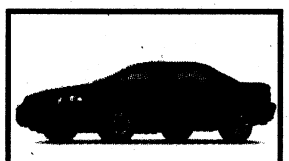
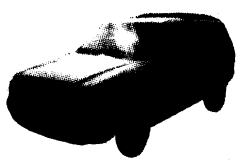
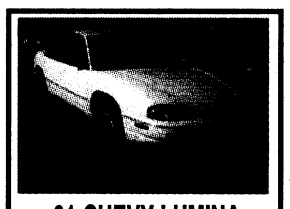
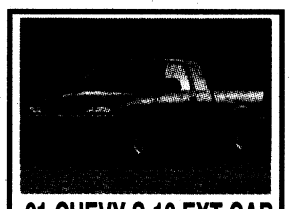
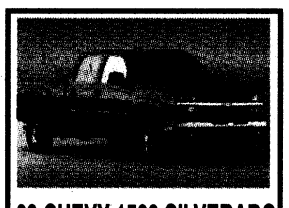
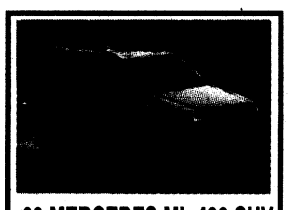
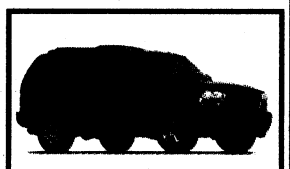
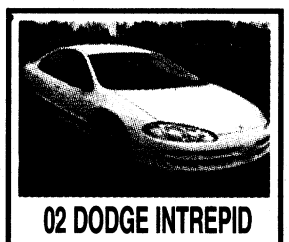
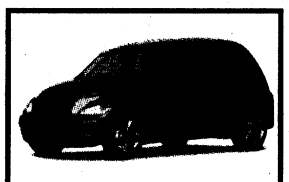
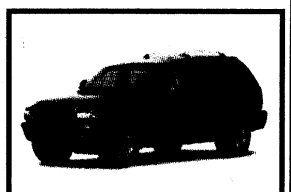
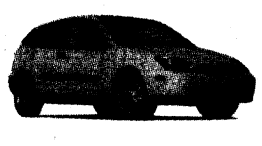
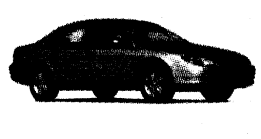
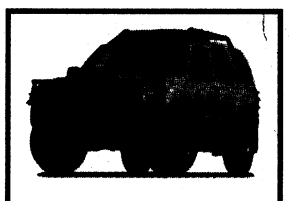
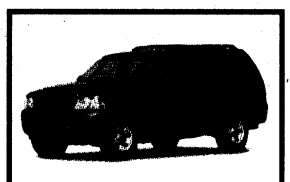
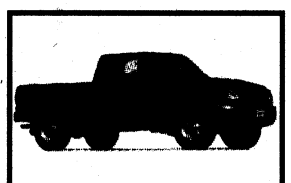
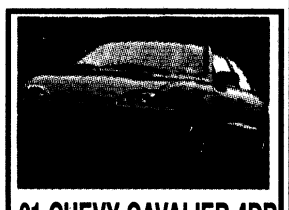
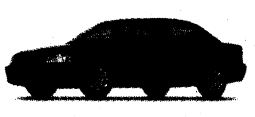
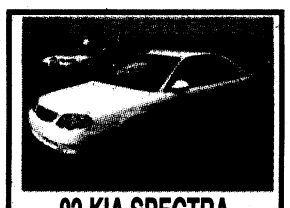
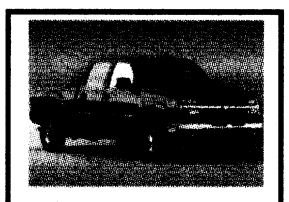
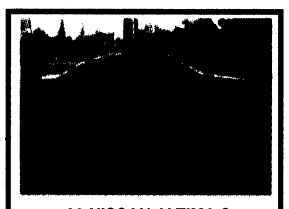
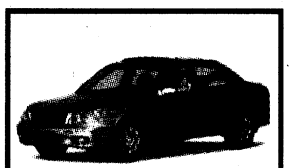
 02 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT $12,995	 98 TOYOTA COROLLA $4,995	 01 OLDSMOBILE ALERO $6,995	 02 CHEVY CAMARO Z-28 $14,995	 02 FORD ESCAPE $15,995	 00 PONTIAC SUNFIRE $4,995	 02 PONTIAC GRAND AM $8,995
 97 FORD EXPLORER XLT $6,995	 02 CHEVY MONTE CARLO $10,995	 01 CHEVY LUMINA $8,995	 01 CHEVY S-10 EXT CAB $9,995	 03 CHEVY 1500 SILVERADO $17,995	 00 MERCEDES ML 430 SUV $17,995	 GMC YUKON $16,995
 01 DODGE NEON $6,995	 01 DODGE STRATUS $7,995	 02 DODGE INTREPID $11,995	 01 DODGE GR CARAVAN SPORT $12,995	 03 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER SPORT $12,995	 03 DODGE 4DR RAM $19,995	 03 DODGE DURANGO $14,995
 01 FORD FOCUS $6,995	 01 FORD ESCORT $5,995	 01 FORD TARUS $8,995	 02 NISSAN XTERRA $14,995	 03 FORD EXPLORER $16,995	 01 FORD RANGER $8,995	 01 CHEVY CAVALIER 4DR $6,995
 01 DAEWOO NUBRIA $4,995	 01 DAEWOO LANOS 4DR $3,995	 01 DAEWOO LEGANZA $5,995	 01 KIA OPTIMA $7,995	 02 KIA RIO $5,995	 02 KIA SPECTRA $6,995	 02 KIA SPORTAGE $8,995
 03 MITS OUTLANDER XLS $14,995	 03 CHEV TRUCK 1500 LS $16,995	 03 MAZDA 6 $15,995	 03 NISSAN ALTIMA S $15,995	 03 HYUNDAI SONATA $11,995	03 TOYOTA COROLLA $10,995	03 TOYOTA CAMRY $15,995
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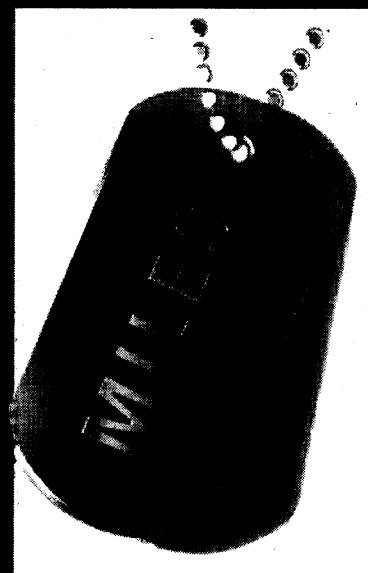

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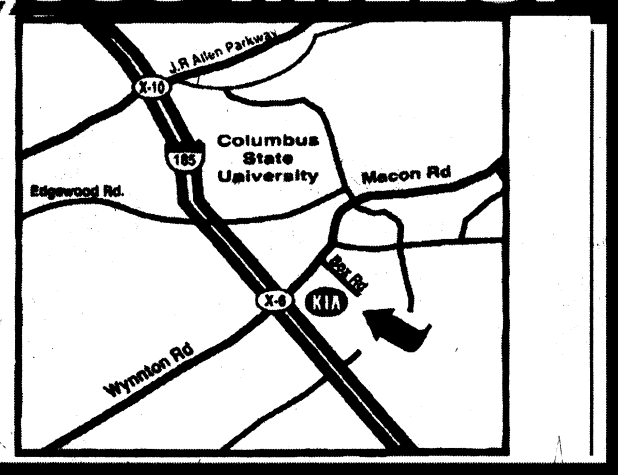

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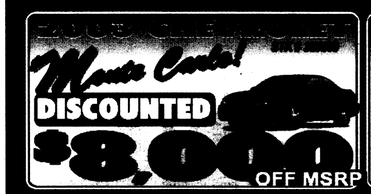



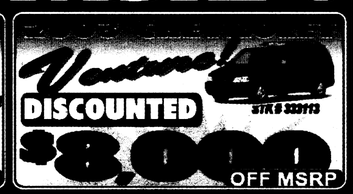

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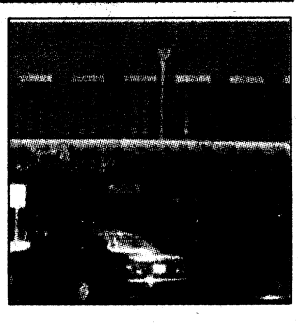

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Post Tax Center open

Soldiers' taxes filed for free electronically

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning Tax Center has been processing tax forms for Soldiers and their families since its grand opening Jan. 21 and will continue to provide free tax services until the end of tax season.

Capt. Steven J. Collins, Tax Center OIC, said now is the time for people to get into the center because it isn't very busy.

Collins said many people are still waiting on W2 forms, so business will continue to increase as more and more people receive their forms.

With 22 Soldiers, 10 volunteers and two civilian employees, all certified as H&R Block tax preparers, the center has enough people to get everyone in and out fairly quickly even after more people begin using the center, Collins said.

They will be filing federal 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040 returns from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

They will also provide state tax filing services and have the forms for all 50 states.

To accommodate the Soldiers and family members who are unable to visit during normal operating hours, it will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 13 and 27 and April 3 and 10.

Everyone who is eligible should take advantage of the Tax Center, said Ann Pratcher, Financial Readiness Program manager. It's a great way to save money and make sure taxes are filed correctly, because the employees are trained professionals and their services are free.

Pratcher said Soldiers who use fly-by-night agencies are taking a risk.

"I saw a beauty salon/tax center

See **CENTER,** A-15

For a good cause Vets need funds for D.C. trip

World War II vets waited 'far too long'

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

It's sure to be worth the wait.

The way Jim Rhodes figures, the unveiling of the World War II Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be worth the 50-some years he's waited to see it.

Still, it comes too late for too many.

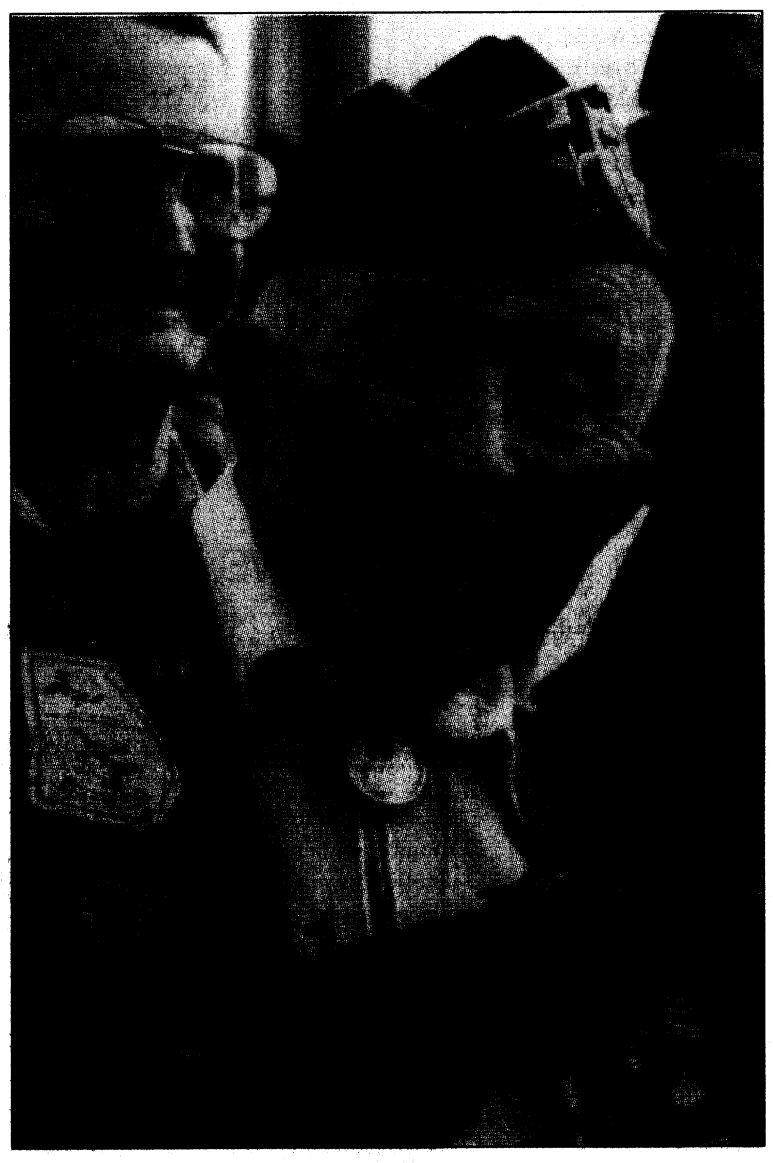
Like Grady Bates, the larger-than-life cavalry veteran who was "everybody's hero," said Rhodes. Bates was among the 80 local veterans who traveled to D.C. three years ago for the groundbreaking ceremony. He died last fall.

Retired Lt. Col. Rex Ellis went along for the trip, too. He carried with him a replica of the B-17 he flew, the one that was shot down over Berlin when Ellis was taken prisoner during World War II. Ellis died last January.

Bates and Ellis were among the more than 1,000 World War II veterans dying daily. Veterans, like Rhodes, who've waited and waited for "far too long" for this day.

"It's kind of sad for me in a way," said Rhodes, a retired master sergeant, who served with the 31st Infantry Division in World War II. "Sixteen million men and women were kindly thrown to the side. We were the last to be recognized, and so many aren't around to see it."

Rhodes and 44 other local World War II veterans, veterans' wives and widows of veterans are planning to attend the May 29 unveiling ceremony, provided fund-raising efforts pay off.



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Retired Lt. Col. Rex Ellis is pictured here before leaving for the World War II Veterans' Memorial groundbreaking ceremony in Washington, D.C., in November 2000. Ellis, who died last January, was among the "thousands and thousands who waited, who won't be able to be there," said Jim Rhodes, the local vet spearheading plans for a return trip in May when the memorial will be unveiled.

As of now, the Fort Benning Chapter of the Association of the

See **VETS,** A-15

Payday lender to appear in court

Benning customers could be victims

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

If she's said it once, she's said it a thousand times — payday lenders are a bad deal for Soldiers, their families or anybody else for that matter.

"These places have been the bane of my existence since 1990," said Ann Pratcher, manager of Fort Benning's Financial Readiness Program.

Now Pratcher and a host of people who have learned the hard way about payday lender operations will have their day in court.

John Gill, the owner of several local payday lending shops — including Georgia Catalog Sales, Advance Til Payday, Advance Long Distance and Phone Mart Communications — has been "shut down" and ordered by the Office of the Industrial Loan Commissioner to appear in court for operating an unlicensed loan company and failing to follow proper procedures, Pratcher said.

The owner's shops have been "operating as a loan company without operating as a loan company," Pratcher said.

Instead of offering outright loans to customers, these businesses offer customers cash in exchange for holding the check and signing a contractual obligation to use their

See **BUSINESS,** A-15

NCOA to undergo significant changes

PLDC, BNCOC focus on critical combat training

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's NCO Academy will launch a pilot program for PLDC and phase one of BNCOC in support of Task Force Soldier.

The pilots, which are scheduled to begin in June and August, will focus on combat critical training instead of the current peacetime leadership training, said Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Raper, NCO Academy commandant.

"The idea is to make sure all Soldiers are better prepared to survive an attack in combat regardless of their military occupational specialty," he said.

Soldiers who are promoted to sergeants attend PLDC to learn the leadership skills necessary to take responsibility for junior Soldiers.

The PLDC pilot includes more field and academic training hours and fewer administration hours, said 1st Sgt. Patrick Hoffman, PLDC branch chief.

Not all Soldiers have the same opportunities to go to the field as infantrymen do, Hoffman said. The idea is to provide the necessary field training for Soldiers who wouldn't regularly train in the field at their units.

The field training Soldiers should expect includes day and night land navigation, MOUT, call for fire, level-one combatives and weapons maintenance and qualification.

Phase one of BNCOC provides common core training for sergeants who are being promoted to staff sergeant and teaches them the basic responsibilities of squad and platoon leaders.

CLOSER LOOK

Fort Benning's NCO Academy will launch a pilot program for PLDC and phase one of BNCOC, which will include:

- More field and academic training hours
- Fewer administration hours
- The introduction of night land navigation, MOUT training, call for fire, level-one combatives and weapons maintenance and qualification
- Removal of equal opportunity briefing, Army homosexual policy, suicide prevention, MILES and environmental awareness classes from curriculum

The second phase of BNCOC is military occupation specialty specific. Fort Benning will train only infantrymen.

The BNCOC pilot course will also have fewer classroom hours and more field training, said 1st Sgt. Larry Primeaux, BNCOC branch chief.

The idea is to provide potential platoon and squad leaders with the tools to lead their Soldiers if they are caught in battle, Primeaux said.

Soldiers attending the BNCOC pilot course should expect to see a lot of the same field training, including situational training

See **NCOA,** A-15

WARRIOR ETHOS

Army values at work

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

The banner touting "The Last Samurai" blanketed the theater wall, but it wasn't its size that held my attention.

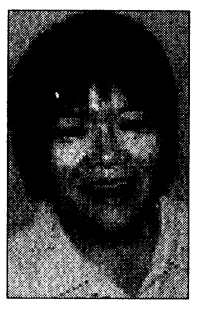
I was focused on the seven elaborate Japanese kanji symbols on prominent display. Each represented a virtue revered by Samurai followers of Bushido, the "Way of the Warrior."

Duty and Loyalty. Complete Sincerity. Compassion. Honesty and Justice, Polite Courtesy. Heroic Courage. And at the center — Honor.

Sound familiar? I thought so too.

Later, I pulled out a copy of the seven Army values, and it wasn't hard to make correlations. Loyalty and Duty. Respect, equating to polite courtesy and compassion. Honor. Integrity — honesty and justice. Personal courage.

Which left only "selfless service." And then it occurred to me that the word "samurai" itself means service, to the death if need be, which is as selfless as it gets.



Can an ancient code of conduct have any relevance today? Is it coincidence that at their cores, "Warrior Ethos" and bushido are so similar?

All, that is, except for seppuku, when a samurai would commit ritual suicide before being dishonored. A good soldier wouldn't do that. Or would he?

Master Sgt. Gary Gordon and Sgt. 1st Class Randall Shughart requested authorization four times to go to the aid of a downed pilot in Mogadishu. There was little doubt then, and none now, that it was a suicide mission. They went anyway. It was more than their duty. That block was checked when they requested permission to go in, and it was repeatedly denied.

They went, I think, out of respect for themselves and a fellow warrior in need. And not for badges and awards, but with "complete sincerity." With compassion. With courage, heroic courage. With honor.

Warrior Ethos. The Way of the Warrior. Both provide seven time-tested tenets that would be guidelines for any mere mortal, and are the lifeblood of a warrior. Is there a need for them today?

Let me remind you that it is the warrior who frees us to be a kinder and gentler people. And that it is the children who we are raising to be kinder and gentler that the Army transforms into warriors by teaching them Warrior Ethos.

Peaceniks in the 60s proclaimed that war was not healthy for children and other living things. I have been spared the experience, but I have seen glimpses of the grim reality in pictures, video clips and in the faces of Soldiers I come in contact with.

I am reminded of a quote by Thomas Jefferson, who wrote, "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants" and grieve for those we have lost.

And I am grateful that there are still those who willingly turn their backs on a kinder and gentler lifestyle to take up the Way of the Warrior.

Soldiers need to embrace ethos

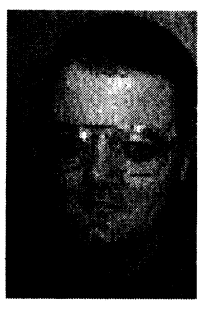
Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner
USAIC Public Affairs Office

Look up ethos in the dictionary and you will find the "o" is pronounced as in toss not toes.

That is really not surprising though, because when we talk about Warrior Ethos we are talking about something the general public doesn't understand and probably can't understand, but it should be clear to all Soldiers.

But imagine if they did. What would a trip to a fast food restaurant be like?

Employees would open the door and greet you in a friendly manner as you walk in. The place would always smell and look fresh and clean.



There would never be trash overflowing or sticky tables. If you spilled some food or drink, there would be someone there to clean it up and assist you in replacing spilled items and helping you to your seat. Orders would be cheerfully taken. You'd always feel welcome and never feel like a burden because selfless service and professionalism would be part of their ethos.

Drive-through orders would always be right. All the items ordered would be in your bag, as well as any necessary utensils and condiments, which would always be offered in generous amounts. The items would be prepared to order also. If on the rare occasion there was a mistake and you didn't find it until you got home, a restaurant employee would drive to your house immediately with the corrected or missing item. Because refusing to accept failure would be part of their ethos.

So whether you pronounce it like the "o" in toes or toss, I don't think it matters. Living warrior ethos is what should matter to you, your fellow Soldiers and the citizens who depend on us to maintain freedom.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am Spc. Jerry Poland of the 988th Military Police Company which is presently in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This letter is about my wife Elizabeth Poland, who is at Fort Benning during my deployment.

She is a great inspiration in my life for what she is doing back there. She has stayed strong and has taken care of our two children, Kimberly and Brent, while holding a job, paying the bills and just taking care of everything in the household.

She is the greatest wife a husband could ask for, and I love her with all of my heart. She is a very hard worker, and I want to let her know how much I appreciate her for what she does everyday. She has made me the happiest man alive in our four years of marriage and will for many years to come.

I just look forward to the next day because that is one day closer to seeing her and holding her in my arms again. Being married in the military is a hard life, and she has stayed by my side every time I had to leave.

She is truly one in a million, and I love her more than anything in the world.

Liz, I love you with all of my heart.

Stay strong, it won't be much longer until I can hold you in my arms again. I love you honey, and thank you for being "you."

— Spc. Jerry Poland
988th MP Company, Iraq

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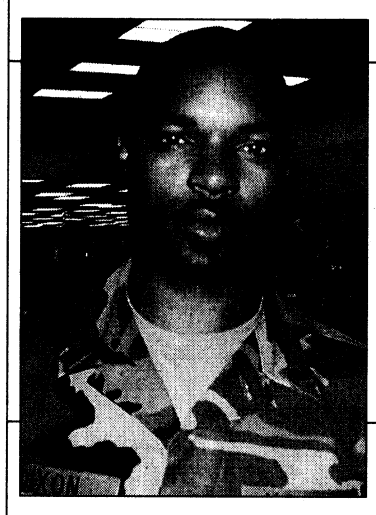

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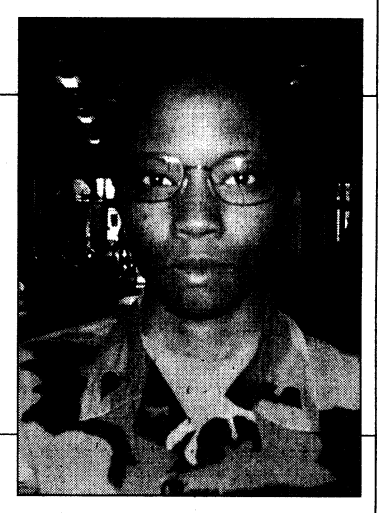

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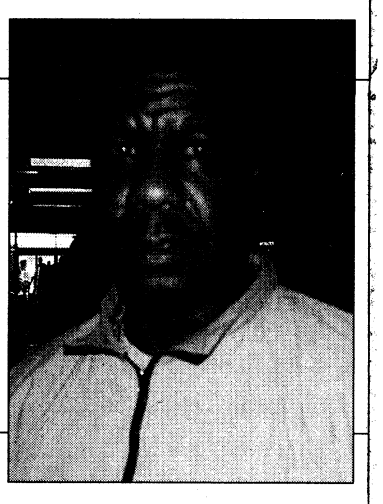

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Ranger School to pilot new program

Select support Soldiers to attend course

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The Infantry Center will pilot a test program in which a few support Soldiers slotted for assignment to combat arms battalions (infantry and armor) will be allowed to attend Ranger School.

Although there is no official timeline for the program yet, the first students — two Soldiers from the transportation corps — are expected to attend as early as this summer, said Col. William Kidd, Ranger Training Brigade commander.

Kidd emphasized that this program is just a test — not a change in policy.

"No decision has been made here," he said. "This pilot program is very limited. ... We are not expanding Ranger School to open the doors to all support Soldiers. But we need to examine what resources will be needed if the Army wants to increase the authorized attendees to the course."

Kidd said Ranger School eligibility is determined by DA guidance, the last of which was a 1997 directive from the chief of staff of the Army, which restricted attendance to Soldiers assigned to units whose primary mission is to engage in close combat, direct fire battle. In general, that meant combat arms Soldiers.

However, the directive also allowed admittance to support Soldiers assigned to ranger-coded positions in the 75th Ranger Regiment and RTB, "so to say we have no experience training support Soldiers is not all together true," Kidd said.

The program came about in light of the implementation of the Warrior Ethos strategy and the recognition that combat arms Soldiers are not the only Soldiers assigned to close combat units, Kidd said.

"Ranger School is another way the Army can inculcate the Warrior Ethos into our Soldiers," he said. "In the contemporary operating environment, many Soldiers on the battlefield need the training students receive at Ranger School."

Although non-infantry students may have a "steeper learning curve" in the course, Kidd said he doesn't think these students will necessarily be at a disadvantage.

"Any student who comes should be physically fit, able to swim and proficient in land navigation and (Skill Level 1) common tasks and common infantry tasks," he said.

"Regardless of MOS, we have a 45 to 55 percent attrition (rate) in this course," he said. "Ranger School is tough — *everyone* has a hard time."

If the pilot program's students train to proficiency in the core requirements for Ranger School, they should be on a somewhat level playing field with the combat arms students, Kidd said.

Students should be familiar with infantry tactics, techniques and procedures before they get to Ranger School, said Staff Sgt. Michael Dean, Ranger Instructor with B Company, 4th Ranger Training Battalion.

"(Support Soldiers) will have more things to get used to — some added stress," he said. "But ranger training is good for everybody. It's about operating in harsh conditions."

Kidd doesn't expect RTB's RIs to feel much of an impact. RTB trains about 3,000 students a year — a relatively small course, Kidd said. In order to continue "training the load," there will be very few slots for pilot program students.

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> Ranger Training Brigade commander

"All the RIs see is a guy with a shaved head with no rank and no insignia — they don't know who (the students) are," he said, adding that the program will be so small that it shouldn't significantly add to the burden the RIs' already bear.

Whatever challenges arise, the end result will ultimately be the same, whether the student is combat arms or support, Kidd said.

"The important thing is not just what Ranger School brings to the Soldier, but that the Soldier goes back to his unit and makes the unit better," he said.



Bridgett Siter

An Infantry Center pilot program will allow a few support Soldiers headed for combat arms battalions to go through Ranger School alongside combat arms students.

The next Ranger School graduation will be Feb. 13. Prior to the graduation, there will be a Rangers In Action demonstration beginning at 11 a.m. For more information, call 544-6417.

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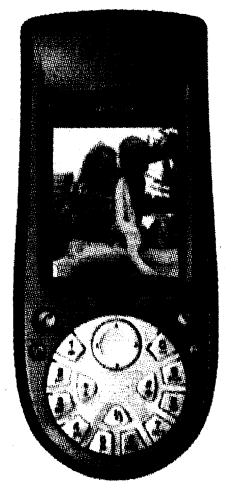

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System prevents lost Soldiers in field

DSTAR monitors troops

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

A second lieutenant died while on a land navigation course on Fort Benning several years ago. His instructors weren't able to find him in time to save his life, but now there is a new system on post to prevent that from happening again.

The Deployable System for Training and Readiness trailer, tracks individual Soldiers in the field as they work their way through land navigation courses on post.

The system tracks the Soldiers, who wear a GPS unit attached to a MILES 2000 vest that weighs about 8 pounds and sends a signal back to a computer to track their movement.

The tracking prevents Soldiers from getting lost for long periods of time while search parties comb the woods for them by giving the instructor specific grid coordinates for each Soldier.

If a Soldier goes outside the specified boundaries, the unit triggers an alert, and an instructor in the trailer can communicate with the range NCOIC. That instructor can relay the location of any Soldier on the site for those who are lost or appear to be injured.

The DSTAR had a number of test runs and then tracked nearly 200 students simultaneously during its first class-sized run Jan. 14.

"Right now, we only have two locations covered, but (theoretically) we could go anywhere," said Ernesto Sanchez Jr., regional DSTAR manager for Fort Benning, Cubic Defense Systems Inc.

"It worked when I was out there," said Master Sgt. Jeffrey Bailey, land navigation master trainer, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment. "For the night course, traditionally we have a cut-off time. Normally we have one or two Soldiers who are late. It usually takes a couple hours to police them up. The night we used DSTAR, we identified three students still on the course, got their grid coordinates and had them back in 15 minutes.

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> 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment

"One had apparently twisted an ankle, and we saw that he was immobile for 15 minutes, so we went out there and picked him up," Bailey said.

Now, if a Soldier goes into a gully, the satellite might lose them. An alert will come up, and that Soldier is watched until the satellite picks him back up. If it doesn't, the cadre can track from where the Soldier might be and find him after a certain amount of time.

Sanchez said the DSTAR tower is slated to be extended from 39 feet to 100 feet, which is expected to improve the tracking range.

There are plans to install a panic button on the students' MILES 2000 vest, so the students can set off an alert on the system if they are injured.

"The tests went very well," Sanchez said. "We just have to tweak it down a bit. This is a new system, and with all new systems, you need a little time to iron everything out.

Bailey said he had never seen a system like that before. "In the past, we had to send out search teams," he said. "Now we're tracking 160 Soldiers at a time. For what we got it for, it should prevent things like the fatality or the PLDC student who was lost for a day."

BCTB tests increased field time, warrior skills

Pilot classes focus on warrior skills

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

To stay on target with the changing Army and instill Warrior Ethos into all Soldiers, the Basic Combat Training Brigade is piloting two classes that focus more on warrior skills.

The two classes are "Immersion" and "Alternate" Programs Of Instruction. The courses have the base instruction from the original POI plus more time in the field, MOUT operations and training with more weapons, said Capt. Robert Olszewski, commander, A Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, BCTB, Immersion POI

The new POIs will increase the time in the field from three days to 10 days for the Alternate and to 23 days for the Immersion.

They will also have classes on more heavy weapons and increase the time spent on the M-249 squad automatic weapon.

"These are weapons Soldiers weren't seeing before," Olszewski said. "(The Soldiers) will be familiar with a lot more weapon systems than other classes, and they'll get blocks of instruction that other classes haven't before. I think they'll be better prepared when they get to their units, because they'll have a wider knowledge base."

The current POI trains 19 of the 40 warrior skills and four of the nine warrior drills. The Alternate POI trains 39 of the 40 skills and eight out of the nine drills. The Immersion POI trains all of the skills and drills.

"Instead of talking about guard duty in the class room and memorizing general orders, we're adding some more hands-on training," said 1st Sgt. James Conner, first sergeant, B Co., 2nd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt., Alternate POI.

"The quality of Soldiers stays the same," said Capt. Christopher Colster, B Co., 2nd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt, Alternate POI. "We graduate only the top quality Soldiers; however, their Soldier skills will be a little bit more battle focused now.

"The current POI was set up to run eight weeks," Colster said. "Now we're expanding the training, but still in the same amount of time, so it's a challenge."

To handle the increase in training, the companies are increasing the number of drill sergeants from 12 to 16. The additional drill sergeants lower the drill sergeant to student ratio and prevent "drill sergeant burn out," Olszewski said.

"Right now, I can only speculate attrition rates," Olszewski said. "(We'll) see if injury or attrition rates go up; that's one of the reasons we're running the pilot."

The Immersion POI calls for a 20-day field problem for the last phase of training, where the Soldiers will continue to receive instruction, but in a field environment.

The cadre for both pilot classes trained on their new blocks of instruction for weeks before training began.

The pilot class for the Immersion POI started training Thursday and the class for the Alternate POI picks up Feb. 12.

"Eventually, this has to go across the board," Colster said. "The whole way of thinking in the rear echelon has to change, and we're happy to influence the changing Army."

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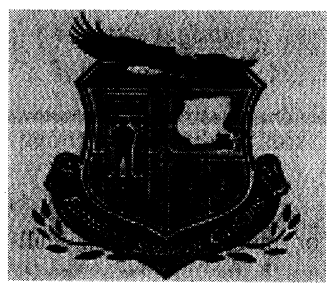

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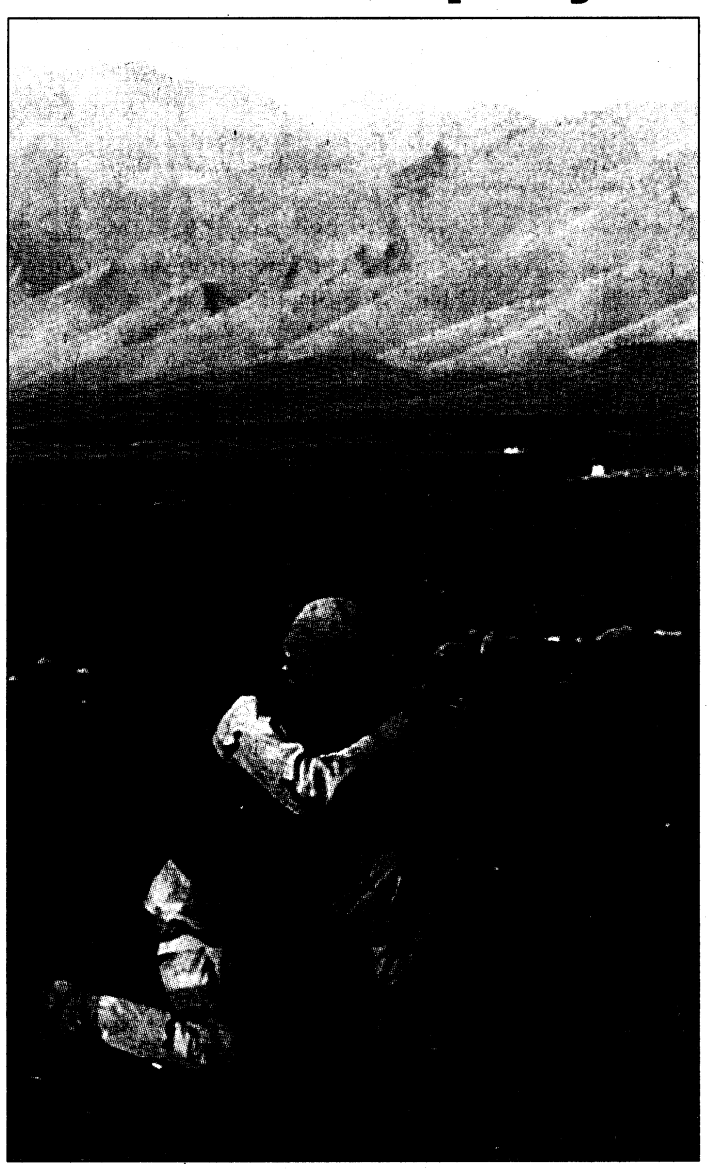

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D Co., 4th Ranger Training Bn., deployed to Iraq to train Soldiers who scout behind enemy lines.

Rangers train LRS leaders in Iraq

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

It may very well be Fort Benning's best kept secret, hidden in plain sight.

The 4th Ranger Training Battalion's Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leaders Course, manned by D Company, trains the Soldiers who scout deep behind enemy lines in long range surveillance units.

It's called RSLC — pronounced R-slick — the Ranger Brigade's graduate school of sorts, a go-farther, run-faster, work-harder course for Soldiers who want to do just that.

"There's no patch and no identifier," said Capt. Kevin Cahill, D Co. operations officer. "You have to want to go. The only reward is higher training and more knowledge."

But knowledge is power, said Capt. Carlos Ramos, the 4th RTB's assistant operations officer.

And the power of RSLC is recognized by commanders around the world — in Korea, where the RTB sends D Co. annually to train U.S. and Korean soldiers, and most recently, Iraq, where RSLC cadre became the first Fort Benning Infantry Center unit to deploy.

That's a pretty fair coup for Soldiers who admit to feeling like step-children in the ranger family.

"We've been called the JV squad," said Cahill, referring to the 4th RTB's role as a training unit on an installation where the "go to war" rangers of the 75th Ranger Regiment regularly get the chance to deploy to combat zones.

"Some of these guys have been here since 9-11," Cahill said. "They've watched everybody else come and go. They get students who come through Ranger School who have combat stories. I think we were all glad to get to go finally."

With 90 percent of the Army's LRS units in Iraq conducting the type of missions usually reserved for Special Forces — training Iraqi border guards and the like — LRS Soldiers were in danger of losing their edge. Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, commander of the 101st Airborne Division, "determined that the LRS and scout elements needed to be brought up to speed ... to maintain the skills they need to conduct the highly dangerous and difficult tasks expected of them," Cahill said.

At Petraeus' behest, D Co. deployed to Iraq in late November to teach a monthlong course at a Kurdish compound along the northeastern border. They got there by way of Mozul, where they were greeted by a barrage of enemy mortar fire that took the life of a Soldier from the 101st.

"It was an eye opener," said Sgt. Raul Davila, the company's supply NCO. "The whole experience was an eye opener, even though we were there for such a short time. You kinda wished you could stay, but you were really glad to leave."

The cadre had the occasional opportunity to mingle with the "very pro-American" Kurds in a nearby town, one that's "very Western, very secular," Cahill said.

And they mixed with the Kurdish forces who allowed them to handle their equipment, mostly weapons and vehicles. For the RSLC cadre, the time was well-spent, since it's their job to teach Soldiers to identify more than 140 foreign vehicles.

But mostly the cadre trained Soldiers, 43 in all, from units throughout Iraq — a class size about one-third larger than the average class here.

Other than the land navigation portion, which was amended to suit the location, the RSLC cadre conducted business as usual, seven days a week.

They taught long-range communications, doctrine, survival, intelligence, operations techniques and missions planning, fast rope, insertion and extraction and airborne exercises.

And they conducted a live-fire exercise in enemy territory.

"It was a very physically and mentally demanding course. It always is," Ramos said. "But it was rewarding just to be there, to get the chance to be a part of this whole thing."

Cahill said the RSLC course, a grandchild of the Vietnam-era Recondo Course, turned out leaders who'll return to their units as experts in the areas of reconnaissance and surveillance.

"They'll be more effective and more lethal," he said. "And they'll use their equipment and their Soldiers more effectively, more lethally.

"The fact that their units were willing to give these leaders up for the duration of the (course) is a testament to the importance of the skills we teach."

AROUND POST

Master sergeant board

The Department of the Army selection board will meet Tuesday to consider Soldiers for promotion to master sergeant. It will not review for elimination under the Qualitative Management Program.

Zones of consideration include all sergeants first class with a date of rank Oct. 3, 2001, and earlier with a basic active service date between Feb. 3, 1981, and Feb. 3, 1986. Soldiers who meet the eligibility criteria should have a current photo on file. To schedule an appointment, call 545-1381.

For more information, call 545-5646 or 545-3666.

OCS board

Soldiers applying to Officer Candidate School need to turn in their packets for the local board, which is Feb. 16-20, by Wednesday. The Department of the Army board is May 10-14.

For more information, call 545-7218 or 545-8861.

AER celebrates 62 years

On Thursday, Army Emergency Relief will celebrate 62 years of "Helping the Army Care for its Own."

AER is a private nonprofit organization, incorporated in 1942, by the Secretary of War and the Army chief of staff. 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.

Visit the installation's AER in Building 2624, Soldiers' Plaza, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday for a piece of birthday cake in celebration of "AER: Helping the Army Take Care of its Own."

Ranger School graduation

The next Ranger Training Brigade graduation is Feb. 13.

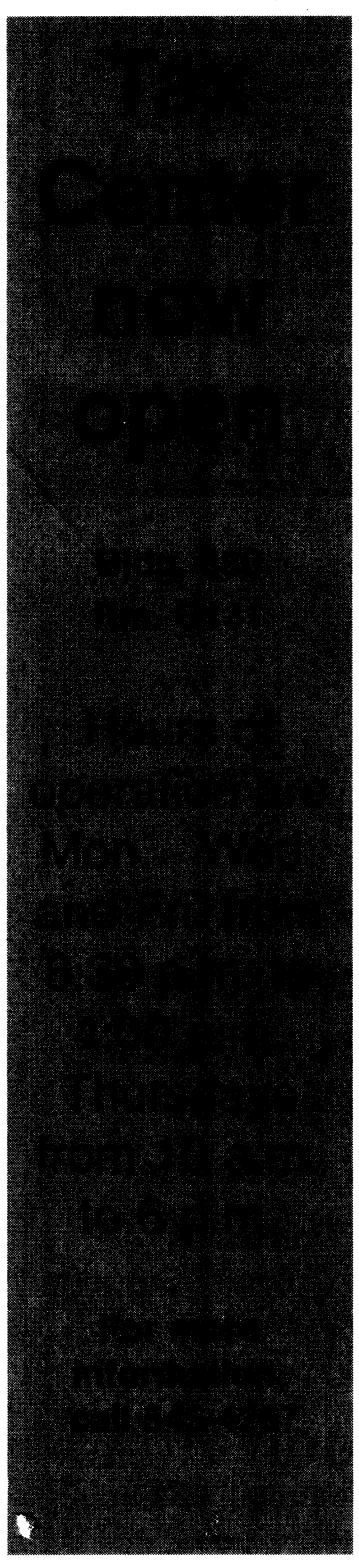
Prior to graduation is Rangers in Action, a demonstration of the skills Soldiers learn during training. Rangers in Action starts at 11 a.m.

For more information, call 544-6417.

Black History Month luncheon

The Black History Month luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Officers' Club.

Tickets are $7.50. For more information, call 545-6665.







Post to implement new environmental program

EMS to aid environmental compliance

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

By 2009, Fort Benning will have systems and programs in place to ensure environmental compliance, prevent pollution and sustain natural resources while fulfilling its mission of preparing the world's best infantry Soldier.

Garrison Commander Col. Rick Riera recently signed the installation's Environmental Management System environmental policy letter, one of the first steps toward fulfilling a new requirement for improving environmental performance.

A cross-functional team composed of representatives from various agencies on the installation meets biweekly to develop Fort Benning's program, said Tom Tuten, the EMS program manager from the Environmental Management Division of the Directorate of Facilities, Engineering and Logistics.

Since November 2003, the EMS team has been conducting a self-assessment to identify areas with environmental impact. The assessment, which must be finished by March, is about 95 percent complete, Tuten said. And the implementation plan due in September has already been drafted for review.

"We're looking for ways we can leave the environment better than it was before we got here," he said.

The EMS program must cover the installation "fence to fence" by 2009.

The activities will then be ranked, and the top areas will become Fort Benning's focus, said Gina Cooper, EMS coordinator.

"From there, we can see where we need to create new programs or continue ones already in place," Cooper said.

She said the self-assessment captured programs in place in the Resource Management Office, where they use rechargeable batteries in equipment and recycle paper for double-sided copies.

Tuten and Cooper said programs like controlled burning, recycling and energy and water conservation will all be scrutinized. Programs like those in place in RMO and at the ammunition supply point for recycling brass are not formally part of EMS but will be under the EMS "umbrella."

"EMS is not just environmental but a program of the installation," Tuten said. "Everyone has a part."

The EMS program is modeled after an international standard adopted in 1996. Since then, Cooper said, more than 36,000 national organizations have met the standard. Each military installation will have its own program and can use the Army's implementation plan and commander's guidance as references.

Tuten said the EMS coordinators had several training sessions with individuals from the Georgia Institute of Technology to help them in the initial stages.

"We're trying to align EMS with the installation mission and strategic plan," Cooper said. They want EMS programs to assist the mission.

Once the target areas are identified, agencies on post will have to look at who is affected and determine how to educate them to meet the goals, whether reducing energy consumption or increasing recycling efforts.

Once the program is implemented, it requires annual reviews to ensure it is complying with the international standard.

Tuten said construction projects on post will have a huge impact on the environment, but there are already programs in place that will mitigate that impact.

Under the Residential Community Initiative, new housing built on post in 2006 and beyond will have to meet a "green standard" for energy efficiency. Cooper said the new physical fitness center, which will be built in 2005, will be the first building on post with a green rating.

CLOSER LOOK

The Environmental Management System's new program is outlined in the acronym HOOAH :

- H — Help implement programs that ensure environmental compliance
- O — Observe practices that prevent pollution
- O — Obey policies that sustain natural
- A — And cultural resources
- H — Hold up ideas that promote continual improvement in environmental performance

Retirees to see pay increase

Concurrent receipt of retired, disability pay restored

DFAS

ARLINGTON, Va. — On Monday, an estimated 150,000 military retirees will see an increase in their pay. The National Defense Authorization Act, enacted in November 2003, significantly modified a long-standing law preventing retirees from receiving full retired pay if they also received disability pay from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The new law allows concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA disability pay for retirees with more than 20 years of service and disability ratings of 50 percent or greater. This restored pay will be phased in over a 10-year period that began Jan. 1.

Retirees do not need to take any action to receive the additional pay. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service has already identified eligible retirees and begun making adjustments to their retired pay.

The first payments are due the first business day of February for the law change that was effective Jan. 1. The additional funds will be paid Monday based on entitlements for Jan. 1-31.

The restored pay is paid on the same schedule as current military retired pay. Recurring payments will be made on the first business day of each month based on entitlement for the prior month.

For the majority of military retirees, the additional money is taxable income and subject to federal tax withholding.

Military retirees eligible for additional funds who will not be paid on Monday are those who receive retired pay based on a disability percentage instead of years of service. Further guidance from the Department of Defense will help determine how the law will be applied in these cases. Once guidance is received, payments will be made retroactive to Jan. 1. An estimated 2,800 military retirees fall into this category.

For more details regarding who is eligible for the restored pay and how payments will be made, visit www.dfas.mil and see the topics under "Retired and Annuitant Pay," or visit the myPay Web site at https://mypay.dfas.mil.

The United States Military Academy's Founders Day Celebration will be held at 6 p.m. March 6 at the Fort Benning Officers' Club. The guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Leo Brooks, Commandant of Cadets For more information, call 544-8826 or 544-9222.

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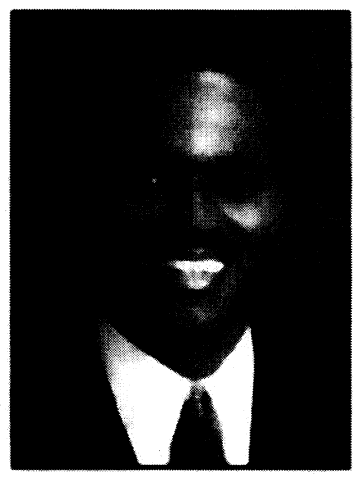
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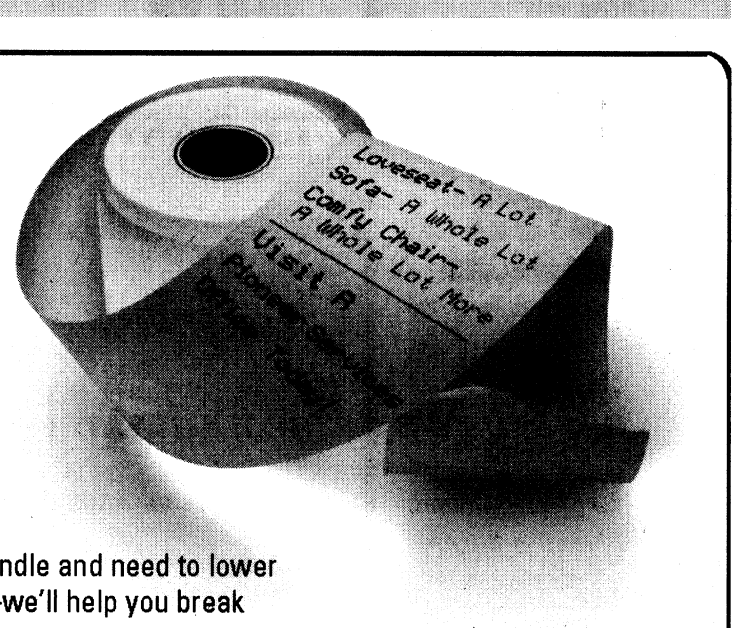

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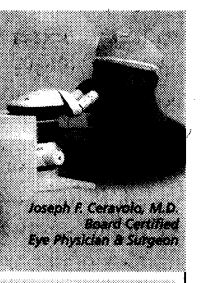
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Benning shows appreciation for reservist drill sergeants

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Infantry Training Brigade presented awards to 36 reservists Jan. 23 to show its appreciation for the professionalism and competence they demonstrated during their mobilization to Fort Benning.

More than 1,000 Soldiers have taken their places in the Army because of the efforts of the reservists who left their civilian lives behind and came to Fort Benning to augment the post's training mission.

The Soldiers from 84th Division, U.S. Army Reserve, 2nd Battalion, 330th Regiment, from Livonia, Mich., fulfilled their call to duty when Fort Benning was facing a shortage of drill sergeants.

As Soldiers throughout the Army were deployed in support of the global war on terror, many were unable to attend the Drill Sergeant School, which created a need for trained drill sergeants that wasn't being met through traditional replacement methods, said Col. Brian R. Baldy, ITB commander.

That's where the reservists came into play.

"We asked them to step forward," Baldy said. "And step forward they did — without a single reduction in output."

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>
> **Sgt. 1st Class Ken Randles**
> 84th Division, U.S. Army Reserve

Many of the Soldiers with the 84th Division are activated each year to assist the active-duty cadre during the "summer surge" when high school students go through basic training in their summer break.

However, this time they filled out two complete companies in the ITB and supplemented several others.

"It was a pleasure to know they had that experience coming in," Baldy said.

Sgt. 1st Class Ken Randles, who has assisted Fort Benning's training mission for nine years, said this mobilization came with a bit of culture shock.

Randles is one of the few Soldiers with the unit who teamed up with the cadre of existing ITB companies.

"I didn't know how we would be perceived or how we would blend with the active-duty Soldiers," Randles said. "But we were able to work well together, and it turned out to make all of us better Soldiers."

Randles said seeing the finished product on graduation day is one of the greatest parts of being a drill sergeant, but his best experiences during the mobilization went hand-in-hand with the toughest parts of the job.

He said being able to confront and overcome the day-to-day challenges was the best part of the mobilization.

"Getting things up and running was the hardest challenge, but it was also the most fulfilling to look back on," Randles said.

As fulfilling as the day-to-day challenges have been for Randles, there was one thing that seemed to put a twinkle in his eye as recalled his trip down the drill sergeant trail.

"It gave me a greater sense of self-worth being able to do my part and contribute to everything going on in our world," Randles said. "Just knowing I was part of a greater thing."

The Soldiers of the 84th Div. received 19 Army Commendation Medals, seven Army Achievement Medals and seven brigade-level certificates of achievement.

Web site helps disabled retirees

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A new Web site designed to assist disabled military retirees in applying for Combat-Related Special Compensation went online the week of Jan. 12.

The U.S. Army CSRC Web site, www.crsc.army.mil, provides information a disabled military retiree needs to apply for this special compensation, said officials from the Human Resources Command.

The site provides program guidelines used to determine eligibility for combat-related disability benefits and application procedures for the program.

The Web site also provides:

- Guidance on how and where to file an appeal for retirees who previously submitted applications that have been determined ineligible or have been declined.
- A detailed listing of specific information and documentation that is frequently overlooked by applicants in their initial applications, as well as procedural and timing considerations.
- Phone and e-mail points of contact in the event customers have difficulty navigating the site or need specific information about the CRSC program.

As a provision of the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act, CRSC allows eligible disabled military retirees to collect payments for both their military service and their service-related disability.

According to the legislation, a veteran with "combat-related" disabilities is any 20-year military retiree with at least a 60 percent combined disability rating, with injuries as a "direct result of armed conflict" or as a result of "hazardous" military service, while serving in "conditions simulating war" or were incurred "through an instrumentality of war."

Automatic qualifiers include any military retiree with at least 20 years of service who is rated as at least 10 percent disabled by injuries related to the award of a Purple Heart, officials said. Payments are retroactive to June 1 for those whose disability occurred before that date.

Those who apply and are approved will begin receiving payments about 60 days after approval.

CRSC eligibility expanded Jan. 1 to include disabled military retirees with 10 to 100 percent VA disability rating and Reservists and National Guard retirees eligible at age 60 who are receiving retired pay.

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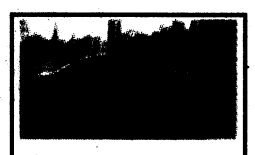

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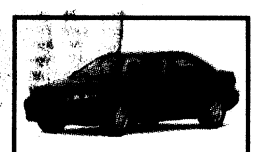

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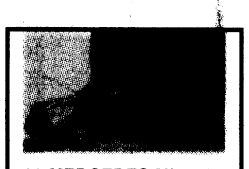

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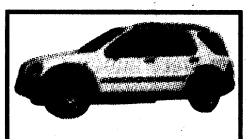

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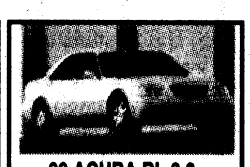

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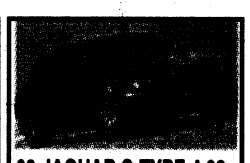

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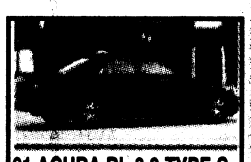

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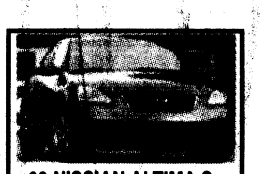

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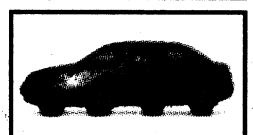

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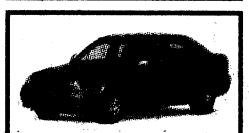

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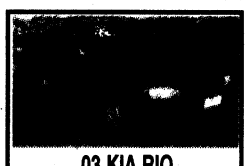

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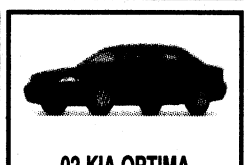

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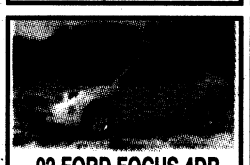

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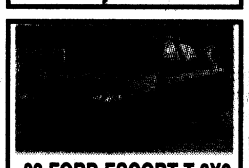

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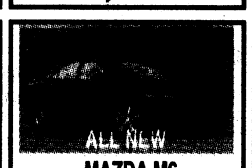

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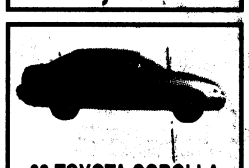

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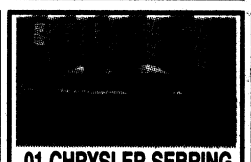

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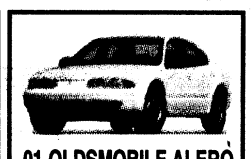

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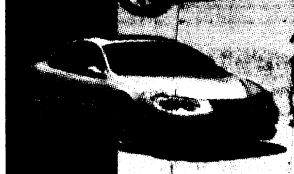

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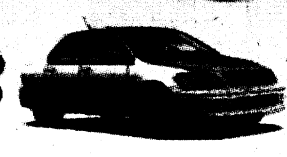

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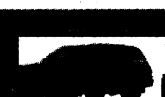

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Soldiers from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation raise the flag during a ceremony to commemorate Ridgway Hall's historic past Jan. 23.

WHINSEC celebrates third anniversary

Commandant lauds school's successes

Spc. Adrian A. Lugo
WHINSEC Public Affairs Office

"¡Libertad, paz y fraternidad! (Freedom, peace and brotherhood)," was more than just a unit motto, but also a phrase to celebrate as members of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation raised wine glasses and toasted to the institute's third anniversary on Jan. 21.

Speaking to a packed auditorium, WHINSEC commandant Col. Richard Downie reflected upon the accomplishments, current events and future goals for the institute.

His first point was the recent inclusion of more foreign students to the institute, such as those from Canada and other Caribbean countries.

"One of our great accomplishments has been to expand the emphasis of this being a hemispheric institute," Downie said. "This should have come as a 'no-brainer' to us initially, because our name is the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. Yet up until recently, our focus had been geared more toward Latin America.

"I'm glad to report that this year, we have our first class taught in English (the NCO Professional Development Class) and the participation of our Canadian fellows and those from Trinidad and Tobago, and Antigua," Downie said.

Along with academics, Downie said the institute had at last received undergraduate and graduate-level accreditation this past year from the American Council on Education for all of its courses, like the Command and General Staff Officer (Legacy) Course.

As for WHINSEC's future curriculum, Downie said the institute is in collaboration with regional leaders across the Americas in advancing current courses and tailoring future courses in peacekeeping.

He also spoke about the restorations made to Building 35, Ridgway Hall, such as the structural repair and electronic overhaul of Pratt Hall Auditorium, remarking that "a building with such a strong and rich history should never be left to lose its stature."

The building dates back to the mid-1930s and once housed the U.S. Army Infantry School.

After his speech, Downie named five people — former Phenix City Mayor Peggy Martin, Louly Diaz-Verson Jones, retired Col. Ralph Puckett, Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton and his wife, P.J, — as WHINSEC ambassadors of goodwill.

This celebration also marked Downie's final year as commandant. He retires from the military in March to become director of the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

As Downie addressed members of WHINSEC during a toast, he expressed satisfaction with the direction of the institute.

"The Board of Visitors said it best in their reports to the secretary of Defense and Congress, when they said that WHINSEC is an excellent institution that is continuing to meet the full intent laid out in its directive — to provide security cooperation in the western hemisphere," Downie said.

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> Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation commandant

Chaplains plan prayer breakfast

POW, wife to share faith stories

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning chaplains will celebrate the 52nd annual National Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 19 at the Officers' Club.

The breakfast evolved from a long-standing tradition of congressional breakfast Bible studies and now serves as a time to bring men and women of all faiths together.

This year's guest speaker is retired Col. Benjamin Purcell, who was taken prisoner in Vietnam in 1968 and spent more than five years in captivity.

Chaplain (Maj.) Jose Resto, Basic Combat Training Brigade, said both Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley and Chaplain (Col.) Joel Cocklin recommended inviting Purcell.

"It's about nurturing the Soldier's soul," Resto said, "and Colonel Purcell has a remarkable story of courage to share."

Purcell and his wife, Anne, co-authored a book, *Love & Duty*, in which they share their story and the role their faith played in helping them endure.

"We see (POWs) in the movies," Resto said, "but to actually meet someone who has been through it is inspiring."

The Infantry Quintet and Sightseeing Road Gospel Choir will perform for about 400 people at the breakfast.

Tickets are available from unit command sergeants major and are $4 for Soldiers in pay grades E-1 through E-4 and $6.25 for E-5 and above.

Resto said Anne Purcell will speak at the Protestant Women of the Chapel's regular Thursday morning meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Natalie Rauch, who heard Anne speak several years ago at Fort Hood, Texas, is looking forward to hearing her speak.

Rauch's father is one of the Soldiers missing in action from the Vietnam War, and she said events like these are very emotional. Through the years, her family has been in touch with people who wore Prisoner of War/Missing in Action bracelets with her father's name.

A few years ago, Rauch was able to tell a woman who wore Purcell's bracelet that he had returned home. She put the two in touch.

"Anne has a message for everybody, for all military wives," Rauch said. "I know it's going to be a very meaningful event."

Rauch said the PWOC event is open to everyone and child care is provided.

For more information about the breakfast, call 545-9496. For more information about PWOC, call 221- 5607.

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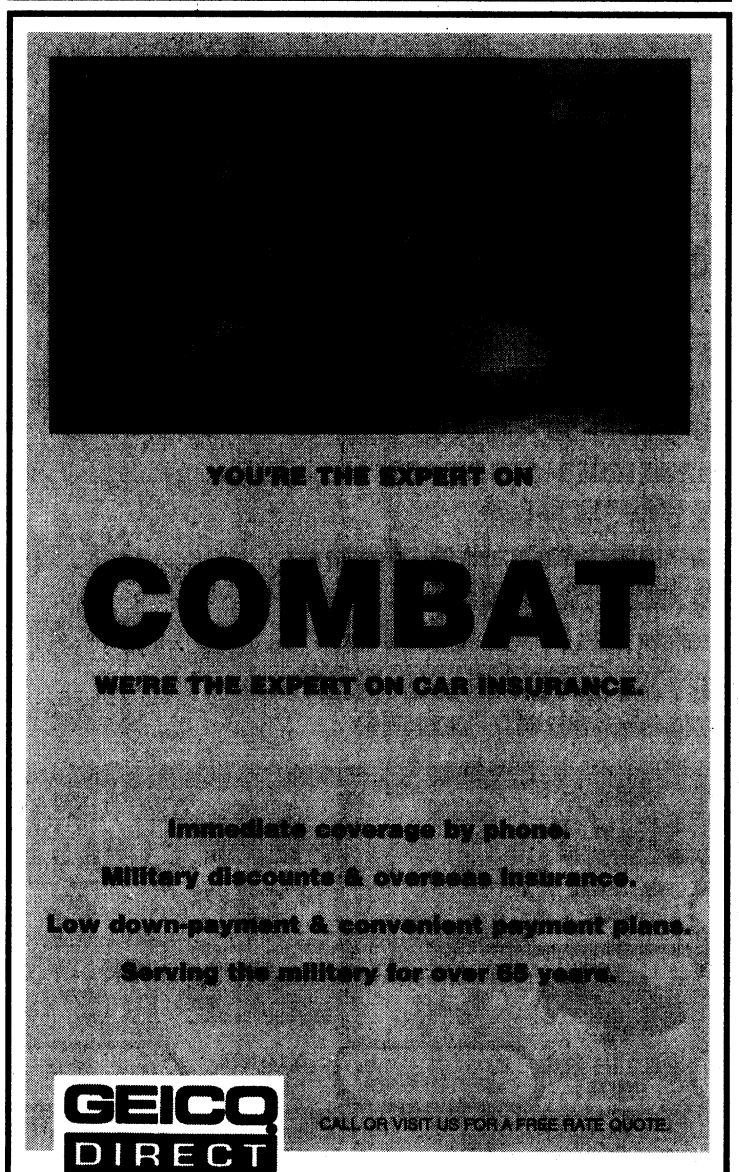

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3rd Brigade continues to train hard at NTC

317th keeps on track for NTC success

Pfc. Emily J. Danial
3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — The 317th Engineer Battalion is working hard to keep 3rd Brigade rolling during its time at the National Training Center.

Here's a look at what they're up to out in the desert.

Maintenance section

On any desert road at the National Training Center — and there are quite a few — wheeled vehicles of all shapes, sizes and capabilities are a common sight.

But those vehicles don't take care of themselves — that's what the 317th Engineer Battalion's maintenance section is for.

"We provide technical assistance to the battalion by locating hard-to-find vehicle parts, preparing reports, and managing scheduled and unscheduled maintenance," said Chief Warrant Officer David Bryant, battalion maintenance technician at the Unit Maintenance Control Point.

T D7G bulldozers, M-113 armored personnel carriers, M-9 armored combat excavators and armored vehicle launch bridges are among the maintenance team's primary concerns, and its tasks are not always easy.

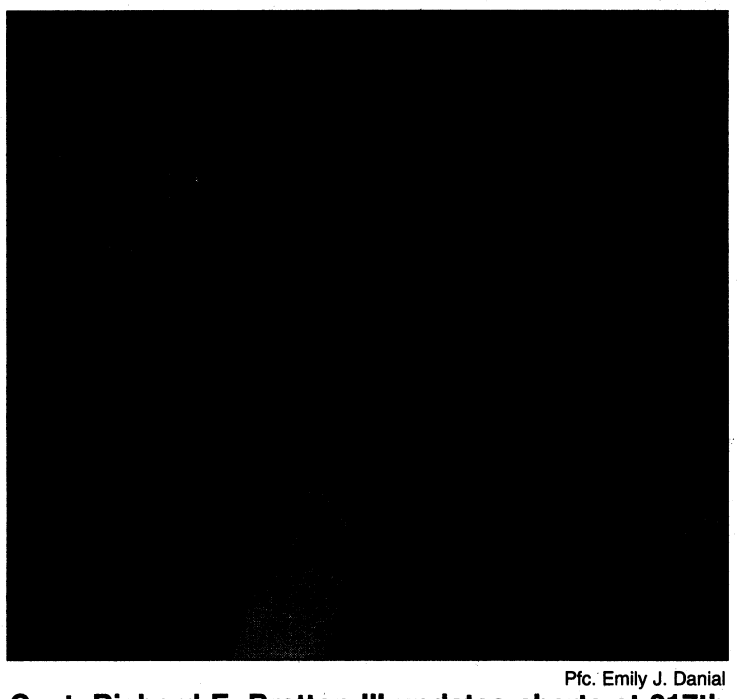
"Since the 'dozers, ACEs and AVLBs are specifically engineers' vehicles, it can be difficult to replace parts when they break," he said.

Bryant and the rest of the maintenance section have been kept on their toes since they arrived, said Capt. Richard E. Bratton, battalion maintenance officer.

Bratton said other than a period of five to seven days near the end of 2003, this is the first time all of the unit's equipment has been in use since they returned from Iraq in the summer of 2003. Before that, it spent a year just "sitting" while the battalion was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Maintenance is hard to stay on top of when the vehicles haven't been used in a while, because you don't get to find bugs until you get out and exercise them," Bratton said.

Time and distance are also a challenge, he said, because the 317th's equipment is spread out all over the entire brigade.



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Capt. Richard E. Bratton III updates charts at 317th Engineer Bn.'s unit maintenance control point.

Still, Bratton said the challenge is being met.

"We're fully equipped to handle any mission we get handed," he said.

Bryant said the maintenance shop's goal is to be at least 90 percent readiness.

"Hopefully we can take lessons we've learned here and in Iraq to refine our field maintenance operations and have more combat power," he said.

Administration-Logistics Operations Center

The A-LOC consists of personnel and logistics, whose behind-the-scenes functions have helped keep the battalion moving through its two-week field problem.

"In the field, our main job is to track personnel," said Staff Sgt. Anthony JeRome Glenn, 317th's battalion S-1. "Communication is a challenge because of the distance between the line companies and myself, but we've been able to rely on other elements to get that information to us."

Glenn said his shop just underwent a changeover, and part of his focus at the moment is getting his newer Soldiers integrated into the team.

With a wartime deployment to Iraq with the 317th and three previous NTC rotations under his belt, Glenn said the exact rules of his shop's operation are closely attended to to accomplish the mission.

That mission, Glenn said, is watching out for Soldiers.

"My job is to take care of Soldiers and their personal issues so they can go out there and do their jobs," he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Hightower, the NCOIC of the battalion's S-4 shop, said her job is to assist line companies and supply.

"They can't function in their mission if they don't have supplies to accomplish that mission," she said.

In her experience, Hightower said, her shop's biggest obstacle has also been in the area of communication.

"The hardest part is getting line companies to report what they need," she said.

However, Hightower said there haven't been any problems yet during this rotation.

"So far, so good," she said. "We have a good working relationship out here, and the train-up we had before this (in November) helped a lot."

The A-LOC's operations section's job is to gather data to help support the battalion's line companies and thus the battalion as a whole, said Staff Sgt. Larry J. Dozier, Headquarters and Headquarters Company's operations sergeant.

"We have 139 Soldiers out here for this field exercise — maintenance, medical and Volcano (combat) personnel," he said. "My essence out here is to track personnel and vehicle movement.

"We track the battle, and send that (report) up to higher headquarters," Dozier said. "Anytime at NTC, the hardest part is reception, staging and onward integration."

Dozier said this is his ninth rotation, and "if anything comes up, I've seen it all, and I know how to deal with it."

He said his operations team is "very professional and competent," and expects the unit's two weeks in the box to be "smooth sailing."

"With the knowledge we have … it'll be an easy field problem," Dozier said.

Daily meeting keeps things going

Sgt. Raymond Piper
3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — Food, fuel and repair parts are just some of the many items a unit needs to remain mission capable at the National Training Center.

Daily Logistic Resupply Point meetings for the leaders and logisticians of 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, helps keep supplies flowing smoothly to the units.

"It's better to meet face-to-face to determine what the units need rather than trying to discuss it over the radio," said Capt. Curtis Burns, battalion logistics officer, 1st Bn., 30th Inf. Regt.

The meeting helps the units to determine what supplies they need, ranging from food and fuel to barrier material and repair parts.

"I can look at the first sergeant and ask 'What do you need to be successful,' and he can tell me right then," Burns said.

Burns said he needs to know what the units have so it's easier for him to get them the supplies they need.

Another benefit to the meeting is that it gives leaders and logisticians a chance to pass out information.

"The meeting gives focus and makes it easier to distribute information," Burns said. "This way information has to be put out once."



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Capt. Curtis Burns, 1st Bn., 30 Inf. Regt., battalion logistics officer, discusses getting hot food out to the Soldiers during an LRP meeting.

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Pvts. Jonquin Repeki and Brandon Jackson prepare to throw a grenade into a bunker during a field training exercise at Selby Hill Wednesday.

ITB Soldiers live combat lifestyle

Troops use warrior skills, warrior ethos

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Sleeping in the rain at near freezing temperatures, waking up to find pea-size hail scattered throughout the camp, falling under chemical attack and destroying enemy positions with grenades and mortars are just a few of the things the Soldiers of D Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, have been doing since Sunday.

The Soldiers are putting together everything they learned throughout their infantry training during a six-day field training exercise.

The purpose of the training is to get the Soldiers familiar with operating in a combat environment and to ensure they are proficient with critical tasks that are important to infantrymen, said Capt. Frank Adkinson, D Co. commander.

During the FTX, Soldiers are tested on 17 critical tasks, such as first aid and NBC skills, and 12 familiarization tasks, such as grenade and AT-4 skills, all the while keeping a secure perimeter and staying in a combat state of mind.

"We want to make sure each Soldier knows the basic skills necessary to be a benefit rather than a burden when they get to whatever unit they are assigned to," Adkinson said. "They should be able to hit the ground running."

Adkinson said the weather played a major role in the Soldiers' training experience.



Pvt. Thomas Alfano observes a troop placement to develop a SALUTE report.

As one Soldier put it, "It was miserable."

During the first four nights, if the temperature was above freezing, it was raining.

Adkinson said the weather was a good part of the soldierization process, because it teaches them to use the skills that are necessary to survive in that type of environment.

"But of course you need to balance that with safety," Adkinson said.

On Monday, Mother Nature tipped the scales with a severe storm, and training had to be called off for the night.

Other nights, the Soldiers found ways to cope with the cold, wet weather.

Some handled it well.

"I just keep my wet weather gear and polypro handy," said Pvt. Kyle Hartman.

Others struggled a bit.

Pvt. Marc Savioli said he has tried just about everything he can think of to stay warm, even trying to get dressed inside his sleeping bag.

Adkinson said one of the most important things the Soldiers need to do is take their training seriously, and one of the ways he is ensuring that is through correspondence.

"I had my Soldiers write to Soldiers in Iraq, and they replied," Adkinson said. "It shows them they have to live by the Soldier's Creed, because Soldiers just like them, who just graduated basic, are living the Soldier's Creed in Iraq right now."



Pvt. Kevin Hufford decontaminates his hands after a chemical attack.



Pvt. Nathan German loads a 60 mm short-range mortar round into the tube.



Soldiers from 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, react to a chemical attack during Wednesday's training exercise.

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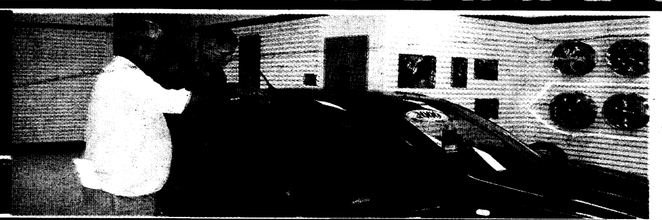



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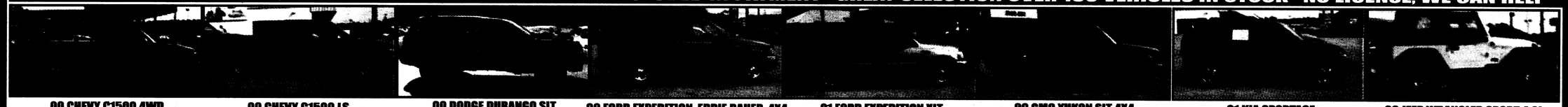

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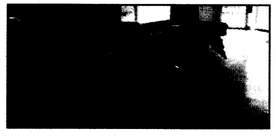

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services over a specified period of time.

Pratcher used as an example an actual "phone card scam" case she has witnessed.

"A Soldier goes in to get cash by signing up for a 'phone card club.' With that, he gets a cash rebate of $200. But he wrote a check for $260, and his contract requires him to buy two 100-minute phone cards for $45 every pay period, which turns out to be $90 a month. The (vendor) then holds the check — *unless* he doesn't buy the phone cards. Then, it's used as a 'termination fee.'"

The owner, along with other local payday lending companies, was charging customers as much as $30 for every $100 they borrowed until their next payday — a period of only 14 days to a month — effectively making their interest rate 360 to 780 percent. Pratcher said. And the people who can least afford it are the ones getting hit the hardest.

"The thing people don't think about is if you're $100 short this payday and you go in for this, you're going start $130 behind next payday," she said.

"But people find themselves in a cash-flow crisis, and they panic and this is where they go. They look at the television ads for these places, and it makes it look so wonderful."

Although the "locking down" of this particular owner is a small victory for Pratcher, she said Soldiers and their families still need to be wary of other payday lending companies still operating.

"All of these places work the same way," she said.

The hearing, which will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 11 at the Government Center in Columbus, is open to the public, including those who have been victimized by these businesses.

If you have questions about the closings, call U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee Morton Levine at (404) 231-4567.

For more information about the closures, hearings or other related questions, call Pratcher at 545-5485.

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the other day, and I can't imagine how reputable a place like that can be," Pratcher said.

Collins said some Soldiers go off post to file, thinking they will get their returns faster. However, the Fort Benning Tax Center offers e-file, which helps the service member to get his or her return via direct deposit within 10 to 14 days.

"The only way to get a faster refund would be to get an anticipation loan," Collins said.

Anticipation loans are based on what the tax filer thinks the customer will get back. They usually have an outrageous interest rate, Collins said.

Pratcher said people should have a plan for the money they get as a tax return.

"Decide what to do with it ahead of time," she said. "If you have debt, it is a good idea to use one-third to pay it down, put one-third into saving and spend one-third on something fun."

Pratcher said people want to get the largest return possible, but getting an exceptionally large return can reveal a flaw.

"People who get really big refunds should look at the number of exemptions they claim throughout the year," she said. "If they don't claim enough, they're making an interest-free loan to Uncle Sam."

By claiming more exemptions, a person can put extra money into a savings account and earn interest.

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NCOA: To test pilot

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exercises, weapons training, combatives, land navigation, and call for and adjust fire.

Although there has been new training added to each course, the lengths of the courses will not increase, said Sgt. 1st Class Dale Robertson, NCO Academy chief of training.

To avoid increasing the length of the courses, personnel and administrative training taught at unit level will be taken out. Classes removed from both courses include equal opportunity briefings, Army homosexual policy, suicide prevention, MILES and environmental awareness.

The NCO Academy restructured the courses to provide Soldiers with more combat-focused training instead of leader-focused training. Units should make sure that their Soldiers are physically ready to endure the training, Olive said.

The pilot programs will be run at least three times to ensure all potential problems are solved before they are fielded, and they're expected to be seen Armywide in 2006, Robertson said.

Vets: Raising funds

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U.S. Army is more than $6,000 shy of the $9,000 it's trying to raise to send the veterans to D.C.

"I would've thought this was something that everyone would want to make happen," said Chuck Hunsaker, president of the local AUSA chapter. "We've just got to find a way to do this. We owe this generation so much."

Organizations such as AFLAC and local donors — mostly older veterans themselves — have contributed just over $2,000, Hunsaker said. The money will pay for a chartered bus, lodging in D.C. and a nurse to accompany them roundtrip. The veterans are responsible for their own meals.

"We're not talking about a lot of money when you consider the debt we owe them," Hunsaker said. "You know, they're called the 'greatest generation,' and for good reason."

Despite the lack of funds, Rhodes is confident he'll make the trip to D.C. "one way or another."

"We've waited way too long for this, every one of us," he said. "If we're alive, we'll be there."

To find out more about the veterans' trip to D.C., or to donate funds, contact Hunsaker at 327-7228.

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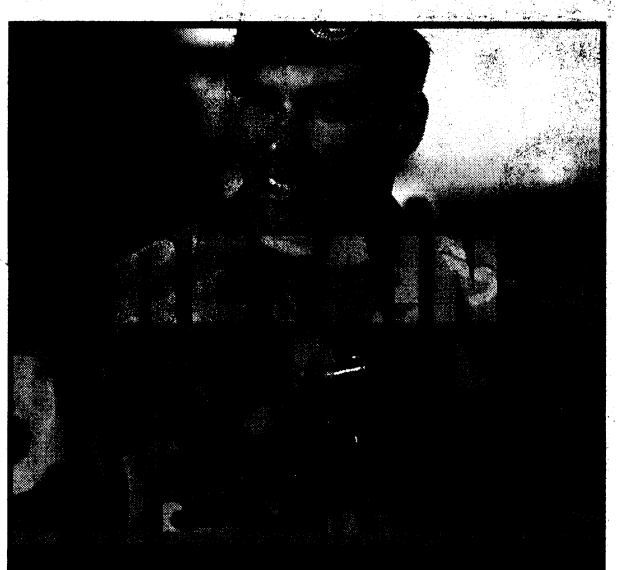

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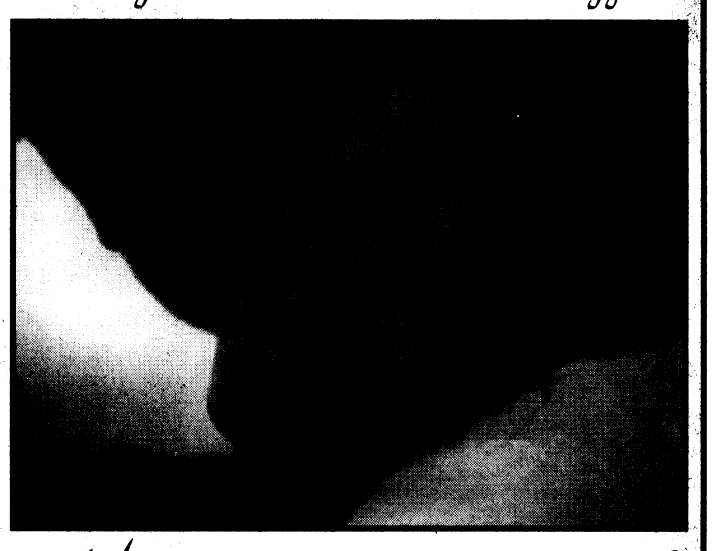

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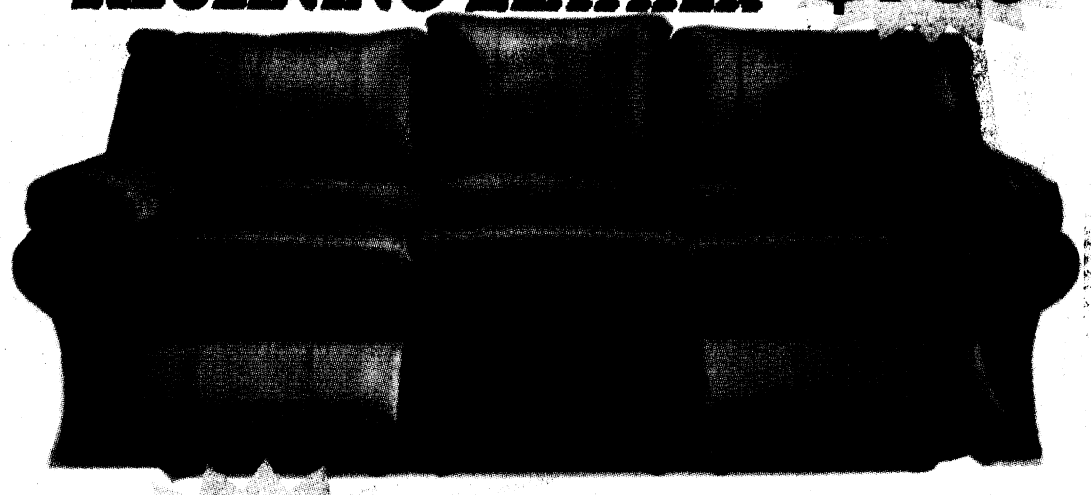

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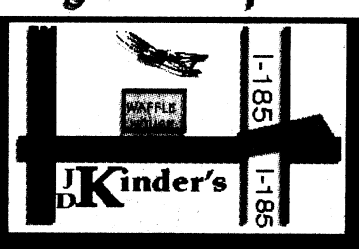

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So you want to get your life in order, or at least the memories thereof. You're ready to cast your lot with the masses who call themselves scrappers. Those for whom "scrapbook" and its derivatives are verbs, as in, "Scrapbook? I've been scrapping for years. I love to scrapbook. Doesn't everybody?"

Apparently not. There are still a few lost souls out there with photo-filled boxes shoved in closets and under beds. Or worse yet, contraband photo albums — sticky, magnetic, diseased photo albums, circa 1976.

With the increased accessibility and affordability of **archival-quality** products once reserved for professionals, the hobby of scrapbooking hasn't seen this kind of popularity since the Victorian era, when women preserved garden clippings between the pages of "pressed books," carefully documenting the names and dates and characteristics of each specimen.

You may still happen upon the occasional pressed flower in a modern scrapbook, but you're more likely to find page after page of photographs, embellishments and something scrapbook aficionados call "**journaling**."

Journaling is the practice of storytelling, and aside from those archival-quality accouterments, it may be the one factor that sets scrapbooks far apart from photo albums.



It took less than 20 minutes to turn two photos and a newspaper clipping into this scrapbook page, using the supplies shown. Be sure to make copies of one-of-a-kind photos. Newspaper clippings should be copied onto archival-quality paper, as newsprint deteriorates very quickly and will damage the photos and paper it comes into contact with.

Scrapbook 101

Let's start with the basics.

The novice scrapper has to make a few decisions. This can be the tricky part. Scrapbooks come in all sizes and forms and themes. You'll likely want to start with a book that's 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches or 12 inches by 12 inches, the standard by far, though smaller novelty books are available, usually reserved for special occasion albums. Base your decision on where you will store your scrapbooks, for no one has just one.

The larger "lap books," 12 inches by 12 inches, should be stored flat and stacked carefully, never standing on end. They're great table books, because each page "spread" accommodates many photos. In fact, this size album makes it fairly easy to mount upwards of 14 photos on a spread, which in turn, makes it possible to document, say, an entire vacation or birthday party on one spread.

The 8 1/2-inch-by-11-inch scrapbook can usually be shelved like a regular book. It's considerably easier to handle than the larger book, but a spread accommodates fewer pictures. It may take four pages to document the same number of photos as a 12-inch-by-12-inch book spread.

You may choose or vary the size of your books according to their purpose. Will you scrapbook chronologically, documenting your family's history since the beginning of your marriage? Or will you create theme books, such as a wedding book, baby books, vacation, school and birthday books?

The daunting sort

Whatever you decide, you must begin what may well be scrapbooking's most daunting challenge — sorting through piles and piles of photographs. Most experts agree on the best way to do this: Set aside a good deal of time and gather all — yes all — your photos in one area. Sort them into piles or boxes according to your scrapbook plan (i.e. chronological or theme). It may be easiest to break this challenge down into bite-size chunks, say three stacks to start with — one before the children, one for the diaper years and another for the school years. Then take each pile and break it down further, until you have a series of boxes or stacks lined up chronologically.

Here's a good time to address those dreaded magnetic photo albums. If you've had them for any length of time, you can see the damage they've done to your precious memories.

Carefully peel back the page if possible without tearing your photos. Peel off the photos, again, if possible. If doing so will only cause further damage, pack up the entire album and cart it down to an office supply store, where a professional will scan each page on archival-quality paper for a small fee. Then trim around each photo.

When mounted or framed you won't be able to tell the difference in the "real" photo versus the copy, but the archival-quality copy will surely outlast the original. (When copying black and white photos, ask the professional to put the copier on a "color" setting. This will capture the sepia tones that are inherent in aged photos.)

Now, using shoeboxes and index cards, catalogue your photos chronologically and label each stack by name, activity, event or year, such as, *"Dating Doyle, 1987-1992," "Dumping Doyle, Valentine's Day 1993," "Marrying Marvin, March 1993."* You get the idea.

Now, if you have years and years of photos to scrap, you'll likely be adding pictures to your newly created archive as you get them developed. Discipline is key. As you work from the front of your box(es), working backward, be vigilant about adding those new photos to the back. Otherwise, you'll come to the end of your box with a delightful scrapbook and another nasty pile of unsorted photographs.

Bulk up

That said, it's time to shop. What, you giggle gleefully, you didn't know scrapbooking involved shopping?

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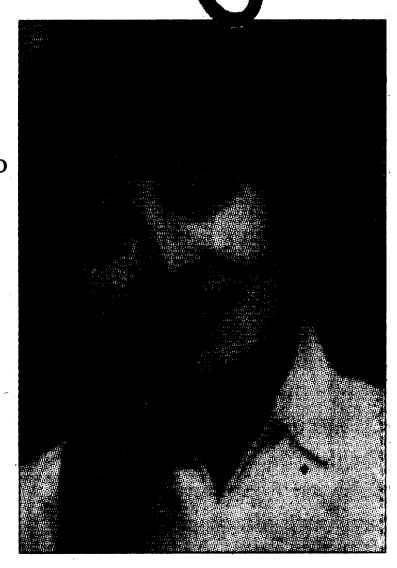
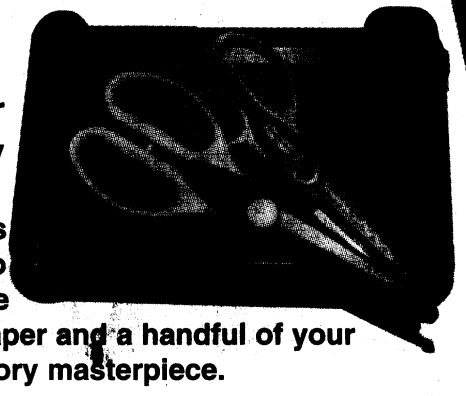


Over time, black and white photos take on a charming sepia tone, which is lost if the photo is copied in black and white. Be sure to have old photos copied on a color setting to capture the varied colors and shades.



Magnetic photo albums, like the one below, wreak havoc on photographs. The photo at right was damaged from years of exposure to acidic paper. Some paper manufacturers guarantee their acid- and lignin-free products will protect photos from this kind of damage for at least 100 years.

Scrapbooks are all about preserving memories — emphasis on "preserving." The acid and lignin found in the cells of plants used to make paper and glue deteriorates over time and damages the photographs they come into contact with. Acid- and lignin-free products are the cornerstone of modern scrapbooks.



Story by Bridgett Siter
Photos by Bridgett Siter and Spc. David Foley

Decorative scissors, paper trimmers and printed papers are among the various "extras" you can purchase to add pizzazz to your scrapbook pages. But with just the very basic supplies — scissors, glue, white or black paper and a handful of your favorite photos — you can create a one-of-a-kind memory masterpiece.

BIRTHS

Twins

Jessica Grace and **Tyler Jacob Wence** — born Jan. 6 to Nicole and Capt. Scott Wence.

Boys

Aja DeMe Prowell — born Jan. 7 to Sheryl DeLoach-Prowell and Staff Sgt. Aaron Prowell.

Ashton Logan Goode — born Jan. 7 to Ashley and Sgt. Derrick Goode.

Camilo Arturo Herrera Padilla — born Jan. 7 to Claudia Padilla Amaya and Maj. Gonzalo Herrera Cepeda.

Zachary Tyler-Ray McFarland — born Jan. 9 to Shannon and Sgt. Christopher McFarland.

Lamarius Da Shon Smith — born Jan. 9 to Linda and 1st Sgt. Silas Smith III.

Andrew Charles Payton — born Jan. 9 to Cynthia and Chief Warrant Officer Richard Payton.

Ernest Baci Stillman — born Jan. 10 to Natalia and Sgt. Ernest Stillman.

Sean Michael Rael — born Jan. 13 to Deborah and Sgt. 1st Class Frank Rael IV.

Donovan Isaac Roberts — born Jan. 13 to Nancy and Spc. Lee Roberts.

Girls

Jazlynn Marie Simelton — born Jan. 7 to Amy and Pfc. Marcus Simelton.

Alyssa Monay Predmore — born Jan. 8 to Sonya and Sgt. Jonathan Predmore.

Regan McKenna Sewell — born Jan. 11 to April and Pvt. Larry Sewell II.

Hailey Lynn Yanes — born Jan. 11 to Melissa and Pfc. Daniel Yanes.

Malayna Nartea Betz — born Jan. 12 to Rosita and Capt. Dale Betz.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

ASK THE JUDGE

Capt. Steven J. Collins
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: I am considering having my taxes prepared by a professional preparer off-post. However, I do not know a lot about tax law and I want to ensure that my taxes are prepared correctly. What are some of the things I need to be aware of before I choose a paid preparer?

A: There are several issues to consider before you choose a paid preparer. Some commercial preparers are only concerned with producing large refunds for their clients, which at times can be unethical and illegal. You need to be aware of the most common issues that occur with off-post preparers.

The first issue is cost. A commercial preparer will charge a taxpayer around $100 for a 1040; $85 for a 1040A; and $65 for a 1040EZ. The commercial preparer will also charge fees for additional forms and schedules. A simple 1040, including separate schedules for itemizing deductions, computing interest and dividends, and determining rental income, could be as much as $205. If a service member, retiree or dependent comes to the Fort Benning Tax Center, their taxes will be prepared FREE of charge.

The second issue deals with form W-2. Some commercial preparers in the past have incorrectly suggested that service members use their December Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) instead of a W-2 to file their tax return. The Internal Revenue Service requires all taxpayers use a form W-2 in order to file taxes. In addition, a W-2 is much more accurate than the December LES and can possibly be more beneficial to the taxpayer. If a commercial tax preparer tells you they can file your tax return and receive your refund without your W-2, they are wrong. Remember, a taxpayer is ultimately responsible for the filing of his tax return, and if a false return is filed, an audit by the IRS is likely.

The third issue is a refund anticipation loan, or RAL. Before going to a commercial preparer, every taxpayer should have a working knowledge of the RAL, which has become popular in the past few years. The attraction is that you can have the refund from your tax return immediately, rather than waiting for the return to be processed by the IRS. Like any loan, the RAL must be repaid when you receive your actual refund and the interest rate is usually outrageous. If a taxpayer agrees to accept a RAL, they will end up paying three separate fees:

- The preparation fee.
- The electronic filing fee and
- The refund anticipation loan fee along with interest.

The fourth issue deals with filing statuses. Taxpayers should be advised that commercial tax preparers have been known to file the wrong status in years past, which can lead to huge tax consequences. According to the IRS, there are five filing statuses:

- Single
- Married filing joint
- Married filing separate
- Head of Household and
- Qualifying widow.

If you are married, you can file married filing joint on your 2003 tax return as long as you were married on or before Dec. 31, 2003.

Married couples can also file married filing separate. Just remember that you will not receive as many credits if you choose to file separately.

If a taxpayer desires to file single, he can do so as long as he was not married at the end of 2003.

Single taxpayers can also file head of household as long as the taxpayer paid more than half of the household costs and maintained a home for more than six months for a child, dependent relative, parent or foster child.

Taxpayers can file as qualified widows as long as they:

- are single
- have a dependent
- pay over half of the household expenses. You can only file as a qualified widow for two years after the death of a spouse.

If you visit a commercial preparer in Georgia and you think fraudulent taxes are being prepared, you can report the preparer by calling the Georgia Department of Revenue at (877) 602-8477. The Alabama Tax Fraud Hotline number is (800) 535-9410. Your identity will remain confidential, and your complaint and/or allegations will be thoroughly evaluated and, where appropriate, investigated in a timely manner.

Examples of tax fraud that should be reported include:

- Failure to file timely tax returns,
- Failure to pay or correctly report taxes,
- Claiming false dependents,
- Fraudulent employer withholding tax statement (W-2),
- Fraudulent returns and return preparation schemes,
- Erroneous claims for real property and tax abatement programs,
- Sale of Social Security numbers for dependents,
- Tax evasion activity,
- Unlicensed businesses,
- Unreported income and
- Inappropriate actions by Office of Tax Revenue employees.

Other information about tax fraud can be found at www.irs.gov.

If you would like to consult with someone regarding your taxes, the Fort Benning Tax Center is open now through April 15. Call the center at 545-4267.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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AAFES customer forum — The Army Air Force Exchange Service will have a customer forum to address customer concerns from noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 5 in the Corregidor Room at the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

Refuse and recycle pick-up — There will be no yard waste picked up in family housing Feb. 16. The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be on the following Monday, Feb. 23.

There will be no refuse or recycle pick-ups in family housing Feb. 16. Areas normally scheduled for pick-up on Mondays will be picked up Feb. 17. Refuse and recycle collections for Feb. 17-20 will occur as normally scheduled.

For more information, call 545-4232.

National Prayer Breakfast — Men and women of all faiths are invited to attend the National Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 19 at the Officers' Club.

Ret. Col. Benjamin Purcell, who spent more than five years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam, will be the guest speaker.

Tickets, $4 for soldiers in pay grades E-1 through E-4 and $6.25 for E-5 and above, are available from unit command sergeants major.

For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) José Resto at 544-9496.

Scholarship information — Scholarships available to students in the Fort Benning community include:

- 2004 Ranger Memorial Foundation/Bill Heard Chevrolet Partner Scholarship. The deadline for application is Sunday, and the eligibility includes active-duty ranger-qualified Soldiers serving in ranger units; children younger than 22; wife or unmarried widow of deceased ranger-qualified Soldier, nationwide. Applicants must have a 3.0 high school or undergraduate grade point average. for more information go to www.rangermemorial.org
- Defense Commissary Agency Scholarships for Military Children deadline is Feb. 18. Students with a valid military ID card planning to attend a college or university on a full-time basis are eligible to apply. For more information go to www.commissaries.com or www.militaryscholar.org
- Fort Benning Officers' Spouses' Club scholarship deadline needs to be postmarked by March 20.

The scholarship is open to family members with a valid military ID card residing in the tricommunity or whose sponsor is assigned or attached to Fort Benning.

Applications are available at the OSC Thrift Shop, Officers' Club, Sayers Library, from high school guidance counselors or by calling 687-6111.

Military Citizenship Day — The Atlanta District Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services is planning a Military Citizenship Day Feb. 27. The ceremony will be held in the Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall at 1 p.m.

Military personnel that have applied for citizenship prior to Aug. 1, 2003, are encouraged to contact their personnel officers and request that their name be submitted for consideration. Military dependents who applied prior to January 2003 must fax their Notice of Action Form I-797C to Community Liaison Officer, Bill Castro at 404- 331-6031.

OSC Welfare Funds — The OSC Welfare Committee is accepting applications for Welfare Fund disbursements.

Nonprofit groups and organizations on Fort Benning and Columbus and national military organizations such as the National Family Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars are eligible to request funds. Organizations should be as specific as possible in describing how the funds will be used, and should also solicit funds from other sources as well.

The application deadline is April 1.

For more information, e-mail oscwelfare04@hotmail.com.

Student rewards — Students in sixth through eighth grades can bring their B-average or better report cards into the Main Mall Post Exchange to exchange for a coupon book with savings of more than $50 on items such as shoes, fragrances or fast food. Entry forms for U.S. savings bonds drawings are included in the package.

AAFES awards savings bonds totaling $10,000 to three students each quarter. Winners are selected randomly in January, April, July and October. For more information, call the PX at 682-0826.

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Infantry Band public concerts — The Infantry Band will play a series of chamber music concerts beginning Wednesday. The first concert will take place at St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

The next concerts will be March 2 at Smiths Station Baptist Church, 7 p.m.; and April 6 at St. Luke United Methodist Church, 12:15 p.m.

For more information, call 545-5313.

Job fair — Clear Channel Radio, along with the Georgia Department of Labor and Goodwill, is sponsoring the Clear Channel Radio Job Fair, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Columbus Trade Center.

For more information, call Walter Pollock of the Columbus Career Center at 649-7423.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** cheeseburger, potato rounds, peas and carrots, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** turkey noodle casserole, peanut butter and jelly, veggie sticks, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** hot ham and cheese sandwich, oven fries, green beans, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** pizza, pasta salad, fresh fruit, milk, peanut butter cookie
- **Friday:** tacos, Spanish rice, mixed veggies, fruit, milk

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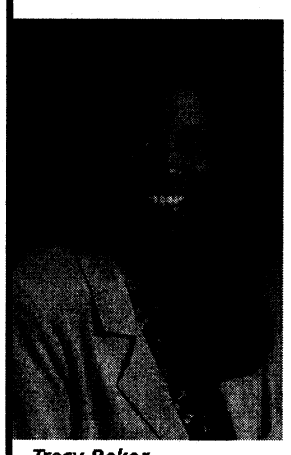
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Faith student's artistic talent earns recognition

Wins 'best in show' title for peace poster

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The Columbus Lions Club honored a Faith Middle School eighth-grader with the top prize in its International Peace Poster Contest Jan. 20.

Elizabeth Lower, daughter of Sgt. 1st Class James and Angel Lower, took home a $100 savings bond, beating 84 of her classmates and advancing to the district competition.

Contest coordinator Alice Stagg said the Lions Club had enough money in their budget four years ago to allow them to sponsor a contest at Fort Benning in addition to Muscogee County. The contest is open to 11-, 12- and 13-year-olds, but only Faith eighth-graders participate.

This year, the students depicted their version for world peace in "Create a Brighter Tomorrow."

Lower said there was no specific inspiration for her entry, it was "just something that popped in my head." The poster, done in colored pencil and marker, has four main elements.

"I chose the dove because it is a symbol of peace," Lower said. She drew 54 international flags, to symbolize countries coming together, on the back of the dove. The sun with a peace symbol behind the dove, she said, represents the guiding light.

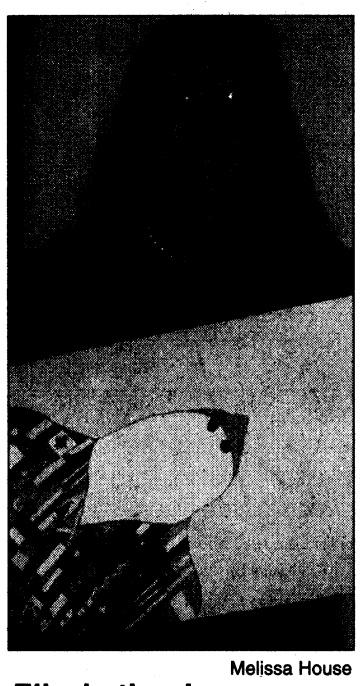
She said she's not an artist, but likes to draw — "doodle actually" — and would encourage next year's eighth-graders to enter the contest.

Stagg said the contest is a way for the Lions Club to involve youth in service to mankind and gives social studies teachers the opportunity to set up lesson plans involving the contest.

"The students can think about what peace means and think about how they interpret peace," Stagg said.

Lower's teacher, Patti Jones, said the Lions Club contest is a nice program for the students. Jones sponsors another program with the Exchange Club called Milestones of Freedom, also for eighth-graders.

Lower's poster earned her an honorable mention at the district level.



Melissa House

Elizabeth Lower, an eighth-grader at Faith Middle School, displays the poster that earned a first place in the International Peace Poster contest.

FDA issues warning

Don't give infants dietary supplement, says commissioner

Food and Drug Administration

The Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers that a product, Better Than Formula Ultra Infant Immune Booster 117, sold over the Internet as a dietary supplement should not be fed to infants.

NSP Research Nutrition of Mt. Clemens, Mich., sells the product as a dietary supplement.

Even though NSP Research Nutrition labeled their product as "a dietary supplement," as a result of its labeling claims, FDA is concerned that the product may be an infant formula.

The term "Better than Formula," in the product name describes this product as a substitute for, or alternative to, other infant formulas.

In addition, the "mixing instructions and directions" printed on the label state that "As with adults, infants should have small feedings every 2 to 3 hours throughout the day and should never be overfed."

This statement appears to represent the product for use as a meal and not as a dietary supplement. There are a myriad of other promotional claims that appear to describe this product as an infant formula.

Under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the term "infant formula" means a food which purports to be or is represented for special dietary use solely as a food for infants by reason of its simulation of human milk or its suitability as a complete or partial substitute for human milk.

Any infant formula marketed must be registered with the FDA at least 90 days before marketing.

The manufacturer has not submitted a notification required under Section 412 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act for use of this product as an infant formula.

If this product is used as an infant formula, there are no assurances that have been provided to the agency by the manufacturer that this product as represented for use:

- would support growth of infants.
- contains nutrients essential for infants that are required by law in infant formulas.
- is manufactured under good manufacturing practices.

In addition, the label lists a number of ingredients that have not been evaluated for safe use in infant formula.

"Since the product has not been reviewed as an infant formula, its nutritional value and safety as an infant formula are unknown," said FDA Commissioner Dr. Mark B. McClellan.

"We urge parents who have purchased this product to immediately stop feeding it to their infants," he said.

To date, FDA is not aware of any illnesses or injuries associated with this product. FDA advises that consumers contact their health-care provider if they have any concerns about possible health problems or illness of their infant.

Scrapbooks: Needn't consume a lot of time, money

Continued from B-1

Oh why, oh why did I wait so long?" you say.

Don't get excited. You probably won't find what you're looking for at the mall. Head, instead, to your nearest hobby store, the craft section of Wal-Mart or Kmart, or one of a number of scrapbook stores listed in the yellow pages.

You could, of course, call a "scrapbook consultant," trained and employed by Creative Memories or the like, to teach you to scrap. They like to conduct scrapbook classes in your home.

All good and viable options, but this savvy shopper recommends you start at an office supply store. There you'll find, in bulk and therefore much cheaper, all the basic supplies you'll need to start scrapping.

You see, when scrapbook fever began to sweep the nation more than 10 years ago, big name paper, pen and glue manufacturers took note. They created archival-safe products, products free of the **acid and lignin** that destroys photographs over time, and sell them in bulk to office supply stores, which in turn, sell them at a cost you'll find most agreeable.

Stock up on the basics: white and black paper, **page protectors**, glue sticks and pens or markers. Just make sure the package says it's scrapbook or photo friendly.

With scissors, paper, pen and glue handy, you're ready to get started. But if you're like most scrappers, you'll not be satisfied till you have on hand various optional-but-really-nice-to-have supplies. Some you'll find at the office supply store, but you'll probably want to venture out to specialty stores or the craft aisle of your favorite department store.

There you'll find assorted colored and printed papers, stamps and stickers, die-cuts and templates, scissors that create a decorative edge, gel pens, chalking kits, borders and much, much more.

And you'll find more scrapbook tools than you can shake a stick at — tools with names like personal trimmers, custom cutters, corner rounders, decorative punches, pre-cut photo mounts, photo tape and, of course, customized-personalized-retractable-expandable-handy-dandy organizers for all of the above. Whew.

Now's not the time to give up. Take a deep breath and dive in. Select a pack of assorted colored paper and a few **embellishments**. Pick up a scrapbook magazine, such as *Simple Scrapbooks*, for tons of great tips and inspirational examples from former scrapbook novices just like you.

Crop it!

Head back home to the dining room table, spread out your supplies, along with your photo-archive shoebox, and you're all set to begin what's sure to be one of the most satisfying creative endeavors of your life.

> "The most common complaint among scrapbookers is, I hate journaling. I never know what to write. True, it can be difficult to switch gears, to put down the scissors and glue and start writing. But it'll come easier with practice. Imagine you're writing for your great grandchildren. That way you'll be sure to record details you'd take for granted a contemporary audience would know, such as full names, relationships and dates."

Choose a handful of photos from the first section of your archive, photos that "go together" for some reason. Arrange the photos artfully on the page. Not enough room? Try creating a spread, working with two pages side by side. Use an assortment of vertical and horizontal pictures.

Too much "background noise" in a photo? **Crop** it! That's scrapbook lingo for "trim it." This part can be scary to a beginner. What if you crop too much? What a shame to ruin the only picture you have of Great Aunt Gert trampling Cousin Connie for the bouquet. Veteran scrapbookers have doubles made when they get film developed for just this reason. But there's another solution. Scan a copy of the photo (repeat after me: acid- and lignin-free paper) and trim the copy using a straight edge or a cropping tool. With time and practice, you'll gain the confidence to crop photos in all sorts of shapes, using templates.

Mat the photos with colored paper (or white if you're working on a black page). using whatever **adhesive** you chose — be it glue stick, photo tape or glue dots, and then glue them to the page. Add embellishments wherever you like, but leave plenty of room for journaling.

Get write to it

Remember journaling?

Never mind what they say about a picture being worth a thousand words. Hogwash. Pictures don't tell the whole story, such as how Aunt Gert fractured her tailbone and ended up in the emergency room, where she met the love of her life, Dr. Frank Stein. Freehand, if you're so inclined and blessed with a legible handwriting, or on the computer, tell the story in your own words: How did you feel? ("I laughed so hard I spilled champagne on poor Marvin's powder blue tuxedo.") What was the outcome? ("Connie swore she'd never forgive Aunt Gert, but she did. When Aunt Gert married Dr. Stein, Connie caught the bouquet.")

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True, it can be difficult to switch gears, to put down the scissors and glue and start writing. But it'll come easier with practice. Imagine you're writing for your great grandchildren. That way you'll be sure to record details you'd take for granted a contemporary audience would know, such as full names, relationships and dates (Great Aunt Gertrude Hoffenmeyer, Daddy's mother's oldest sister, born April 1, 1943, etc.)

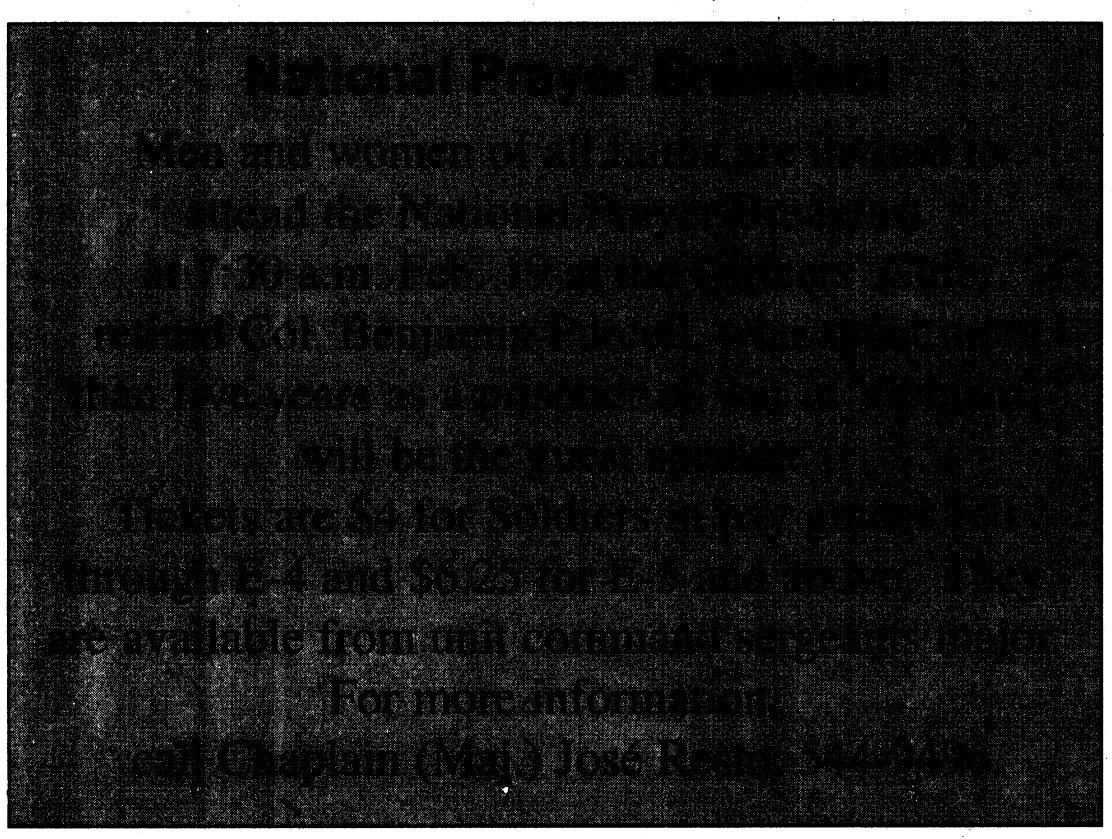
There you have it, your first completed scrapbook page. Be sure to protect your page by slipping it into a page protector, and slip that into your scrapbook. Your first scrapbook.

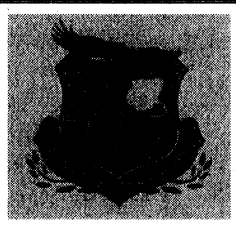
You're one of them now.

CLOSER LOOK

Scrappers speak a language all their own. Here's a quick course in scrapbook lingo:

- **Acid and lignin:** Found inside the cells of plants used to make paper, acid and lignin will deteriorate over time and destroy the photos they touch.
- **Archival-quality:** Acid- and lignin-free products that will retain their color and shape for many, many years.
- **Journaling:** The practice of storytelling in print. Scrapbookers add details and anecdotes to "complete the story."
- **Page protectors:** Much like the report covers you used in school, page protectors should be acid- and lignin-free.
- **Embellishments:** Anything, other than photos, that adds decoration to the scrapbook page, including stickers, chalking, matting, borders, die-cuts, letters, clippings, stamps, etc.
- **Crop:** To trim a photo or paper.
- **Adhesive:** Any product used to attach photos and embellishments, including glue, gluesticks, photo tape and glue "dots."





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TAKE A RIDE ON THE FREEDOM TRAIN

History comes alive at White

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It's not often you find a host of leaders from American history gathered on Fort Benning to share their stories. But for one day in February, they'll turn out in full force at White Elementary School.

Historic African-American figures from the Rev. John Jasper to Mahalia Jackson to Martin Luther King Jr. will be there — jumping on the "freedom train."

The special guests, actually White Elementary School students in costume, will be part of the school's Black History Month theater production, said fourth-grade teacher, Richard Thomas, who is helping direct the play.

"The neat thing about this is that it doesn't matter what the nationality or background of the students is — they're all participating," Thomas said.

The play, which uses a train as its background, introduces various "passengers" — black leaders from the pre-Civil War era to the present — and their contributions to American history.

Angel Richardson, who will play Mahalia Jackson, said her character was a famous "church singer."

"The play will help others learn about these people," the fourth-grader said. "Then they can tell other people what they learned."

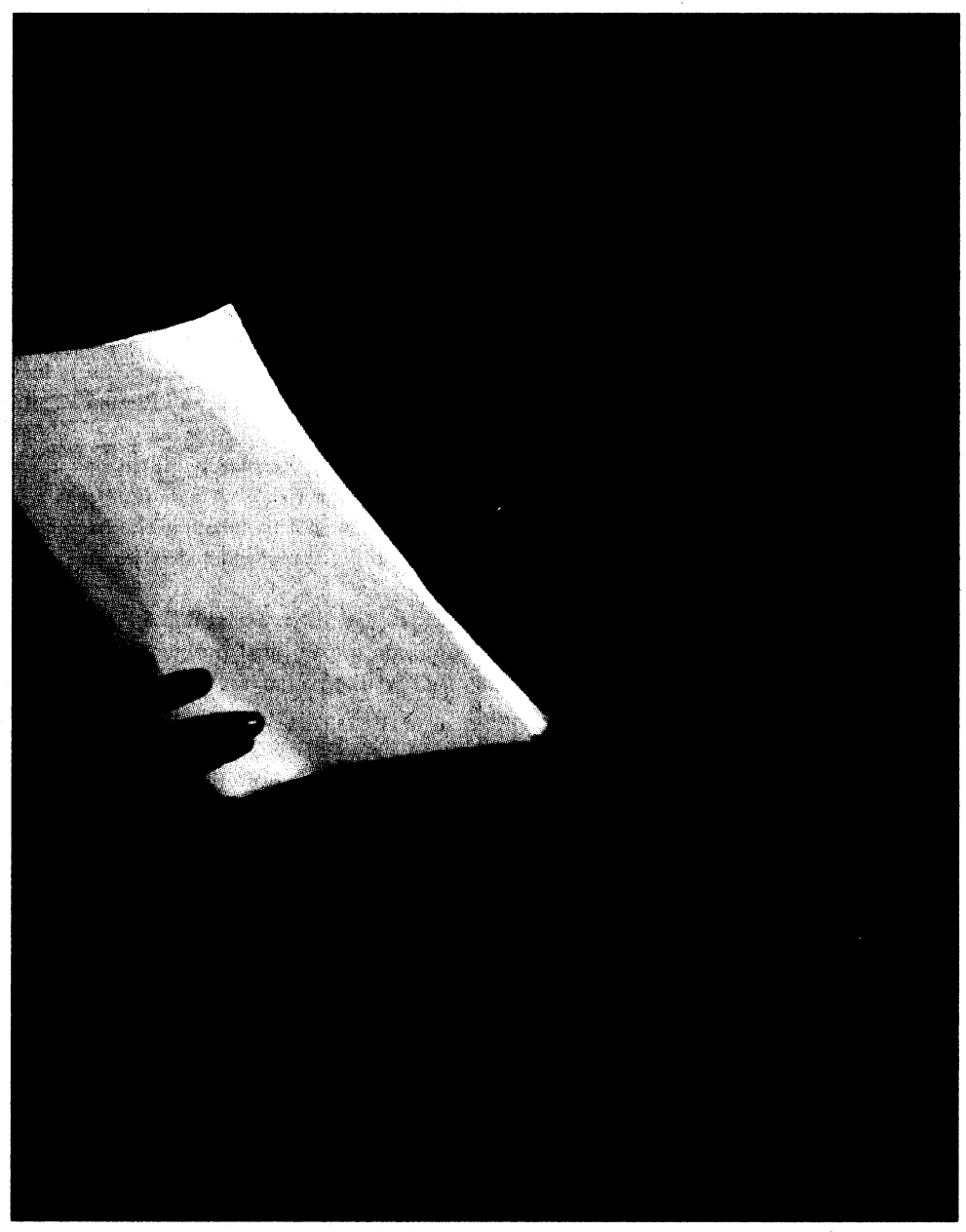
Lauren Spry, the third-grade version of the Rev. Primus King, said her character "went to the courthouse and got threats, tricks and insults while trying to free blacks to vote."

A veteran performer in church and school plays, Spry said she chose to be in the play because it helps her learn and she likes to act.

But that doesn't mean it won't be hard work.

The students, who range from second- to fifth-graders, will spend an hour and a half every Tuesday learning their lines and running through rehearsals, among other challenges.

"The hardest part is just trying to find a costume and having to memorize my part," Spry said.



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Jeisa Roe, a White Elementary School fourth-grader, practices her lines as a narrator in the school's upcoming production.

But the end product will be worth the time.

"The students need to understand things from the past," Thomas said. "We need to take those things and learn from them so we don't make the same mistakes. This play covers the full spectrum of experiences."

Although the play will call attention to the African-American experience, Thomas said that someday, this portion of history will not be separate from American history, but rather will be an integral part.

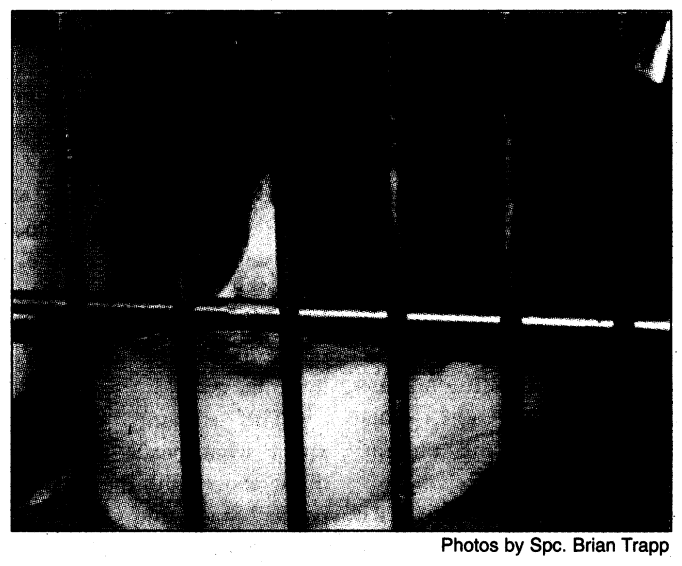
In the meantime, he said the children are doing a good job getting ready for the play.

"They're eager, and they want to do well," he said. "We're all looking forward to it."

The play will be 9 a.m. Feb. 25 in the school's multipurpose room.

Pets of the week





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These dogs and this cat are just a few of the animals available for adoption at the vet clinic. For more information call 545-4444.

Founder's Day Ceremony

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Jesus teaches to not waste what he gives

Chaplain (Capt.) Sean Facchinello
1st Battalion, 507th PIR

Does your family like to eat leftovers? Some really enjoy them while others avoid leftovers like the plague.

By the thousands, a crowd came to hear Jesus speak. Imagine hearing Jesus speak a message of encouragement and hope for the present and the future.

As his followers listened throughout the day, they became hungry.

"Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" Jesus asked Philip (John 6:5). In other words, since there is no DFAC to feed this many, what are we going to do?

Suddenly a boy donated his lunch consisting of two fish and five barley bread loaves. Counting 5,000 men, we know there had to be women and children as well, making a total of 10,000 people.

On the grassy slopes, Jesus offered a blessing over the boy's lunch and began to multiply the meal that satisfied everyone's hunger.

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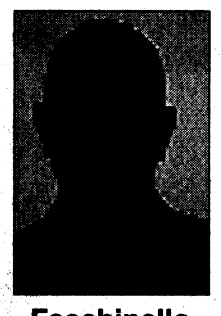
We have been in the field with Soldiers eating MREs, but a single MRE is not designed to feed thousands.



Facchinello

Here, Jesus miraculously provided a meal that satisfied everyone's hunger from the boy's meal.

Leftover food filled 12 baskets after the meal. Jesus could ignore the leftovers that were providing food for the birds.

He teaches us a lesson that we should not waste what he gives. Gather the leftovers "so that nothing is wasted."

Given from heaven, faith in Jesus is bread that satisfies the believer's life forever.

"No one who comes to me will ever be hungry again," Jesus said in John 6:35.

Perhaps you sense a need in your life which is not satisfied. Give Jesus, the bread of life an opportunity to satisfy your hunger.

He can save to the uttermost, and from my experience, he has never disappointed with his leftovers.

CHAPEL NOTES

Religious education programs — Religious education programs and sacramental programs for all ages are available.

Volunteers are needed to fill positions of catechists, co-ordinators and assistants in all areas of religious education.

For more information, call the Religious Education Center at 545-5508, or e-mail WamplerC@benning.army.mil.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Fort Benning's Protestant Women of the Chapel meet at Custer Terrace Chapel from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursdays. Child care is provided.

The Bible studies are: Covenant, Creative Counterpart, A Woman of Value and Breaking Free.

For more information, call Natalie Rauch at 221-5607.

Sunday School — Are you looking for a way to experience God's blessings?

The Sunday School ministry needs you. Classes are available for all age groups from preschool to adult. Transportation is available on post if needed.

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Catholic Women of the Chapel — Catholic Women of the Chapel meet the first Friday of each month at Sightseeing Road Chapel at 10 a.m. for business, religious study, rosary and Mass. They also meet the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at TIC annex for Bible study. Child care is provided at both meetings.

For more information, call Theresa McCrackine at 687-0894.

Join ranks of financial freedom

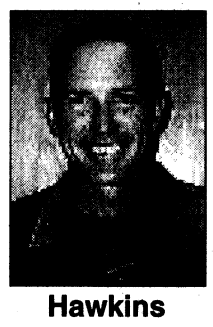
Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Family Life Ministries Center

Did you see the difference in your January LES at mid-month? Now it may not be enough to get your own television spot on MTV's *Cribs*, but hey, it's a start!

January seems to be the month of resolutions for a lot of us: "I'll work-out more, put on more muscle, take off more fat, I'll be nice to my mother-in-law, I'll not curse so much at my squad," and yes, "I'll get my finances in shape."

If your January credit card bill looks like the gross national product of a small, Central American county, don't feel alone — you're probably asking the same three key question that lots of folks are this time of year:

- Will I ever have enough?
- Will it continue to be enough?
- How much is enough?



Hawkins

The good news is, there is hope! The first step, and frequently most challenging in any journey, is to commit to success.

If you'll find a program (I recommend Ron Blue's workbook, *Master Your Money*, or Army Community Service's Financial Workshop, call 545-5516) and simply commit to work it weekly, you too can join the ranks of those released from financial bondage to financial freedom.

As you do that, you may want to keep in mind three things:

- Don't strive for perfection! Financial freedom is a process, not a project. Focus on progress, not on perfection.
- Don't focus on the past! A verse in the Old Testament reminds us, "Don't remember the former things — or consider the old habits you had." If you'll let him, God wants to change your checkbook ... and he may start by changing your heart.

3• Don't try to "fix" your financial situation overnight! If it took you a while to get behind the 8-ball, it may take you a while to get out. Faithful, consistent progress is what you're after, not the fantasy of a quick-fix.

Blue said, "From a financial standpoint, you can have enough. If you plan using (proven) techniques and principles, you will have enough."

He goes on to say that, "if our security comes from just money, though, we'll never have enough."

If there's any way that our team of trained counselors at the Chaplain Family Life Center, Building 2606, Soldiers' Plaza, Dixie Road, can help you with your family, friends or finances, give us a call at 545-1760 — we look forward to serving you more in 2004!

The National Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Officers' Club Feb. 19 at 7:30 a.m. Guest speaker is retired Col. Benjamin Purcell, a former POW in Vietnam. Call 544-9496.

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
Monday- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, Classroom 2, Building 3305

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3951
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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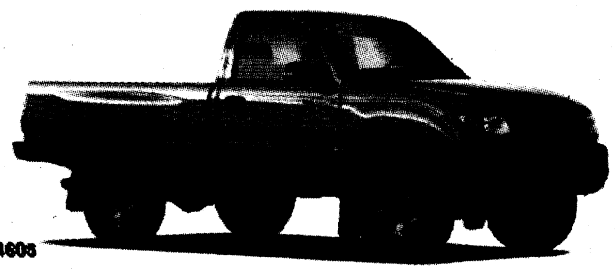

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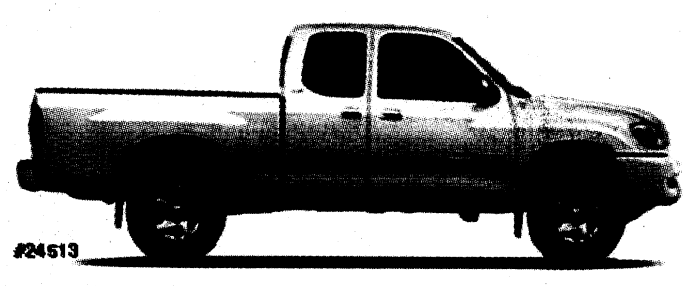

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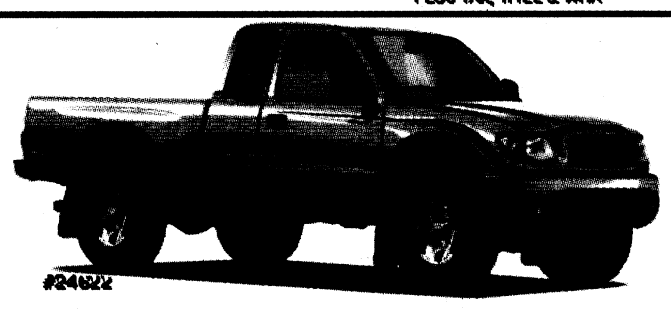

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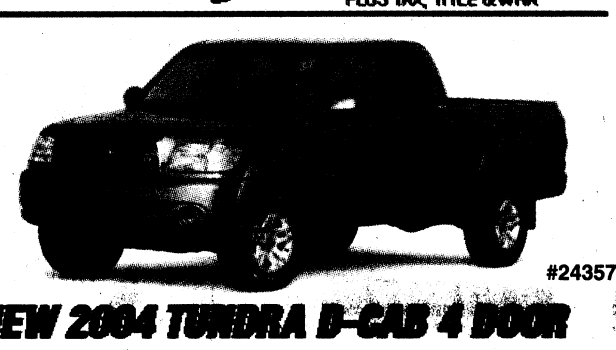

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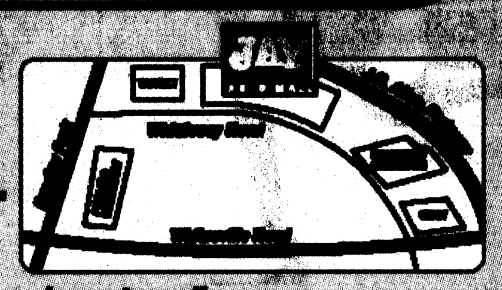

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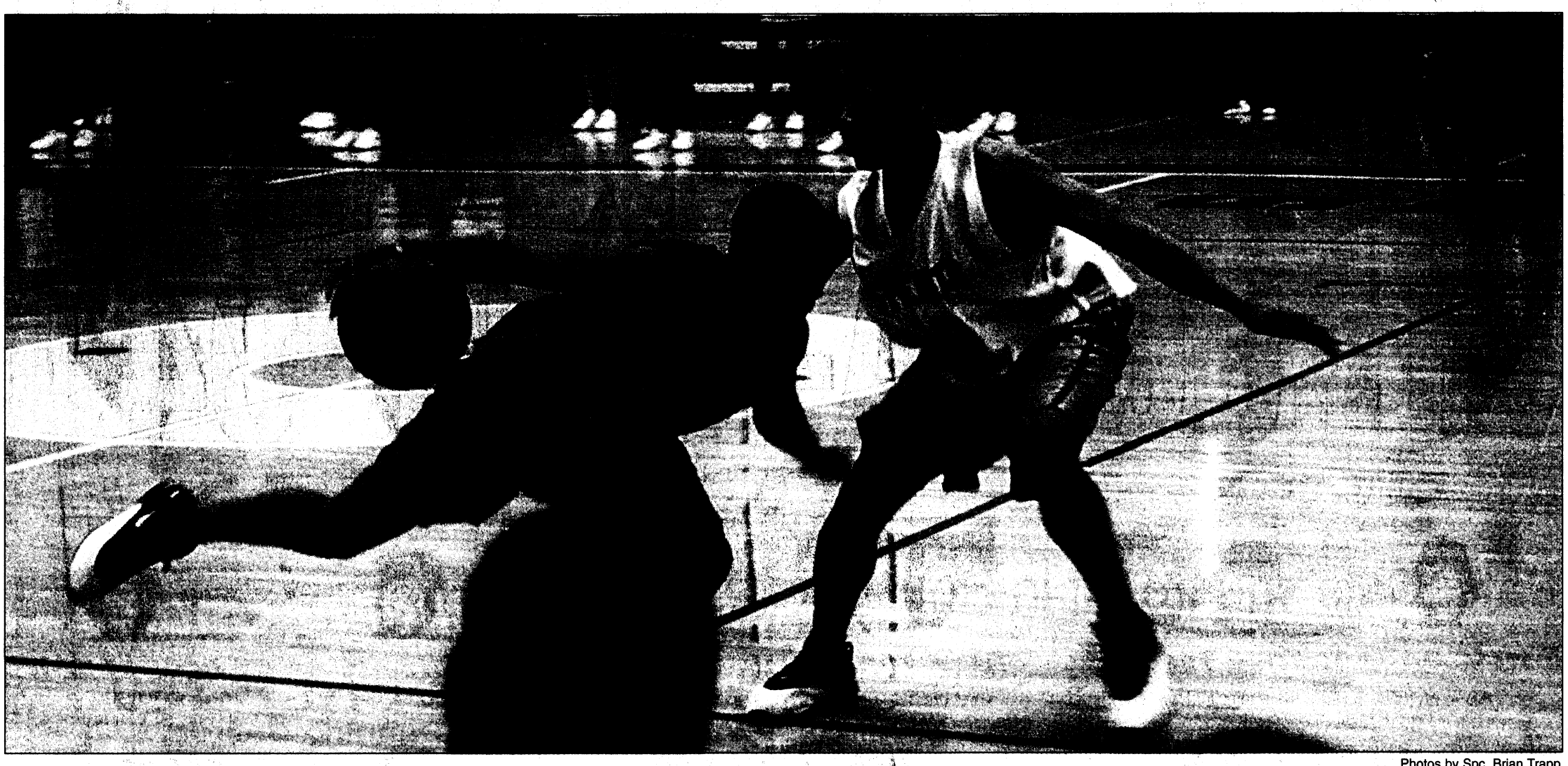

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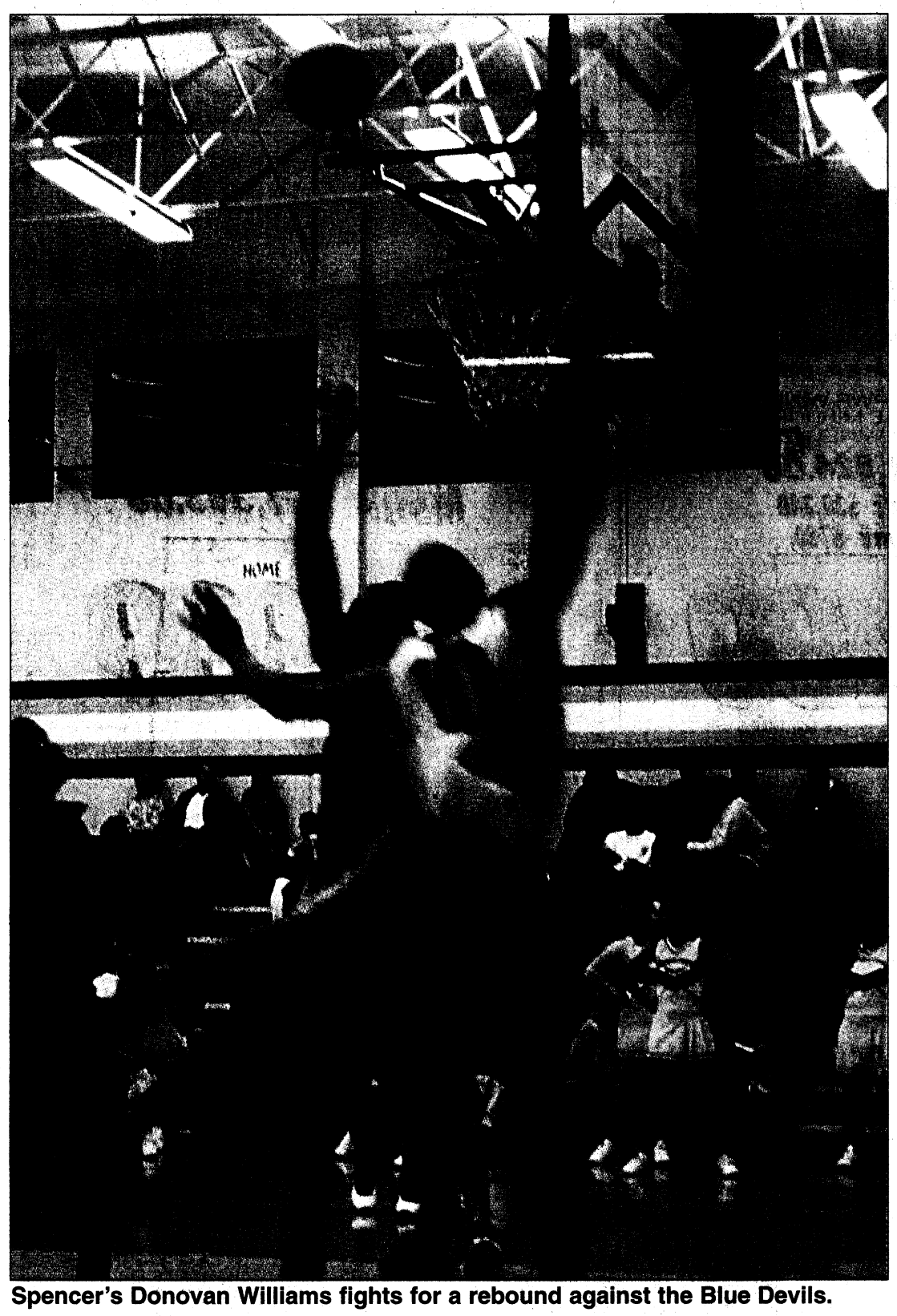
Spencer's Donovan Williams, right, tries to stop Blue Devils' Waymon Wiggins on his way down court Tuesday night at Spencer High School.

Greenwaves slam Columbus, 66-43



Spencer's Donovan Williams fights for a rebound against the Blue Devils.

Spencer raises record to 18-4

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Spencer High School's boy's basketball team defeated the Columbus Blue Devils, 66-43, Tuesday night at Spencer High School.

This victory put Spencer's Greenwaves record to 18-4. The team is ranked 10th in the state, and they showed it.

"This had been a great year for the boys," said George Williams, Spencer coach. "They worked hard all summer, and I'm proud of them. Hopefully, we'll keep on going and make a good run for state."

In the first period, the Greenwaves racked up 15 unanswered points, and Columbus put only two points on the board with less than a minute in the period with foul shots.

The Blue Devils shots were repeatedly stuffed by a smothering Spencer defense, which was complemented by their offense. They ended the first period at 17-2.

Columbus recovered from the first period and came out playing better and were able to get off a couple shots and make some rebounds, but was still no match for Spencer.

Columbus' defensive press slowed down the Greenwaves and forced some mistakes, and Spencer's man-to-man defense became less effective as Columbus moved more aggressively toward the basket. At the end of the half, Columbus was starting to wear down Spencer and close the point gap.

"We started off with a lot of intensity; then (Columbus) started to stall and got some easy shots in," Williams said. "That's when I was switching them from man-to-man to zone coverage to change it up and give them a rest."

After halftime, both teams returned to the court refreshed. Spencer started playing a little sloppier when Columbus started shutting down some of their shots with a much more physical game under the basket. The score ebbed and flowed but Spencer stayed in the lead and finished the third period at 47-33.

In the final eight minutes of the game, Spencer started to wear down Columbus. The Greenwaves tightened up their game and were leading by nearly 30 points for a moment.

"We had a couple tough games last weekend against two good teams," Williams said. "We were playing a little flat today, but we came out and did what we had to do."

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> **George Williams**
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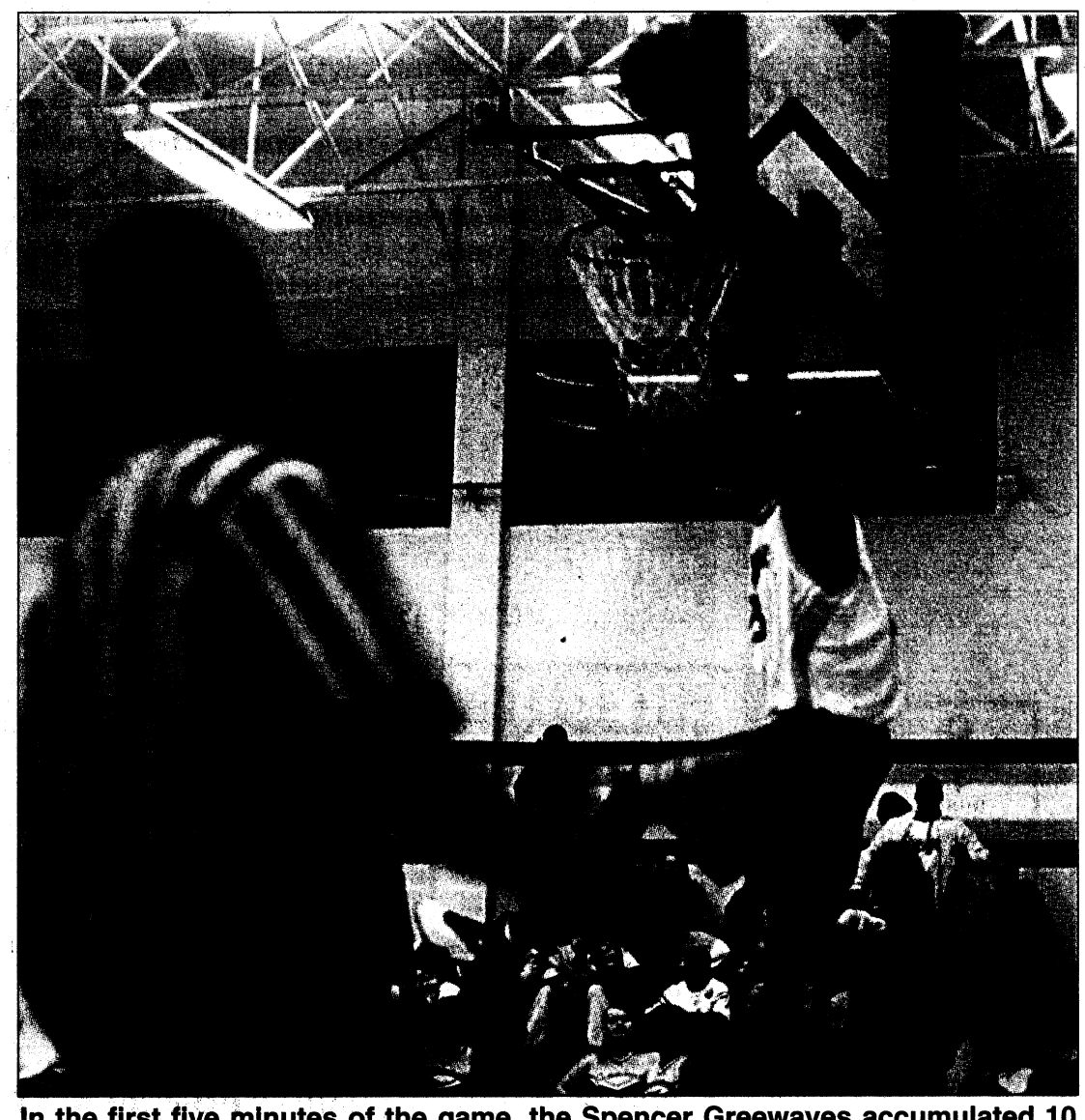


In the first five minutes of the game, the Spencer Greewaves accumulated 10 unanswered points.



Greenwaves' Honduras Ingram, right, moves down the court to set up a shot.

Faith athletes show meaning of being 'team player'

Basketball players lead the way

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

On any athletic team, skill and technique are paramount. But as many coaches will tell you, good leadership is just as, if not more, important.

Faith Middle School basketball coach Ronnie Bell considers himself blessed in that department.

"All the kids out here have leadership qualities," said Bell, who is coaching both the boys' and girls' teams this year.

That said, some are better able to harness those qualities than others and use them to benefit the team — players like Taylor Ellis and Robert Smith, both eighth-graders.

Ellis, who began playing basketball when she was 8 years old, is now one of four captains on the girls' team.

"She stands out as far as leadership," Bell said. "She does what needs to be done for the team."

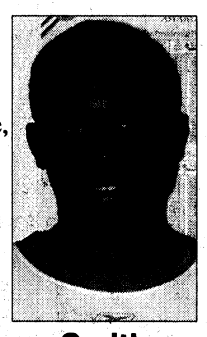
To Ellis, that means doing her best in practice and giving all that she can on the court.

"You practice how you play," she said.

The 14-year-old began getting into the sport when she moved to Fort Benning from Fort Campbell, Ky., five years ago.

She said she hopes to use her basketball skills to earn a scholarship either to North Carolina or Tennessee.

Ultimately, she plans to follow in the footsteps of Lisa Lesley, a Women's National Basketball Association great.


Smith

Meanwhile, fellow athlete Smith stands out on the boys' team, where he rations his talent carefully.

Smith, who has played basketball since first grade and got serious about it in sixth grade, doesn't see why it should be unusual that he regularly gives up shots to allow fellow players to score and bask in the glory.

"I like to share the ball," he said, shrugging. "I only score when they need me to."

"Robert is really a team player," Bell said. "He does whatever I ask of him on and off the court. If I ask him to sit out a game, he does. If I ask him to keep the books, he does."

Smith shares Ellis' dreams of putting his athletic skills to good use to earn a scholarship to college and said he would most like to play for the Orlando Magic if he made it professionally.

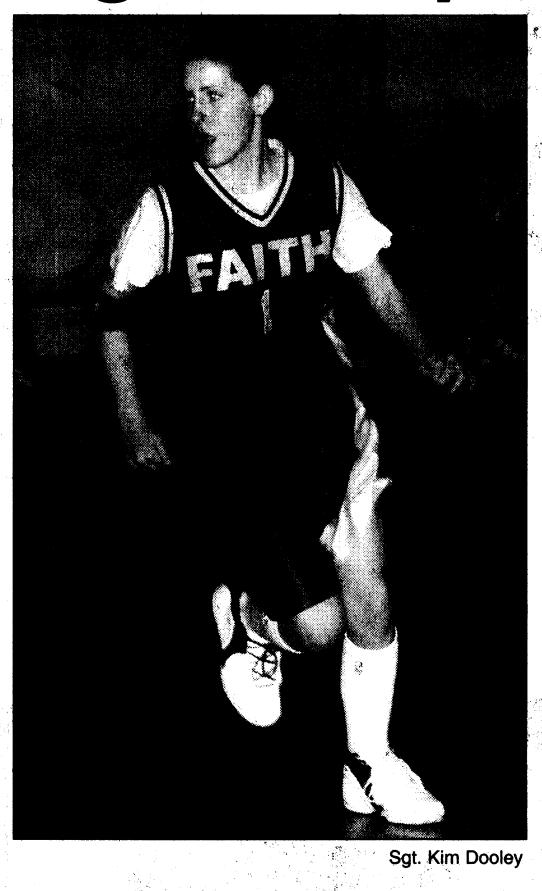
His parents are his inspiration.

"My dad is the one who taught me how to play, and my mom makes sure I'm focused," he said.

Both he and Ellis have a lot going for them already, Bell said.

"It's very important to develop leadership (at this age)," he said. "When you get in the higher grades of school, when you go to the outside world. ... I don't think any kids should want to be followers.

"These (kids) are my team players, my leaders."


Sgt. Kim Dooley

Faith Middle School eighth-grader Taylor Ellis is one of four captains on the school's girls' basketball team.

Pats, Cats square off in Houston

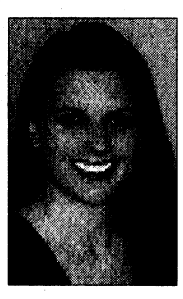
Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

It's that time of year again. No, I'm not talking about tax season. I'm talking about the mother of all football games — the Super Bowl. Super Bowl XXXVIII to be exact. For those of you who have been living in a spiderhole, this year's match-up is the New England Patriots against the Carolina Panthers.

I have to start by saying that, yes, I am biased. I am a lifelong Patriots fan. I was glued to the television for Super Bowl XXXVI when the Pats won with an Adam Vinatieri field goal. So, of course I'm cheering for the Pats, although they're only favored by 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 points.

That makes Carolina the "underdogs." Everyone loves to see the underdogs win. The New York Jets stunned everyone in Super Bowl III, defeating the Baltimore Colts, 16-7. The Pats did it in Super Bowl XXXVI, underdogs by 14 points to the St. Louis Rams. And they did it with help from Tom Brady, quarterback for the Patriots.

Brady went from the 199th draft pick in 2000 to starter after Drew Bledsoe got injured. Brady had no interceptions in his first 162 pass attempts, an NFL record. He won 11 of 14 regular season starts. As a starter, he went 34-12 — the best winning percentage of any active quarterback. So although the numbers speak for themselves, Brady still came in third in MVP voting, after fellow AFC quarterbacks Peyton Manning and Steve McNair, both of whom got shut down by Brady and the Patriots.



I do have to give the Panthers some credit, though. From a 1-15 record in 2001 to a Super Bowl slot this year is quite an accomplishment. In their ninth season, they finished 14-5. But Jake Delhomme is no Tom Brady.

I've heard it said this is going to be a boring game because both teams are defensive teams. I think it will be a low-scoring game, sure, but not boring. Cornerbacks Ty Law of the Patriots and Ricky Manning of the Panthers picked off three interceptions in their AFC and NFC Championship games. Delhomme has to prove that he deserves to be in the Super Bowl — Brady has already proved he can go to the Super Bowl and win, and also be the MVP.

To the Carolina fans, I know the Patriots just won a Super Bowl two years ago, but you gotta give us Red Sox fans something to cling to. We were this close to making it to the World Series. When Aaron Boone hit the homer to dash our dreams, I bawled like a big old baby. I don't know if my husband can take another night of my crying because my team didn't produce. Like us Red Sox fans say every fall, "There's always next year." Give Delhomme some more experience and maybe one day he can be a Tom Brady.

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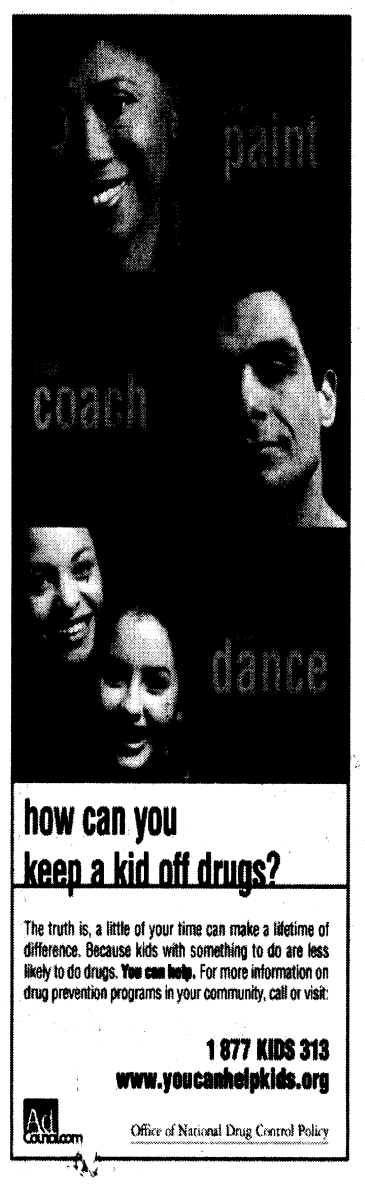

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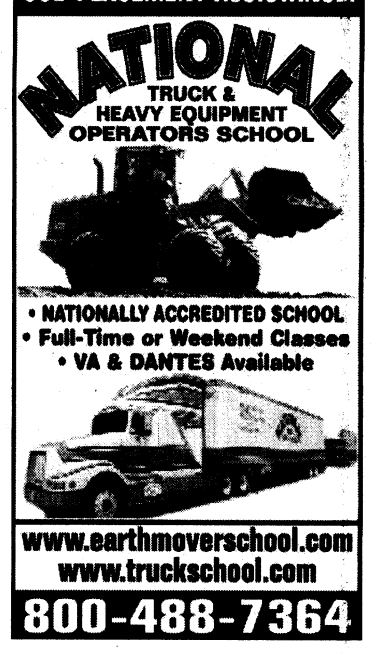






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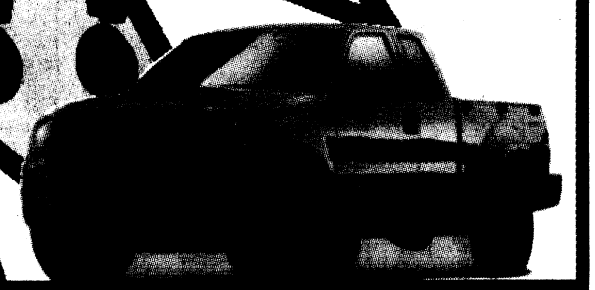

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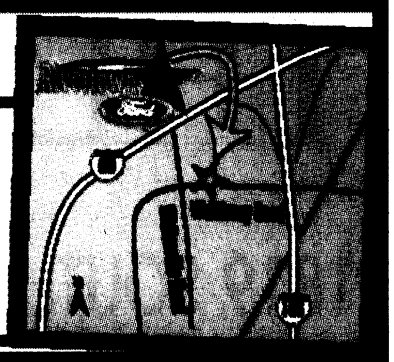

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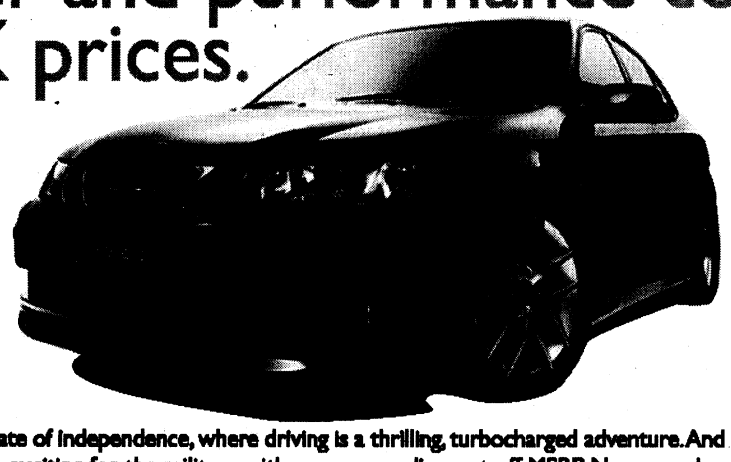

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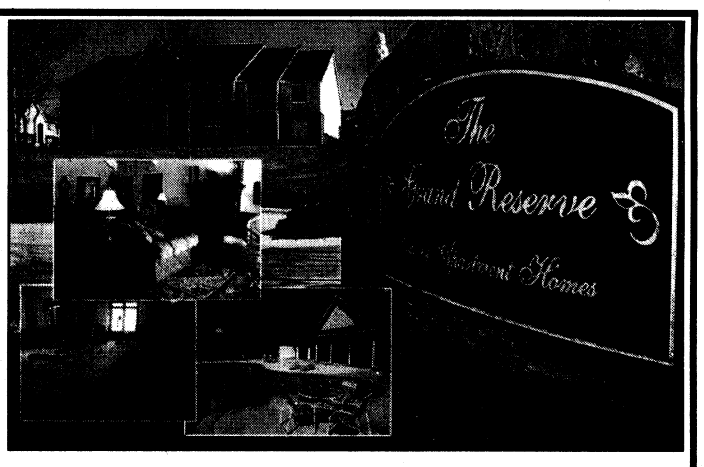

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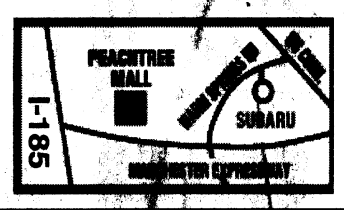

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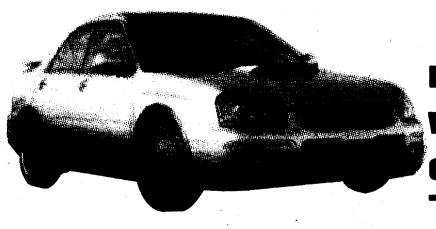

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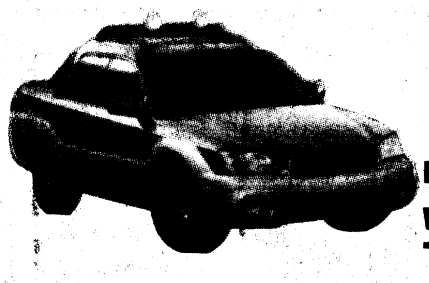

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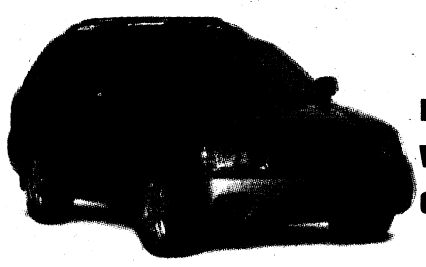

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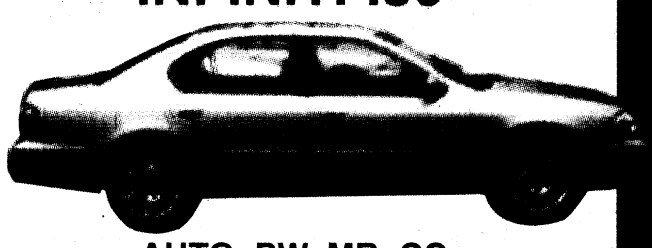

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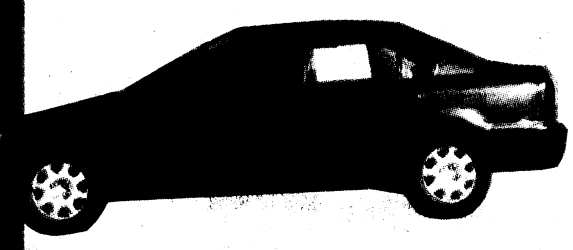

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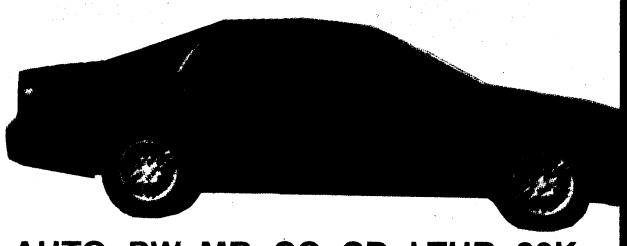

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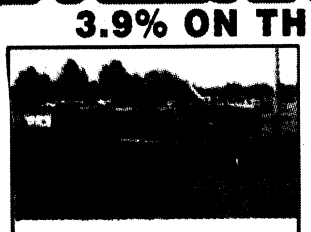

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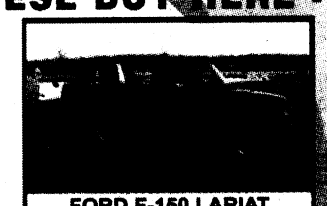

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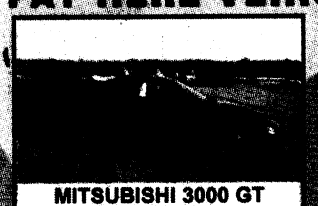

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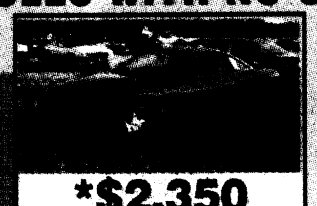

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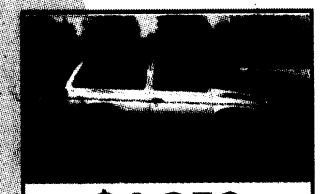

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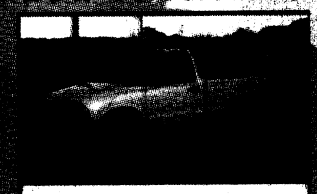

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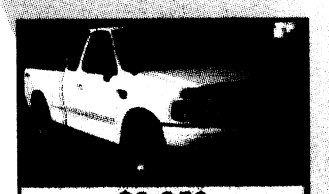

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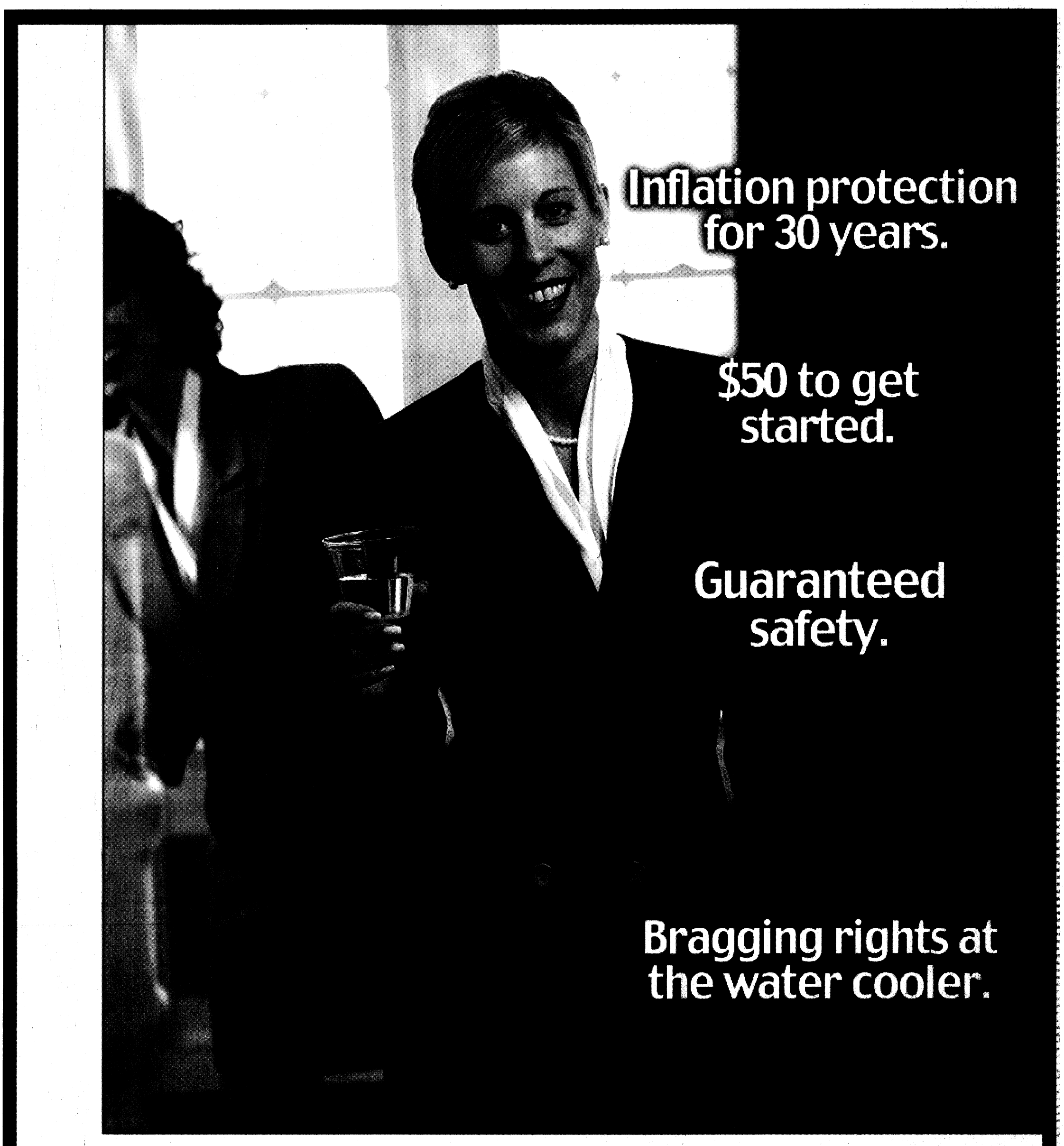

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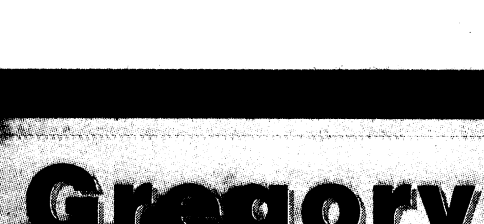

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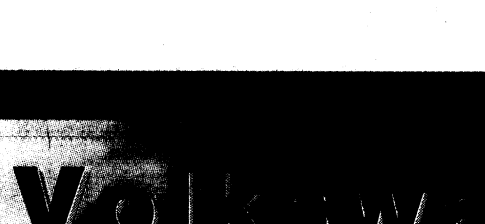

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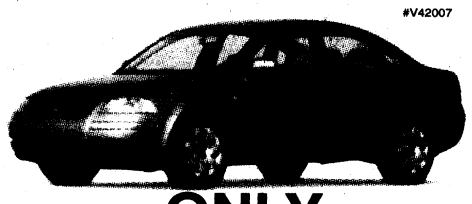

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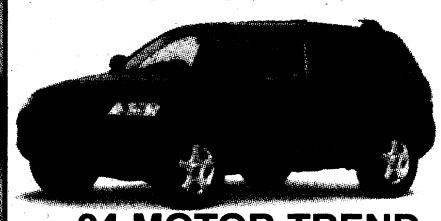

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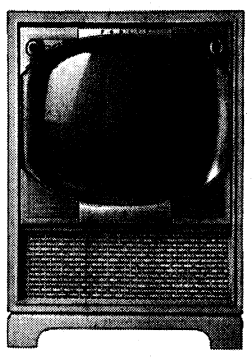
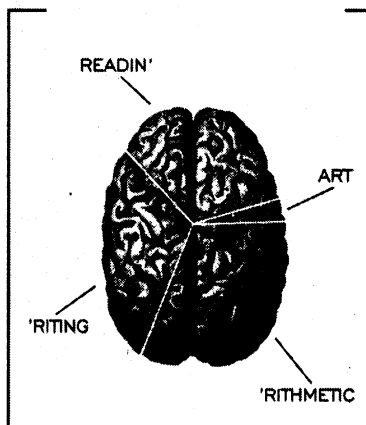


If you're looking for Caravaggio, you're very, very cold.

Fuhgedaboutit.

This loss is incalculable. Especially when you consider how much children can learn from the conflicted life of someone like Michelangelo Caravaggio.

He grew up in less than ideal circumstances. Much of his family perished in the plague, and he spent much of his youth on the notoriously treacherous streets of Rome. As a young man, he labored beneath others much less talented than he and had difficulty making a living. He faced adversity at every turn.



Make sure to give art a piece of your mind.

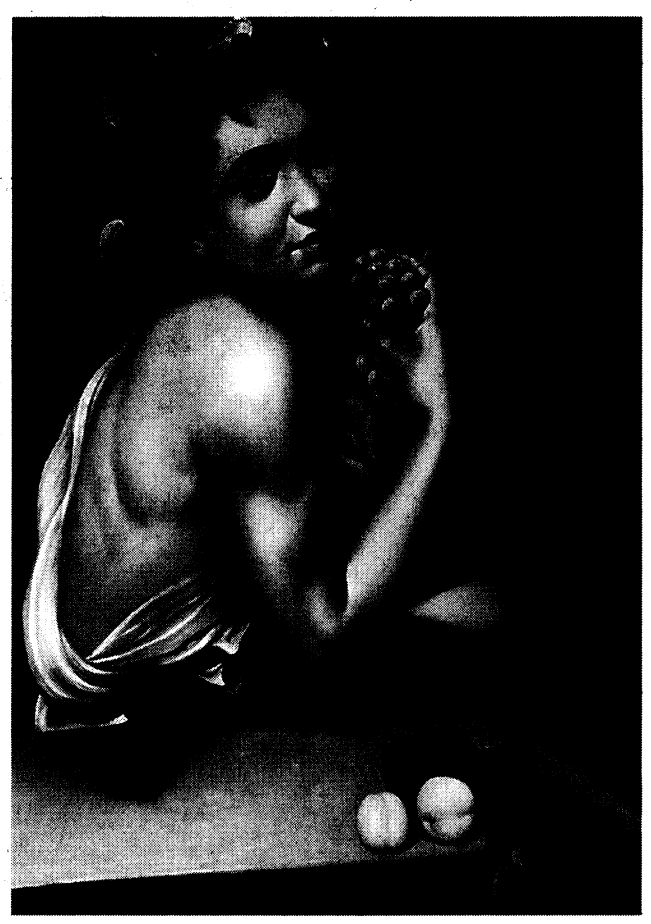
And when his legendary temper threatened to get the best of him, he created his most vital masterpieces. The angry contrast between light and darkness that he felt deep in his soul now hangs in stark evidence in countless museums around the world.

Caravaggio's body of work is not only a great example of the Baroque period, but also a case study in the importance of art as an outlet. One we're fast removing from our kids' lives.

AN IMPORTANT LESSON.

Study after study shows that an overwhelming majority of parents believe the arts are integral to their children's education. They like that dance and music teach kids to be more tolerant and open. That painting and drama allow children to express themselves creatively. And that the arts help to promote individuality, while bolstering self-confidence and improving overall academic performance.

If only they knew that their kids spend less time in arts classes than they do watching commercials.



A self-portrait of Caravaggio as Bacchus. Let's be honest; he wouldn't last 10 minutes on The Sopranos.

LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE.

If the arts are indeed a vital part of your child's education and well-being (and they are), then you should demand your child's fair share. To find out what you can do to help, or for more information about the benefits of arts education, please visit us at AmericansForTheArts.org. Because, as Michelangelo Caravaggio would no doubt tell you, a life without art is torture.

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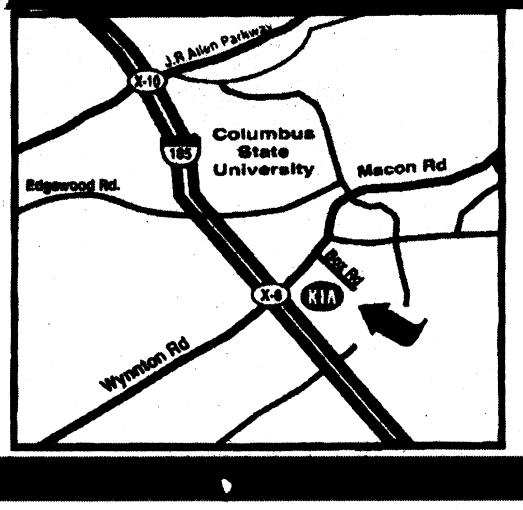

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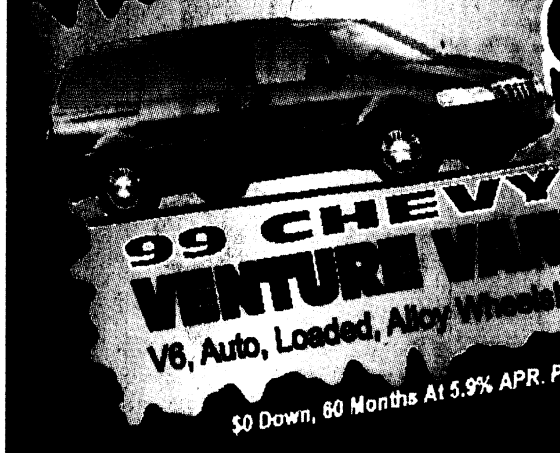

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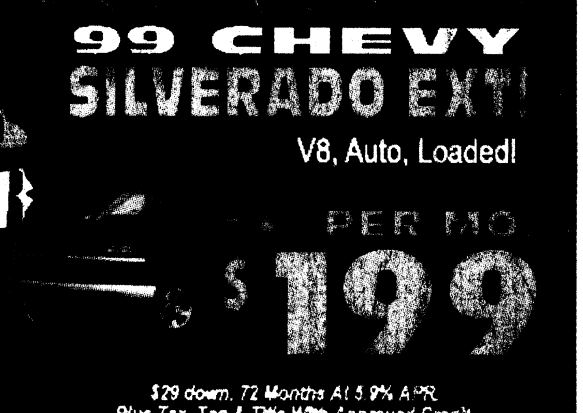

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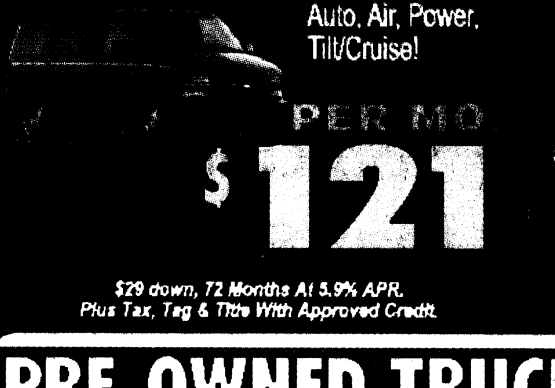

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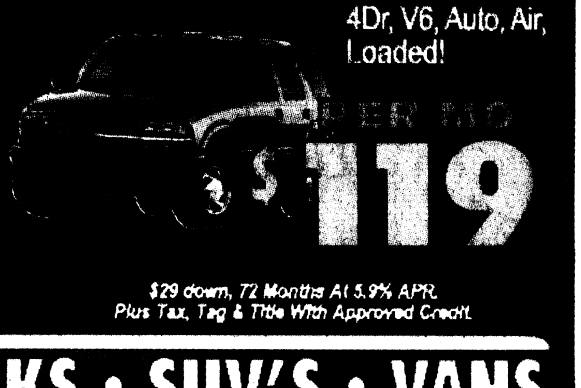

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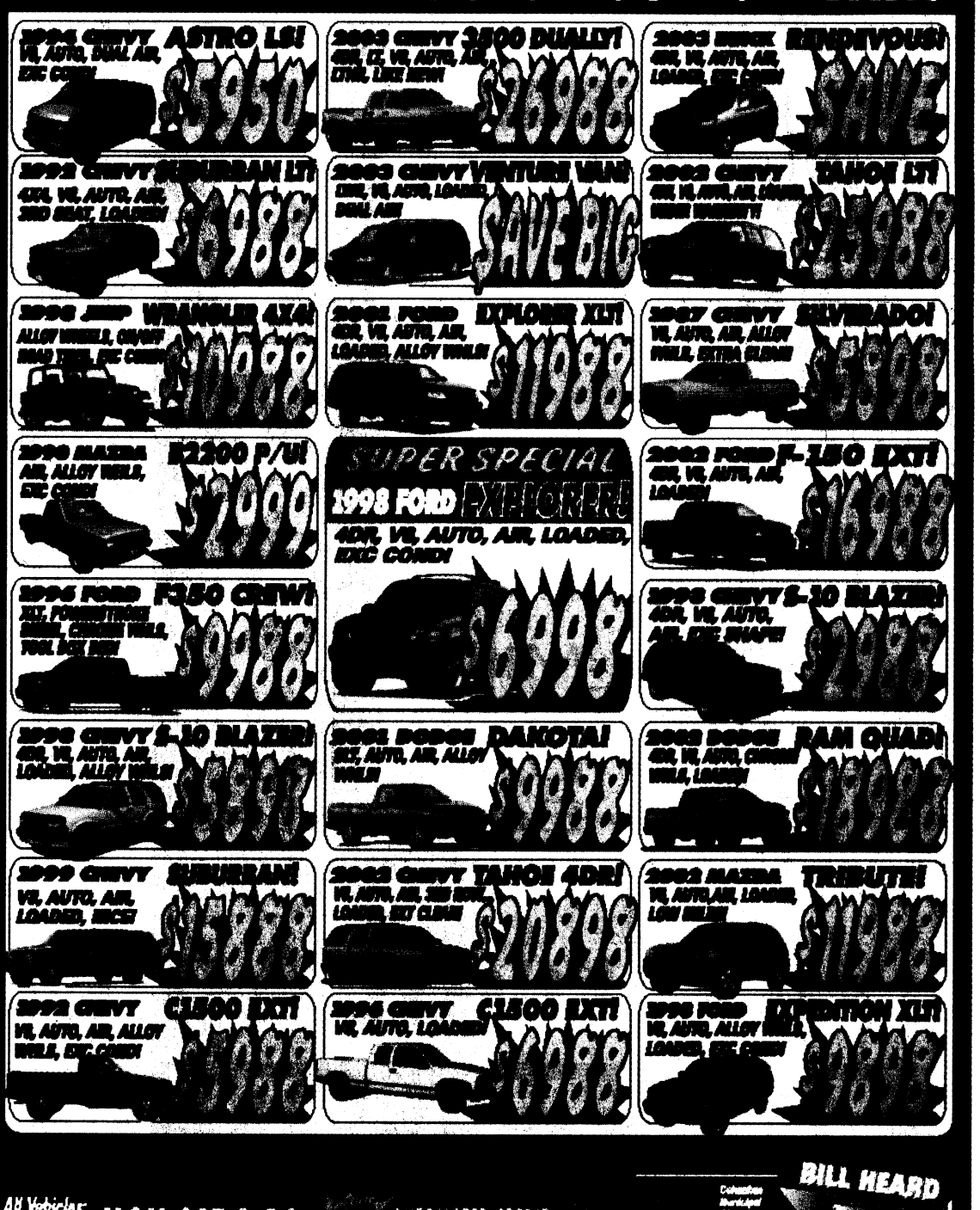

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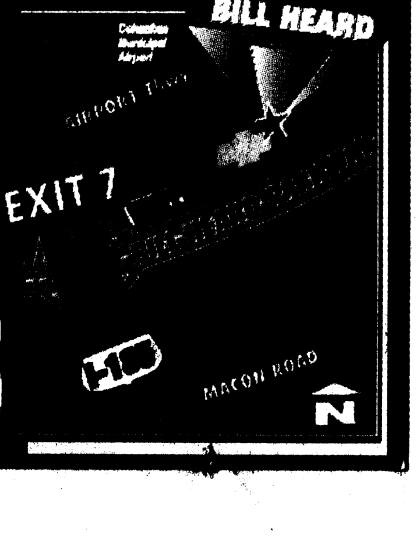

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CG talks about Army future

Adaptive, modular force needed to win

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The Army is changing and changing drastically — get ready. That was Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley's message as he addressed more than a thousand Fort Benning Soldiers and civilians in Marshall Auditorium at Infantry Hall Tuesday afternoon.

Freakley's State of the Army address came in the wake of a meeting with the vice chief of staff of the Army last week in Washington, D.C.

"When you read history, it's clear that the force that adapts first — because each side is going to the fight with a certain doctrine, organization, leaders and notion about how they'll fight — but the first force that adapts quickly to the environment wins the war," Freakley said.

As a nation that has been at war since 2001, as an Army with hundreds of thousands of Soldiers deployed around the world, the Army must adapt to face the continued threat against American forces, Freakley said. That means reshaping the Army.

Increasing armed force capabilities.

Although the Army is already about 11,000 Soldiers above its allowed strength of 480,000, Congress has allowed the Army to "plus up" to 510,000 Soldiers in

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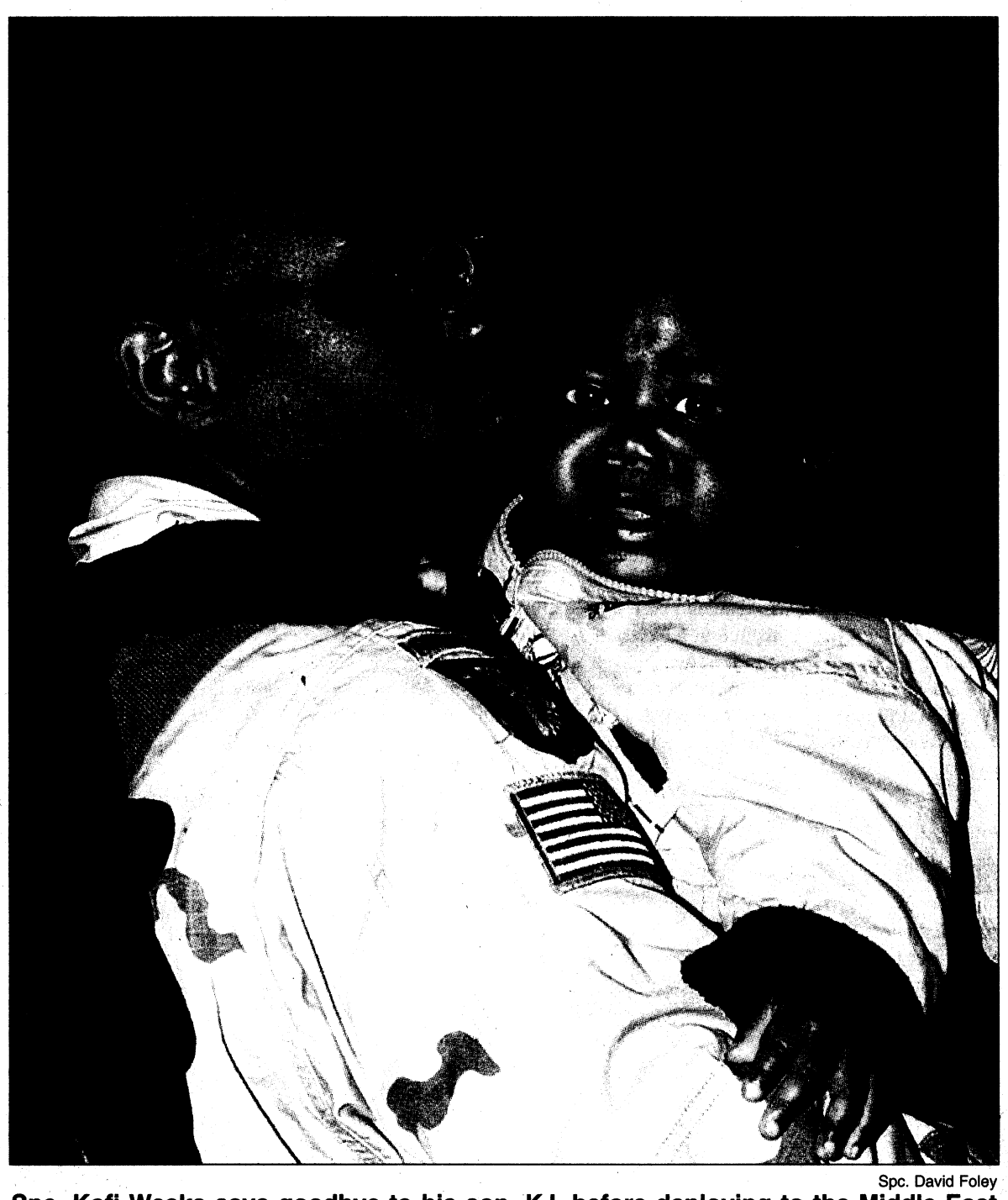

Spc. David Foley

Spc. Kofi Weeks says goodbye to his son, KJ, before deploying to the Middle East with the 233rd HET Jan 29. The 233rd returned from their last deployment in July.

233rd HET deploys to Iraq

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Fifty-five Fort Benning Soldiers left a room full of teary-eyed family members and boarded a plane to Kuwait at Lawson Army Airfield Jan. 29.

The 233rd Heavy Equipment Transport Company will transport heavy tactical equipment to and from combat units in Iraq.

For most of the Soldiers, this deployment will be quite familiar.

About 40 of the Soldiers redeployed from Iraq in July, which gives the company somewhat of an advantage with this deployment, said 1st Lt. Dennis Graves, 233rd HET Co. commander.

"We are familiar with the terrain and the routes," Graves said. "We are not going into unknown territory this time."

Even though the last deployment is still fresh in most of the Soldiers' minds, they spent several months preparing for this one.

The Soldiers brushed up on their skills with Hammer Focus training and situational training exercises, Soldier readiness preparations, and medical threat and awareness briefings.

They also had several family readiness group meetings to prepare Soldiers and their families for the separation.

Staff Sgt. Larry Efrin, company first sergeant, said there is no doubt his Soldiers will do an excellent job.

"They did an outstanding job last time," he said. "And once

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Army boosts strength by 30K

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Although the Army has been given the green light to temporarily increase its size by up to 30,000 troops, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker said he opposes a permanent end-strength increase.

The Army is already about 11,000 Soldiers above its congressional limit of 482,400 active-duty troops, Schoomaker told the House Armed Services Committee Jan. 28, explaining that the Army has used emergency authority to meet its commitments in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Balkans and elsewhere.

Speaking at a congressional hearing on the rotation of troops to Iraq, Schoomaker said he has permission from Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld "to grow the Army by 30,000 people." He said this will give the service the personnel needed to handle the stress on-going operations are placing on it.

But Schoomaker told representatives he opposes a permanent increase in troops, and instead believes transformation and restructuring will increase lethality and efficiency in the long run.

He said an unfunded end-strength increase "puts readiness at risk, it puts training at risk, it puts modernization at risk, it puts transformation at risk — and that's why I'm resisting it."

Many in Congress believe the Army is stressed with worldwide operations. One proposal calls for adding two more combat divisions. Another calls for a 40,000-man increase in the Army, while other, more general proposals just call for end-strength increases.

Schoomaker agrees the Army is stressed, but believes it is a

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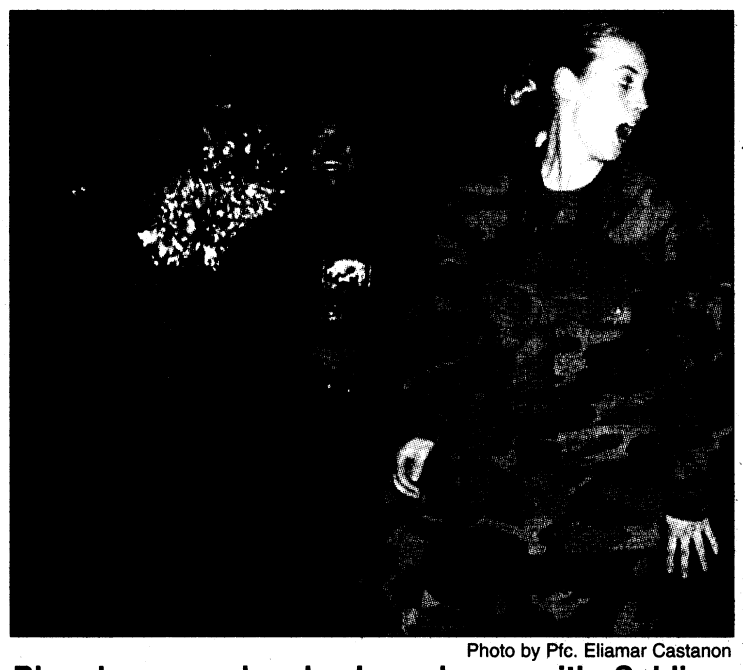

Photo by Pfc. Eliamar Castanon

Riverdragons cheerleaders dance with Soldiers during halftime at the basketball game Jan. 30.

NBDL supports troops

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Audie Murphy Gym was jumping with Soldiers and basketball and hip-hop stars in an event organized by the National Developmental Basketball League to boost troop morale Jan. 30.

The Columbus Riverdragons and the Charleston Lowgators played a nationally broadcasted game from Fort Benning to boost morale — especially for the National Guard and reserve units training on Sand Hill for deployments scheduled for late March.

The halftime show featured Nappy Roots, a well-known hip-hop group who performed with help from the Riverdragons' cheerleaders dancing with Soldiers from the crowd.

Spc. Larry Pelham, an engineer with the 926th Engineer Battalion, forgot about his hard day of training and got up to dance during the Nappy Roots performance.

"I love Nappy Roots," he said. "I think it's great that they came out here to show us their support before we deploy."

Prophet, a member of Nappy Roots, said it makes the group feel good that the Soldiers want to hear their music.

"It's good to know that people who put their lives on the line are really motivated by our music, and we want them to know that we're here for them," he said.

Other special guests at the game

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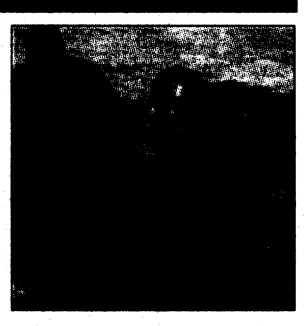

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COST OF FREEDOM

Soldiers pay in blood

Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner
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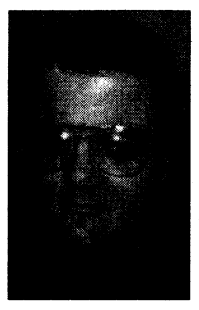


What is the cost of freedom and when is it going on sale? History tells us the cost of freedom is high and often paid for with a currency whose value does not fluctuate — blood.

Where does this blood come from? It comes from the men and women of this country who have stood among their fellow service members, raised their hands and said, "I do."

So it bothers me when the media starts putting price tags on the military men and women of this country.

Recently, a *Los Angeles Times* article, quoting Pentagon officials, stated a Soldier in today's Army of One costs the government on average $99,000 a year in pay and benefits.

It goes on to cite the average pay for Soldiers is $43,000. The benefits, of course, being housing or housing allowances, separate rations, clothing allowances, etc., make up the remaining $56,000.

Looking at this, the "average" American might think, "Whoa!"

However, if they were to look at my recent W-2, they would see my pay is, uh ... below average at $42,361.20. Before you curse me, I think below average isn't so bad, but it did take me almost 20 years and several promotions to get here.

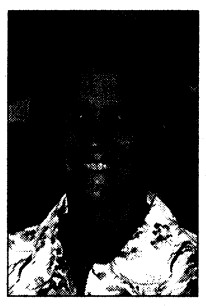
I know there are a lot of Soldiers reading this who hope to be average some day and lots of others who remember being average.

So what is a fair price? I would say this: battle dress uniform: $46.95; black beret: $10.10; black jungle boots $68.55; Soldier to wear uniform and swear to defend this country against all enemies, foreign and domestic: Priceless.

You might be able to buy almost anything with a Master Card, but for freedom, you need a Soldier. Because our enemies don't take a hint, and they don't take American Express.

Brush 'em, floss 'em, keep 'em

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



It's National Children's Dental Health Month, so it's obviously time to figure out just what it is all about.

And with my high-speed DSL Internet access, surfing the net for information is even more fun than before.

What did I find? I'm glad you asked.

Children's Dental Health Month began as a one-day event in Cleveland on Feb. 3, 1941, and was first celebrated nationally in 1949. By 1955, it had expanded to encompass an entire week, and by 1981, had swallowed an entire month.

I personally never had a cavity until I got to college, which my mom attributed to the fact that there was fluoride in the water by the late '60s.

But as a mother, I'm touched by tooth decay, and I'm glad there are programs in the schools to have hygienists and dentists come to check kids' teeth out.

My biggest trauma has been sitting in the waiting room and listening to the drill and the wails as the dentist removed the tooth decay and put four crowns in my middle son's mouth.

He wasn't even 4 years old, but had a combination of defective enamel and vicious mouth bacteria. Thanks to a good pediatric dentist, he has no memory of the event, and willingly returns to the dentist twice a year for cleanings.

We're holding out hope that the permanent teeth will come in strong and healthy.

OK. So you don't have kids. Get yourself to the dentist. If you have dental phobias, find a dentist who deals with folks just like you.

Don't forget your pets either. February is also National Pet Dental Health month, because someone figured out that oral disease is the number one health problem diagnosed in dogs and cats.

I left www.petdental.com and surfed on. I found www.healthyteeth.org, which had a lot of good information for parents and kids about cavities, prevention, and braces.

And I learned a few things in the process. We've all heard that sugar is bad for your teeth, but do we really know why? It's not the sugar that causes the cavities, it's the bacteria in your mouth.

When the bacteria forms together to become plaque, it uses the sugar for energy and turns the sugar into a glue that helps the plaque stick to your teeth. Yuck.

So get out your toothbrush.

Don't worry about brushing wrong, because there's really no one set method. You can go up and down, side to side, or even in circles, just as long as you cover all the surfaces of your teeth.

Effective brushing can take anywhere from two to three minutes.

Do not forget to floss. If you don't floss, you're missing up to 35 percent of the tooth's surface.

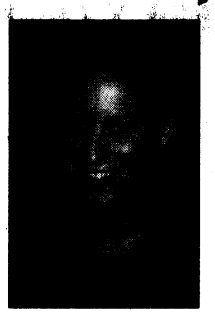
And what about those crooked teeth? Like the ones in my fifth-grader's mouth we're about to sink a bunch of money into fixing ... Fix them.

Crooked teeth are harder to clean because they have unnatural spaces and are more likely to have cavities, according to the Web site.

Or as the dentist from my junior high days told my parents, "If you ever want to marry her off, she'll need braces."

Be a sport: Give blood, play rugby

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor



A year ago, if you'd asked me if I wanted to play rugby, I would have laughed out loud. The term conjures up images of big, sweaty men knocking the bejeezus out of each other with no protection but a mouth guard.

Besides, my last "athletic experience" — if you could call it that — was JV soccer in my junior year of high school. A sad endeavor which landed me on bed rest for a week with serious muscle strains in all four quadrants of my legs.

So I rather surprised myself last summer when I took an Infantry Hall cohort up on an invitation to come out and practice with the local rugby team, the Columbus/Fort Benning Cruise-a-Matics.

In my years in the Army, I've gotten to be a pretty quick runner ("for a girl"), and I love a good challenge — not to mention I was bored out of my mind. So I threw caution to the wind and ventured out to the pitch.

A collective four months of practice, four games, eight stitches and countless cuts and bruises later, I'm hooked.

Now, I'm not exactly what you'd call a "key player" on the team. But the real ruggers — the big, sweaty men knocking the bejeezus out of each other with no protection but a mouth guard — humor me, coach me and encourage me nonetheless.

Because of them, I'm stronger, faster and definitely tougher.

Unfortunately, we've entered into the competitive season where the girls can't play with the boys (something in the rule book about not having women or children on the field during league games, the ones that count). So I'll be left on the sidelines, waiting for a "B-sides" game — you know, where the second-string players get to romp around on the field for a "special game."

I'll admit I'm not much of a loss, but that's one less body to put on the field, and in a game where you need 15 players plus subs, every body counts.

Now it's no easy thing to share the field with 29 guys at least twice your size, half of whom are destined to knock you flat on your back at some point in the game. But the way I see it, if I can do it, anyone can.

Which is why I'm wondering where all the hard core, tough guys are on this post?

Here's a chance to hit (no punching, for you violent types) someone as hard as you can, and it's all legal and in good fun — they'll even share a beer with you after the game.

There's travel, parties and that good, old-fashioned manly bonding that can only take place through excessive sweating and grunting.

The team is half civilian, half military — even 3rd Brigade and 36th Engineer Group Soldiers and rangers make it out between deployments. So that's no excuse.

Not in shape? No problem — you will be. Never played before? No problem — no experience necessary. Got a busy schedule? No problem — practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., and games are always on Saturdays. Plus, rugby is a year-round sport. Scared of getting hurt? Toughen up — if a 125-pound girl can get out there, so can you. Besides, it's only a few bumps and bruises ... maybe the occasional concussion (relax, it's a joke ... kind of).

So stop shuffling your feet, grab your cleats, a mouth guard and what's the other thing — oh, yeah, some guts, and get out on the field. If you've seen the flyers posted around Columbus, you should know, "all you need is a hard head and a pair of cleats."

You can find detailed directions to the pitch, game schedules and player contacts on the team's Web site at www.columbus-benningrugby.com. For game pictures and more details, see C-1.

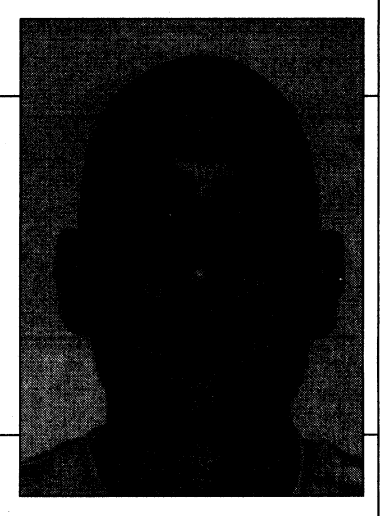
As one rugger's bumper sticker reads, "Give blood, play rugby."

VARIOUS VOICES

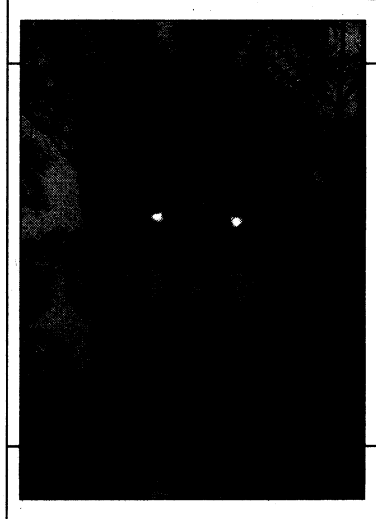
Why did you join the Army?



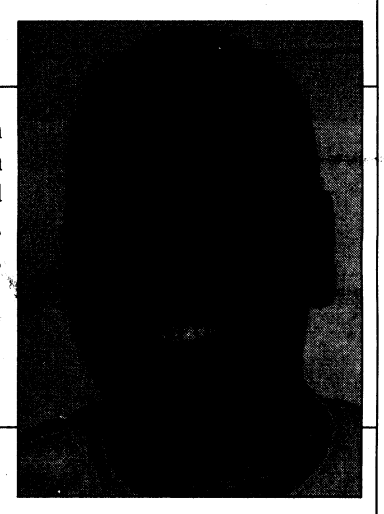
Pfc. Andrew Halter, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment — "For duty to my country. I joined 16 days after September 11. It was just my time to serve."



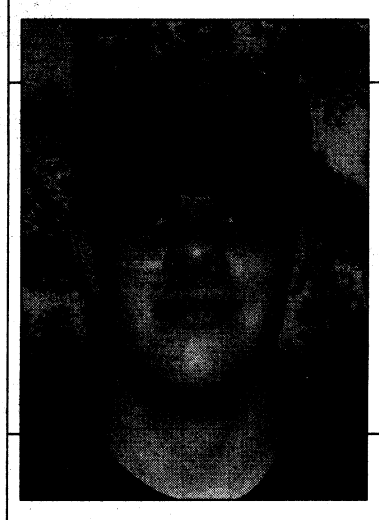
Spc. Cory Kloehn, 30th Adjutant General Battalion — "To repay my student loans."



Pvt. John Louis, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment — "To help serve my country and help pay for medical school. I want to be a flight surgeon."



Pfc. Walter Thomas, 30th Adjutant General Battalion — "I joined the Army to build a better future for myself, because where I'm from, things aren't really good."



Pvt. Kyle Simmons, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment — "Because most people dream about serving their country. I get to, and I consider it a privilege."



Pvt. Anthony Hempel, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment — "To test myself and see what I can do. I think the Army is a good way to accomplish my goals."

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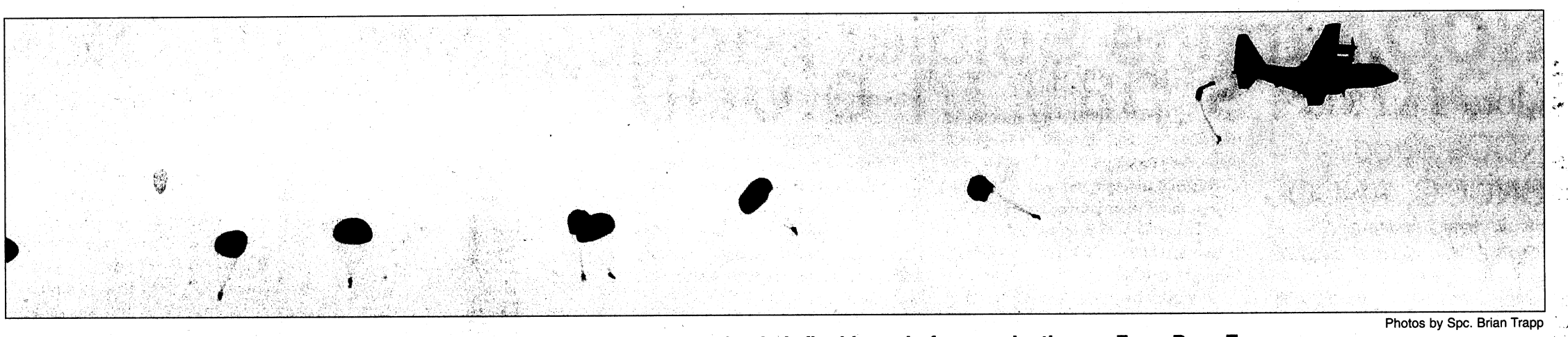

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A Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment students make their final jump before graduating on Fryar Drop Zone.

First black paratrooper pins grandson

Airborne School welcome sight for old Soldier

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

"Back in the '40s, there were two armies, a colored one and a white one."

—Retired Col. Joseph Murchison, president of the 555th Parachute Infantry Association, Inc.

The first black paratrooper in the Army, retired 1st Sgt. Walter Morris earned his wings 60 years ago this month. He pinned those very wings on his grandson at an Airborne graduation Jan. 30 on Fryar Drop Zone.

"When he pinned on my wings, he said he was proud of me and this was one of the best days of his life," said 1st Lt. Michael Fowles, executive officer, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, S.C.

"Then he said he'd kill me if I lost his wings. I said I would protect them with my life," Fowles said.

Those small, silver wings represent the first steps to integrating the Army and eventually America.

"The Army was totally segregated, and we were the first colored outfit to be integrated into a combat division," said retired Col. Joseph Murchison, president of the 555th Parachute Infantry Association, Inc.

"I think we led the way to integration. Without the 555th and Morris' efforts, we would not have the diverse military and civilian society we do now," Murchison said.

When Morris was stationed at Fort Benning, he was the first sergeant for a company of black Soldiers, tasked with clean-up details and guard duty for the jump school. Morale in the unit was low.

One day, Morris gathered the Soldiers, and when the white Soldiers left the field in the afternoon, he took his Soldiers out on the calisthenics field for training. He did this daily, and the Soldiers started getting in better shape and holding their heads higher.

"We were doing push ups, drills and jumping out of the mock airplane, doing what the white Soldiers were doing," Morris said.

One evening, the commanding general drove by as these black Soldiers were on the calisthenics field. The next day, Morris was called to the general's office.

"When I walked into the office, I was scared to death" Morris said. "As a first sergeant, getting a call to the CG's office, I wondered what I did.

"He asked me why all these black Soldiers were out on the field in the afternoon," Morris said.

"I said, 'Well, (when) we go on the field and do the same training as the white Soldiers and we pretended to be paratroopers, it raised the morale,'" he said.

"The CG was impressed and told me about orders for a test company for black paratroopers, the 555th Paratrooper Company," Morris said. "He asked me if I wanted to be the first sergeant."

Morris jumped at the chance, and a few weeks later, he graduated as one of the first 17 black paratroopers. As the company first sergeant, he was the first to sign in on the company rolls.

"The Army opened the doors, and we had blacks coming in by the hundreds to be paratroopers," Morris said. "We had so many, our company had to become a battalion."

Sixty years later, the parachutes and airplanes have changed, but the experience remains the same, frightening.

The first week, ground week, Fowles called his grandfather to tell him about his experiences.

"He said he did the 34-foot tower and was scared," Morris said. "I said, 'We were all scared'."

"He was very excited when I did my first jump," Fowles said. "It was great. I got to be the first one out of the bird.

"A lot of people say they don't remember their first jump, but I did," Fowles said. "I went out and got into the tight body position. I counted to four, but the chute opened at three — and that was a confident feeling — then I floated down for a minute and had a great landing."

If it's true most don't remember their first jump, it didn't hold for Morris either.

"I remember every second of my first jump, and they were (all) scary," Morris said.

Before Fowles' final jump, Morris, Murchison and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Sid Brown, all 555th members, visited the hangar to see the Soldiers. When the visitors were introduced to the company, they received a standing ovation in an otherwise silent building.

"Seeing him in the hangar was the most wonderful feeling I've had in my life," Morris said.

When Morris met Fowles, in his uniform and parachute, "I thought just yesterday he was in diapers now he's in jump boots."

Fowles always knew what his grandfather did, but he didn't always understand the scope of it.

"I didn't join the Army until I was 22, and he was the only other person in the family who was military," Fowles said. "I didn't completely understand what it meant to be a paratrooper. I was just proud that he was the first black paratrooper. Now I have a greater understanding.



Retired 1st Sgt. Walter Morris poses next to his grandson, 1st Lt. Michael Fowles, at the Airborne School graduation.

"I always looked up to him," he said. "Not only for what he did in the military, but for what he did as a man for his family and the community. He sacrifices a lot of time for other people," he said.

Fowles said he feels "a great debt to him," and had to go "and follow the leadership he gave years ago."

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NCOA trains Soldier backlog from OIF, OEF

More than 600 NCOs need BNCOC, ANCOC

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning NCO Academy is preparing to train the Soldiers returning from deployments in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Many Soldiers in units Armywide have not attended the NCOA because they were deployed, said Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Raper, NCOA commandant at Fort Benning.

Fort Benning is now faced with a backlog of more than 600 infantrymen who need to go through phases one and two of BNCOC or ANCOC, said Sgt. 1st Class Dale Robertson, NCOA chief of training. The only problem is that there is a window of approximately six months to train these Soldiers before the end of the fiscal year.

In order to train the large amount of Soldiers in such a short amount of time, the second phases of BNCOC and ANCOC have been reduced, said Jason Olive, chief of course management.

"The courses are shorter, but we will still produce effective Soldiers," Robertson said.

BNCOC for infantrymen is usually a two-phase, eight-week course. The first phase includes common core training for all Soldiers promoted to staff sergeant.

During this phase, they receive basic leadership instruction for platoon and squad leaders. The second phase is military occupational specialty specific.

In training the surge, NCOA is reducing the second phase of BNCOC. They are doing this by cutting out most of the administrative and personnel issues that Soldiers usually train for at their units.

Also, backlog Soldiers going to BNCOC during the reduced courses should not expect to attend any simulation training or close-combat tactical training, said 1st Sgt. Larry Primeaux, BNCOC branch chief.

"We're going to emphasize combatives, urban operations and maintenance," he said.

Infantry ANCOC is also a two-phase course, but it is usually 10 weeks long. It has to reduce much more instruction time than BNCOC.

The first phase of ANCOC, also common core-oriented, will be left alone.

The second phase will be reduced by moving effective writing into the first phase, and taking out platoon tactical operations, as well as the administrative and personnel related issues, said 1st Sgt. Grady Martin, ANCOC branch chief.

Although ANCOC will be taking portions of the training out, they will also add platoon sustainment casualty collection, a tactical exercise without troops and various simulation courses.

"The focus will be on combat-critical training," Martin said.



Pfc. Eliamar Castanon

ANCOC Class 01-04 holds formation outside Infantry Hall. By the time this class graduates, the pilot course is slated to start.

With the reductions, both courses are each three weeks long, allowing the NCOA to train the backlog Soldiers in four classes, meeting their six-month course completion requirements, Olive said.

Proposed M-16, M-4 replacement under review

XM8 weapon family to be assessed

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Soldier Battlelab, formerly known as Dismounted Battle Space Battlelab, will assess the weapons family proposed to replace the M-16 and M-4 weapons systems this month to see if the weapons will move forward in development.

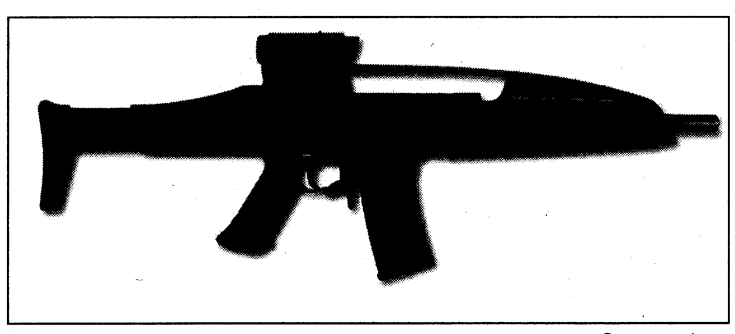
Soldiers, Marines and airmen will evaluate the XM8 weapons system performance. The Soldier Battlelab will look at the weapons' performance and subjective user data.

The weapons are currently in preproduction, and the assessment will look for areas that may not function properly and still need to be addressed, said Jerry Barricks, project officer with Soldier Battlelab.

"(The evaluation will) not only gather technical data, but also subjective data on the ease of use and if it's easy to maintain or train on," he said.

The XM8 family has a 9-inch compact, 12.5-inch carbine and a 20-inch sharpshooter and automatic rifle.

The 12.5-inch carbine is 6.4 pounds with an objective of 5.7 pounds and is 33 inches with its adjustable stock extended. The M-16 A2 is 39.63 inches long and 8.79 pounds with a 30-round magazine.



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This is an example of the 12.5-inch assault version. There are also a compact 9-inch and sharpshooter 20-inch versions.

Internally, the XM8 uses a rotary locking bolt system that functions and fieldstrips like those used in the M-16 rifle and M-4 carbine, according to the XM8 manufacturer's — Heckler & Koch — Web site. The bolt is powered by a unique gas operating system with a user-removable gas piston and pusher rod to operate the mechanism. Unlike the current M-4 and M-16 direct gas system with gas tube, the XM8 gas system does not introduce propellant gases and carbon back into the weapon's receiver during firing.

"(The Soldier's input) is a good way to look at (a variety) of things and go back to refine our requirement document instead of sitting here thinking about it," said Edwin Davis, deputy director of the Soldier Battlelab.

"A lot of weapons are impressive on the range," Davis said, but the weapons' true performance isn't known until it's put in the hands of Soldiers, who "move it around, get a feel for it, get it in the mud."

The weapons will be evaluated with known distance, field fire, NBC, night fire and rapid magazine change with some Soldiers also doing MOUT, close quarter battle and a woodland obstacle course.

During the review, the XM8s will be compared to the M-16 A2, M-16 A4 and M-4 weapons systems.

Although there's no great outcry from Soldiers in the field to replace their current weapon, there's a push to get gear into the field faster. The data will be used to help refine the requirements document for the new weapons systems or even decide if there's a need.

The Infantry School's assessment on the weapons systems should be out by mid-May, Davis said.

"A weapon is a fundamental skill for every Soldier," Davis said. "The quicker we can train them up on the task, the better we will be."

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MMA selects USAMU gunsmith as Soldier of year

Custom pistol gunsmith recognized

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U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit

Staff Sgt. Joe D. Harless, a pistol gunsmith with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, was named Military Marksmanship Association Soldier of the Year for 2003.

The MMA president, retired Col. Arch Arnold, made the announcement at the MMA annual membership meeting Jan. 23. Arnold presented the Soldier of the Year Award to Harless — a trophy pistol donated by the Smith and Wesson Corporation.

A native of Tahlequah, Okla., Harless graduated from Tahlequah High School in 1982. He studied to be an automotive technician at Oklahoma State Technical College in Olkmulgee in 1984, and in 1994 graduated from Trinidad State Junior College of Trinidad, Colo., where he majored in gunsmithing.

Harless joined the Army in January 1986 and completed Basic and Infantry Training at Fort Benning. He graduated from Air Assault School in 1987 and served with the 3rd U.S. Infantry, Old Guard, at Fort Myer, Va., before joining the Army Marksmanship Unit Custom Firearms Shop in October 1995.

Harless specialized in service pistol gunsmithing and contributed to the Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team winning the 2000 Service Pistol Center Fire Championship, the 1998 and 1999 National and Interservice Service Pistol Championships and Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol shooters winning the 1998 and 1999 Forces Command Trophies.

He trained himself on action pistols and now contributes to the success of the USAMU Action Shooting Team.

Harless custom builds the pistols that are used by the Action Shooting Team at International Practical Shooting Confederation World Championships, U.S. Practical Shooting Association and National Rifle Association National Championships and the World Speed Shooting Championships.

Harless travels with the Action Shooting Team to all its competitions to fix any malfunctions with the pistols. He also acts as a coach and gives guidance and advice during the match, said USAMU action shooter Sgt. Maxient J. Michel Jr.

Michel said Harless put together a new pistol for him — a STI .38 Super — that is slightly lighter and allows him to shoot faster and more accurately. Michel received the Bronze Medal at the National Championships in September with this pistol, triumphing over 260 competitors.

"Staff Sergeant Harless has been an inspiration to me and the rest of the team," Michel said. "We know that without his great knowledge of gunsmithing our team would not be complete. He's one of the best gunsmiths I've ever had." Ironically, Harless beat out Michel for this year's Soldier of the Year title. Besides Harless and Michel, other nominees were international rifle shooter Staff Sgt. Jason A. Parker, international pistol shooter Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski; running target shooter Staff Sgt. Armando R. Ayala, shotgun shooter Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Dulohery, service rifle shooter Sgt. 1st Class Lance S. Hopper and service pistol shooter Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Rose.



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Joe Harless accepts Soldier of the year trophy pistol.

"I was very surprised to have been chosen as the Soldier of the Year over these shooters," Harless said. "The competition was tough because all the Soldiers who were nominated were very deserving and accomplished shooters. I am very honored by this award."

"Sergeant Harless has become one of the top pistolsmiths in the country," said Sgt. 1st Class Bradley R. Throlson, Harless' supervisor. "He not only works on the pistols, but he will be competing in three-gun, which is rifle, pistol and shotgun, shooting competitions this year."

Harless and his wife, Dawn, live in Columbus and have two children, Jesse and Jaime.

ITB gets visit from NBA hall-of-famers, Nappy Roots

Celebrities take time to talk to troops

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Sand Hill had some out of the ordinary visitors recently when four NBA Hall-of-Famers and the musical group Nappy Roots stopped by to talk to the troops of C Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, Jan. 29th at Eagle Tower.

"The visit pumped (the Soldiers) up a little bit," said 1st Sgt. Brian Washington, C Co., 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt.

"They saw that celebrities appreciate the job we do. They're hearing it from us, but it helps to hear it from people they consider stars — ones that the younger generation can relate to, like Nappy Roots. (The visit) showed that people care what it is that the military does for the people of the United States."

The Soldiers started training just a few short weeks ago, and this was the company's first visit from people outside Sand Hill, said Capt. Kevin Salge, company commander.

"It was kind of out of the ordinary," said Pvt. Delarrius Hunter, 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt. "We've been away from family and away from listening to music, and (Nappy Roots) comes down. They took the time to see us and let us know that we're doing something positive."

The NBA Hall-of-Famers talked to the Soldiers for a few minutes and thanked them for what they were doing. Then Nappy Roots talked about their time performing for Soldiers overseas and performed a portion of one of their singles for the Soldiers.



Spc. Brian Trapp

Visiting NBA Hall-of-Famers and Nappy Roots pose with C Company, 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt.

The visit gave a glance at what the Soldiers have to look forward to later in their careers, Salge said. Even though they're halfway around the world, celebrities will visit them. It gives them opportunities that people don't have in the civilian world.

"They've been away from their families and went to Iraq, but they still came to visit us even though we're not even technically Soldiers yet," said Pfc. Lee Jones, 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt. "I didn't expect anything like this at all when I came here."

"They know the training these Soldiers go through is tough, and that these Soldiers will be protecting America's front," Washington said.

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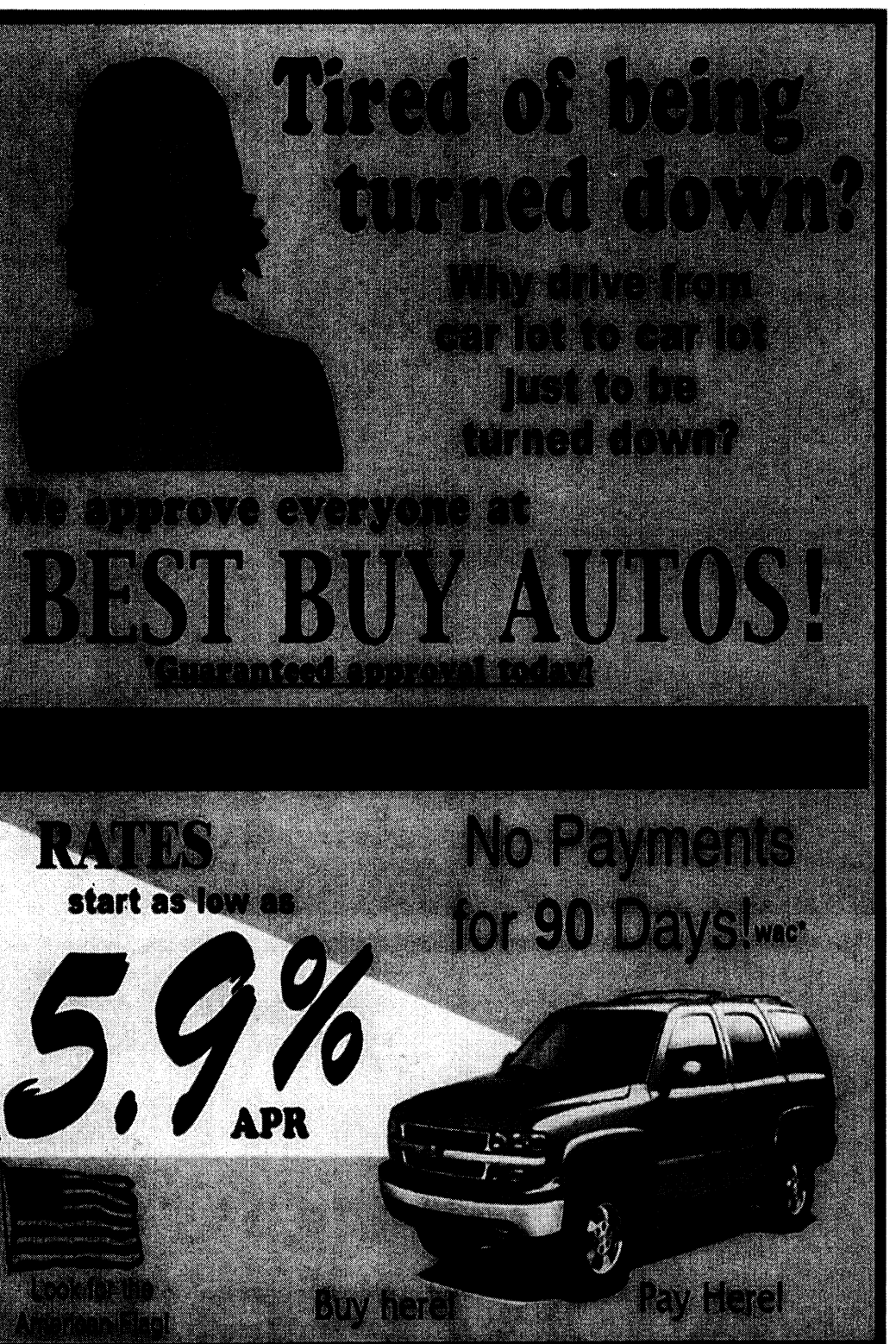

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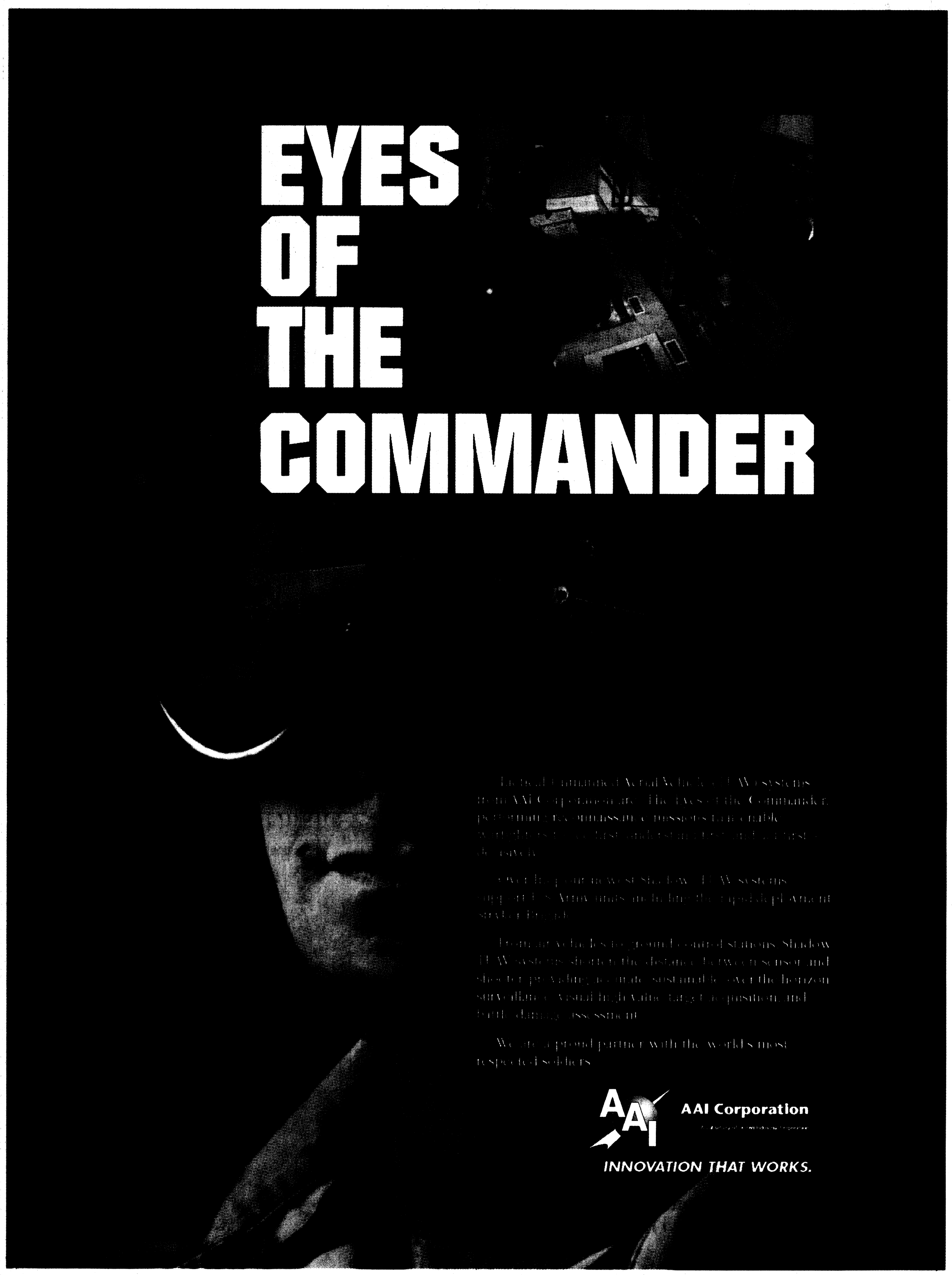

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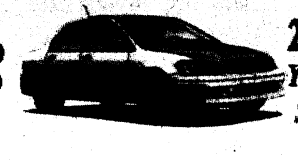

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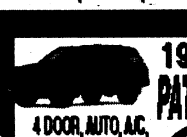

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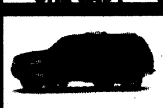

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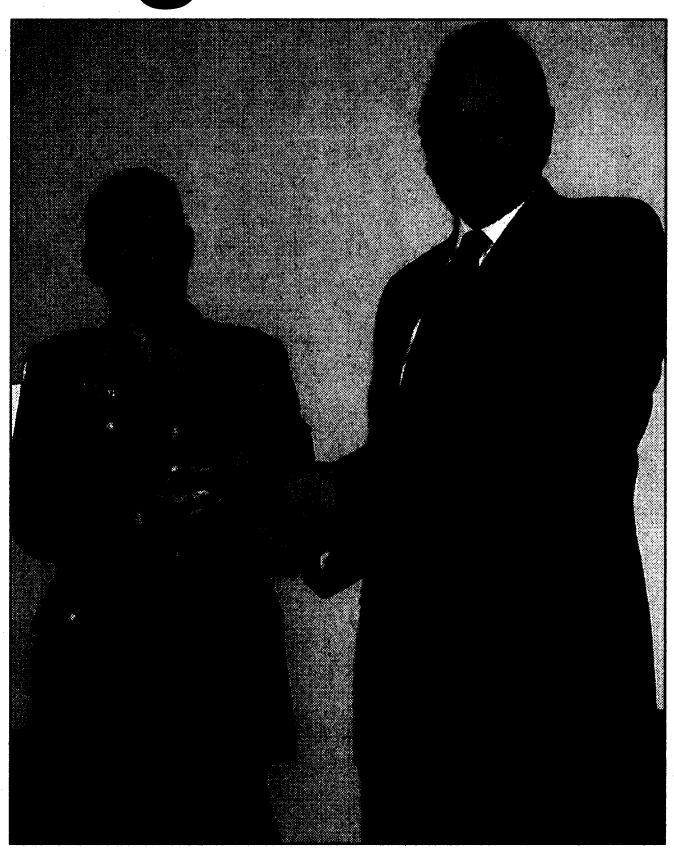

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WHINSEC Commandant Col. Richard Downie, left, presents Dr. José Adán Guerra Pastora with the Simón Bolívar Democracy and Human Rights Award at Pratt Hall Jan 26.

Minister of Defense honored for human rights

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Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation honored Dr. José Adán Guerra Pastora, Nicaraguan minister of defense, with the Simón Bolívar Democracy and Human Rights Award at Pratt Hall Jan. 26.

WHINSEC Commandant Col. Richard Downie and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Fisk, a member of WHINSEC's Board of Visitors, presented the award to Guerra, who is the third recipient of the annual award.

Both Fisk and Downie commended Guerra for his work and contributions to hemispheric freedom and human rights.

"This is really an honor to acknowledge one of the most distinguished civil servants of Nicaragua," Fisk said. "He has helped lay the foundation for a more prosperous future for Nicaragua."

Guerra thanked WHINSEC and the U.S. government for "its support and partnership."

"I also thank God, my family, and especially my wife for supporting me," he said. "I promise to continue to give my best."

Guerra accepted the award on behalf of his fellow Nicaraguan people, who he believes are the ones who merit the award.

"This award truly belongs to the people of Nicaragua for their struggles and their efforts for a better tomorrow," Guerra said. "I dedicate this award especially in the memory of all the brave Nicaraguans who have given their lives for the sake of their country's freedom."

After the award presentation, Guerra spoke on the relationship between democracy and human rights and the restoration of his country. He also shared his experiences in promoting these principles.

"It is clear that we cannot ignore human rights," Guerra said. "Democracy is the principal factor that fosters the growth of our country."

A lawyer and public servant, Guerra became the Minister of Defense in May 2001.

He is president of the National Demining Commission, a member of the Office of National Security and an executive member of the National Commission for Disaster Prevention and National Council of the War on Drugs.

Simón Bolívar is known as one of South America's greatest generals and is often referred to as "El Liberador" (The Liberator) and the "George Washington of South America."

His victories over the Spaniards won independence for Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.

NBDL: Brings national league game to post for first time

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included TNT's Kenny Smith, and NBA Hall of Famers Artis Gilmore, Spencer Haywood, Charlie Scott and Dan Roundfield.

Barry McMullin, president of the Riverdragons, said this event was a follow-up to the NBA's USO tour last year when another group of NBA players and Nappy Roots went to Iraq and Kuwait to boost troop morale.

"The players know that this is what the NBDL is all about," McMullin said.

"We don't only develop players to take to the NBA; we make them better citizens by getting them involved with the community and the fans" he said. "Fort Benning is an important part of the Columbus community."

This was the first time a national league game was played at a military installation, said Kent Partridge, NBDL public relations.

More than 800 Soldiers turned up for the event and coordinators were forced to turn away more than 200, said Philip Evans, NBDL president.

"The NBDL is fortunate to be close to several military installations, Fort Benning being one of the largest.

"We decided to come and show our support," Evans said.

"We're a nation at war and sometimes people lose the appreciation for those on the front lines," he said. "We feel it's important to remind the Soldiers that they are appreciated."

The 2.5-hour game kept everyone on the their feet as Columbus and Charleston played a close-scoring game that ended with Charleston taking the lead with 81-78.

"It was a tough game but it was great to look up into the stands and see all those Soldiers rooting for us," said Erron Maxey, forward for the Riverdragons.

"Soldiers put their lives on the line to protect our freedom and we're just trying to play hard to give them something nice to show them our respect," he said.

Partridge said the NBDL changed the color of their basketballs to red, white and blue once the war against terrorism began, as a way to pay their respects to the Soldiers.

"We know that some of the National Guard and reserve units that were in the stands are deploying pretty soon, and we wanted to give them a break before they get out there," Maxey said. "Hopefully they'll come back home safely."

Benning agents fight espionage

Terrorist threat still alive on nation's homefront

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Spies, terrorists, top secret information, espionage — sounds like a Tom Clancy novel. But for the Soldiers of Fort Benning's resident office, it's just another day on the job.

The tiny section, part of the 902nd Military Intelligence Group in Fort Meade, Md., is home to a small number of special agents whose mission is to "neutralize" foreign intelligence services — known as FIS — and international terrorism activities directed against the Army in the western two-thirds of Georgia and the southern half of Alabama.

But what would the FIS want with anyone around here? Plenty, said Special Agent Dean Moen, resident office OIC.

FIS agents are usually after three thing — information about our military forces, secrets, and especially technologies, Moen said, all of which can be found right here on Fort Benning.

Traditional espionage includes three phases: Spotting, assessing and recruitment.

During the spotting phase, the FIS narrows down who would have access to the information he needs. Assessing allows the FIS to contact the individual and build a friendship, giving him a chance to evaluate the person's strengths and weaknesses, "what potential motivation the person would have to give up the information he needs." Nine times out of 10, that motivation turns out to be greed, pure and simple, Moen said.

Once the FIS has found a weakness, he moves into the recruitment phase, in which he confronts the person and tries to get him or her to provide the information. This phase could take days, months, even years.

"Especially after September 11th, FIS really targets military — they want to know what we're capable of, our deployment capabilities," Moen said.

And people take the bait.

"We spend billions of dollars on research and development, and it's so much easier for other countries to come in and take what we've created for a small amount of money," he said, adding that even our allies have targeted us and tried to steal information.

"People give up potentially billions of dollars worth of research and technology for a small price."

But espionage doesn't always involve top secret information, Moen said.

"The key with espionage is giving information away with the intent to harm the U.S.," he said. "People have gone to (Fort) Leavenworth for giving unclassified and unsensitive information to other countries."

That's where Moen and his counterintelligence crew step in. These Soldiers are seasoned at evaluating espionage indicators, conducting investigations so discreetly that most individuals never even know they've been investigated, and intervening when it's the "real deal."

But the special agents can't work alone. There are only so many of them, and they can't be everywhere at once. They need the members of the community to be on their toes and willing to report anything suspicious.

There are several "espionage indicators" — behaviors and signs that espionage criminals have shown in the past. Everything from constantly trying to be the last one out of the office at the end of the day, possessing several bank accounts, lavish displays of sudden wealth and homesteading (seeking to stay in the same assignment for several years) can reveal a potential spy.

"Even I fall under some of the indicators," Moen said, admitting that some indicators are actually widespread. "But if you look at the whole picture, if you look at the person, and you have that gut feeling that something is wrong, come to us and report it."

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> Fort Benning Resident Office OIC

If you suspect anything, or if you are approached by a potential FIS, your first stop should be the resident office, Moen said. Don't tell anyone else before you go to the resident office, and don't try to launch your own investigation.

"The more people who know about the incident, the less chance we have of conducting an investigation," said Special Agent Marc Zeider, operations officer.

Zeider said discretion also helps protect the individual from defamation or scrutiny in the event that they are not actually involved in espionage.

Moen said the section handles several cases over the course of the year, but the majority of them turn out to be "not what we thought they were." But that doesn't mean post residents should get complacent.

"There is a huge FIS presence in America, very active, and it's even bigger overseas," Moen said. "This is a serious threat."

To report suspicious activity, go to Building 108, Room 105 or call 545-2828. If you call after hours, a phone message will direct you to the duty special agent — someone is on call 24 hours a day.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Citizenship class

The Adjutant General will conduct an assistance class to help expedite Military Citizenship Applications at 1 p.m. today in classroom 1, Building 2605, Soldiers' Plaza The forms needed to complete the process will be available.

For more information, call Lawanda Earley at 545-7218.

Road repaving

There will be asphalt patching and re-surfacing on Sightseeing Road from Dixie Road to Sunshine Road from Monday through Feb. 16.

This work will be performed between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to minimize delays for incoming morning and outbound afternoon traffic.

Traffic flow will be maintained at all times during these hours with managed one-lane traffic.

Short delays may be experienced during this time.

For more information, call Richard Chancey at 545-4749.

Ranger School graduation

The next Ranger Training Brigade graduation is Feb. 13.

Prior to graduation is Rangers in Action, a demonstration of the skills Soldiers learn during training. Rangers in Action starts at 11 a.m. For more information, call 544-6417.

Black History Month luncheon

The Black History Month luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Officers' Club.

The theme for this year is "African-Americans and Education: The 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education," with guest speaker, Deborah Grant. Luncheon tickets are $7.50.

For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-3198.

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light of the Army's continuously growing area of responsibility.

What many may not realize, Freakley said, is that of the 30,000 Soldiers added to the Army's roster, a substantial number will be infantrymen.

With the 480,000-Soldier limit, the Army's readiness is decreased by the large number of Soldiers in the TTHS account — transients, trainees, holdovers and students — taking as many as 30,000 Soldiers out of the fight. With the plus-up, the Army can maintain 480,000 Soldiers ready to fight and win, despite those in the TTHS account.

Increasing force capabilities will also call for the demilitarization of Soldier slots, Freakley said.

"Already, 5,000 military slots have been turned over to civilian pay grades, and those Soldiers will move back into our formations where we had shortages," he said.

Between this year and next, 5,000 more military slots will be turned over to civilians.

Building a modular force.

In the past, when there was a conflict, the Army fought in division-size engagements, Freakley said. This essentially wastes valuable Army resources.

He used the chief of staff of the Army's analogy of the Army as a stack of $100 bills to explain: Each division is a $100 bill. The Army only needs a $20 bill, but all it has is $100 bills, so it spends that $100 bill, puts the four extra $20s in its pocket and keeps using the $100s.

The tentative solution? A modular force with more brigades, Freakley said. But not just brigades — brigade units of action.

The brigade units of action will be self-contained and organized to include the equipment and personnel they need to perform the full spectrum of operations.

The Army's current "one-to-one" model calls for taking a brigade out, and putting another one right back in, Freakley said. But with more brigades moving, units' rotational tempos are decreased while keeping them trained and ready to fight.

Increasing stabilization.

Decreased deployments may allow for more training, but that training can be worthless without stability, Freakley said.

By keeping Soldiers and leaders in their units longer, they gain experience.

That experience in turn contributes to the stability and capabilities of those units, he said.

As it stands now, units are working through their individual and collective tasks, building their units to a capable level through training at the Army's various training centers, only to come home and lose Soldiers to PCS and ETS, Freakley said.

This forces units to start from scratch each time.

Increased stabilization would keep these units together for longer periods of time, allowing them to build past a capable level and maintain their readiness.

Stabilization would also benefit families, providing more stability for children in school, spouses who work and homeowners building equity, Freakley said.

Working as a joint force.

Experiences in Afghanistan and Iraq have shown the world what America's armed forces are capable of when they work as a team, Freakley said. And that is how they will fight from now on.

"We will not go to the fight by ourselves — the joint team will go," he said. "We as an Army will be interdependent, completely reliant on the other forces to get us there and to help us in the fight.

"We've got to continue to enhance and move along the capability to use the strength of each service as a fist and strike it in defense against our adversaries."

Remain ready for future operations.

The world is an unstable place in which terrorism, the drug trade and weapons of mass destruction persist around the world, Freakley said.

But America is engaged in a war of ideas, facing an adversary who hates the American way of life and any tenet of democracy or freedom. It is a war in which the armed forces' enemies and destinations will remain unpredictable, Freakley said.

To counter this, the Army must be adaptable and flexible, he said.

The Army has to be a force that understands uncertainty and the unknown environment it goes into. It must be ready to go, ready to fight as a team, ready to be an expeditionary force.

"We are a nation and an Army at war that will be surprised from time to time when we have periods of peace," Freakley said. "We are at war, we will remain at war ... until we win — and *we will win* — the global war on terrorism."

Plus-up: Allows 30K troops

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temporary spike and that any plus-up can be done with current resources.

He said a permanent end-strength increase without adequate funding would drive the service back into the late-Vietnam-era Army.

"In the early '70s, we had an Army with a lot of people that was hollow," Schoomaker said. "It couldn't train, couldn't move, couldn't fly, couldn't do the kind of things the Army was required to do."

Schoomaker, who came out of retirement to take the chief of staff job, said it costs about $1.2 billion a year for every 10,000 people added to the Army. Congress often gives the military an unfunded order — meaning that the service must take the money from other areas to fund the requirement.

Schoomaker said Army planners believe the service can get 10,000 spaces from military to civilian conversions. He said he believes stabilizing the force — giving Soldiers longer tours — will increase retention. And he said he believes there are significant efficiencies as the service examines the global footprint and restructures overseas overhead and headquarters.

He said transforming the Army will result in manpower savings that can be plowed into the combat force.

"What we are doing is to transform the Army simultaneous with meeting the security commitment of the nation," Schoomaker said.

Schoomaker also disagreed that the service is facing a recruiting and retention crisis. He said that in 2003, the Army made all its retention goals except for one: Army Reserve mid-careerist missed by 6 percent. He explained that away by saying stop loss prevented mid-career NCOs and officers — the primary pool for the Army Reserve — from leaving the active force.

"Indications this year are that we're on track to make 100 percent of goal across all components," he told the representatives.

But, he said, the Army must make "significant moves" to change the way it does business.

"We're making very serious moves to modularize the Army, standardize the Army, developing an Army that's more lethal, more agile, more capable of meeting the current and future operating environment task," Schoomaker said.

Schoomaker said if the Army is allowed to pursue the course now charted, the country will get "a better Army more capable of doing what it needs to do, within our current level of resourcing."

Schoomaker detailed some restructuring elements for the representatives. He said there are currently 10 active-duty divisions. The service will retain the 10 division headquarters as battle command headquarters but move some enabling resources — such as air defense, signal and intelligence — to the brigade level. The Army would increase the number of brigades under those divisions.

"Tentatively, we think we can go from three brigades under a division to four," he said. That alone would take the service from 30 brigades under the division structure to 40.

The service has already decided to go forward with five Stryker brigades in the active structure. The service also has two airborne brigades and an armored cavalry regiment.

"That moves us from 33 active brigades under 10 division headquarters to a force of 48 active brigades — more lethal, more capable, more agile, more modular — that will allow us to be much more strategically agile than we are today," he said.

The chief also wants to standardize the divisions.

"Today we have six heavy divisions in the active force — all of them are different," he said. "Today we have two light divisions in the active force — each different. Then we have the 82nd Airborne Division and the 101st and, of course, they are different. This we need to fix."

On the reserve side, the Army has eight division headquarters, which the service plans to retain.

"But we want to go from 15 enhanced brigades today to 22," he said. He wants to increase these reserve brigades' levels of readiness and equip them with the very best equipment available. This would increase those brigades' capability to become part of a broader rotation base to meet the future strategy, he said.

Overall, there are more than 100,000 structural changes to be made to the Army.

"We're going to convert 36 field artillery battalions to 149 MP units, increase the number of transportation units, medical, aviation restructuring," he said.

"This is the biggest internal restructuring we've done in 50 years, but it must be done to make us relevant and to allow us to meet the real threat to the United States."

233rd: Deploys to Iraq

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you've already done it, you will be able to react a lot better."

Spc. Bruce Conley said the previous deployment was a good experience, and he is more prepared for this one; however, he has a few other things to worry about now.

Conley is leaving his wife behind, and she is expected to give birth in July, meaning he will come home to a new family.

"I'm just trying to concentrate on everything I have to do over there and stay focused," Conley said, "but I also have to remember I have a family that needs me.

"I'm playing two roles now," he said. "A Soldier and a family man.

"I knew what came with the job when I signed up, and I'm happy to have the support of my family," Conley said.

"Now I'm just trying to get the job done," he said.

Pvt. Manena Bouthsingkham didn't have the benefit of prior experience when she boarded the plane.



Spc. David Foley

Soldiers from the 233 HET boards an airplane at Lawson Army Airfield as they deploy to Iraq.

Bouthsingkham graduated from AIT in November and went directly to the 233rd as a motor transport operator specialist — "truck driver" as she put it.

"I'm a little scared but also anxious because I don't know what to expect," she said. "I've been told a lot, but I've got to experience it for myself."

Even though she was fighting back the butterflies in her stomach, Bouthsingkham seemed confident in her unit's abilities and wanted to convey a message to her family.

"I'm in good hands; there's nothing to worry about, and I'll be home soon," she said.

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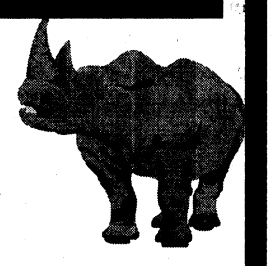

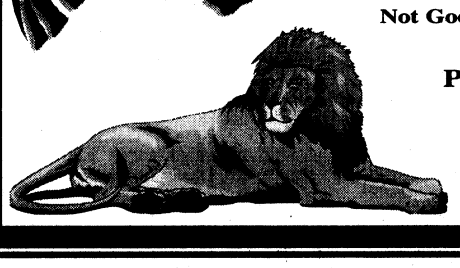
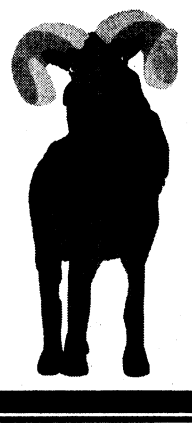
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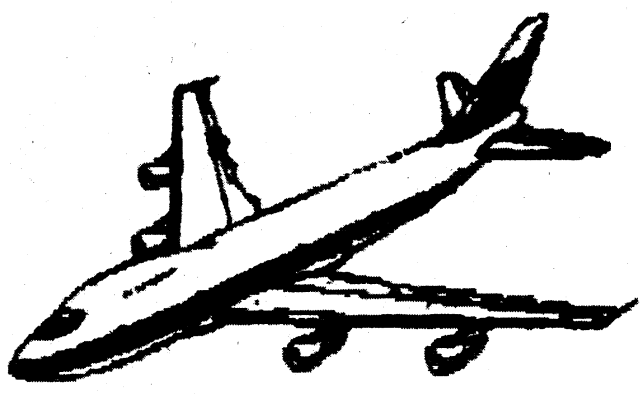
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Staff Sgt. Kevin Boldin watches as Soldiers crab walk through the final leg of the Sand Hill Obstacle Course Tuesday afternoon.

Obstacles teach Soldiers teamwork



Soldiers from 2nd Platoon negotiate the barbed wire obstacle.

Infantrymen push through pain, find pride

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Teamwork was the word of the day when the Soldiers of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, confronted the first physically demanding mission of their military careers — the Sand Hill Obstacle Course.

"The mission was to complete the course, and everyone did," said Pvt. Scott Balough, as he caught his breath and dusted himself off after running through the course Tuesday afternoon.

After a safety brief and demonstration, the drill sergeants timed each of the four platoons as they made their way through the obstacle course.

The obstacle course is designed to challenge the Soldiers physically while incorporating movement techniques an infantryman needs to know, said Capt. Jeremy Fisk, A Co. commander.

With only six days of training, most of the Soldiers don't have much in common and haven't had a chance to work together. Fisk said that's why the obstacle course is so important.

"Initially, we want to build teamwork and cohesiveness in the platoons by having the Soldiers work together to finish the task," Fisk said.

Many of the Soldiers said the obstacle course was just the medicine they needed.

"It's great to get out here and get muddy," said Pvt. Brian Manders. "That's what being infantry is all about."

Balough said he saw the importance of teamwork in the contrast of running the course as a civilian and a Soldier.

He ran the course several years ago as an ROTC cadet at Hardaway High School. That was before the obstacles were painted red white and blue, he said.

Balough said it takes a lot more effort to work together with the Soldiers than it did with his high school buddies because none of the Soldiers really knew each other.

"In high school, you already have a bond with your teammates," he said. "But here, you have people from all over. You don't know who they are or how they are going to act.

"This is where we come together," Balough said.

"It was breathtaking to see 55 men who don't really know each other working as a team to accomplish the mission," Balough said.

Staff Sgt. Sidi London, a 3rd Platoon drill sergeant, said he couldn't be prouder of his troops, who finished the course with a two-minute lead on the other three platoons, even though they could use some work.

"For the condition they are in, I am very impressed," London said. "They worked as a team to get each other through the course and accomplished the mission."

One of the reasons the Soldiers performed so well may have something to do with America's present situation.

"It says something about them that they volunteered while the Army is engaged in combat operations, and they should be commended for that," Fisk said. "We continue to get high quality troops while our country is at war," he said.



Pvt. Zach Foote leads his team through the horizontal ladder obstacle Tuesday.



Pvt. Joseph Tourand focuses on his grip as he crosses the rope bridge obstacle.

NTC trains post armor battalion Soldiers to win

Spc. Robert Adams
3rd Infantry Division PAO



Spc. Robert Adams

Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, set up the tactical operations center in the early morning hours of Jan. 20. The TOC is equipped with the technology to know exactly where the unit's elements are at any given time.

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — The 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, rolled out of the Dust Bowl Jan. 16 and entered the vast desert terrain of the National Training Center to face the opposing force.

"The mission is to defend, and we have the arsenal to get the job done," said Command Sgt. Maj. Jessie L. Andrews, 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt. command sergeant major.

"Our defense includes M-1 Abrams tanks, humvees, along with the addition of infantry fighting vehicles," Andrews said.

"Because we are task force organized, we gave up a tank company to 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, and in return, we got a company equipped with Bradley Fighting Vehicles."

To track battles, the battalion uses a sophisticated tactical operations center.

"The TOC is equipped with the technology to know exactly where all of our elements are at any given time, and through intelligence sources, we keep track of where the enemy is as well," Andrews said.

With the help of observer controllers, who conduct after action reviews, the battalion can determine what happened during the fight, why it happened, and how they can improve or sustain.

"The OCs are here to make sure we follow military doctrine and inform us of what works well and what doesn't, according to information that leaders have compiled over the years of training and war," Andrews said. "This feedback will prepare us for future operations."

"The goal is to get better every day and much better by the end of the rotation," said Sgt. Maj. Gregory A. Proft, senior NCO trainer at NTC.

"What you do here in this training arena is what you will do in a real-world mission," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey R. Sanderson, the 2nd Bn. commander.

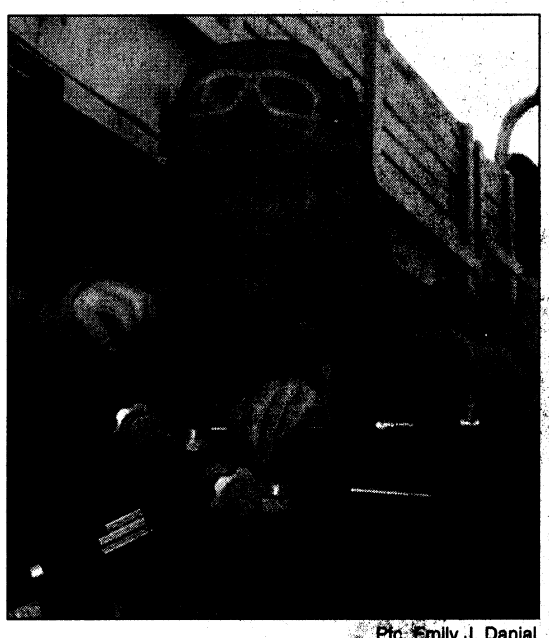
"To prepare for the rotation, we had our companies go out and perform jousting techniques," Andrews said.

"This involved tank platoons advancing toward each other until positive identification was made, and the quickest and most accurate element won," he said..

"Due to the fact our Soldiers did just come back from combat operations, they still have a keen sense of situational awareness," Andrews said.

Medic treats simulated injuries

Pfc. Emily J. Danial
3rd Infantry Division PAO



Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Spc. Jenny Corvin, 317th Engineer Battalion senior medic, checks a traction splint to ensure it is ready to use.

When Spc. Jenny Corvin doesn't have to do her job, chances are it's been a good day for the 317th Engineer Battalion. Corvin, the battalion's senior medic, is a trauma specialist who treats battlefield injuries.

"When I do my job for real, that means someone got hurt — a vehicle rolled over or someone wasn't paying attention and really got injured," she said. Since the unit deployed to the National Training Center, Corvin hasn't had much to do.

"The only thing I've seen out here, aside from training, is a broken toe, cuts, scrapes, bumped heads. That's about it so far," she said.

During the battalion's first two weeks in NTC's maneuver training area, "the box," Corvin's job included treating simulated injuries.

"We set up with the Ambulant Exchange Point so we see a lot of … people (killed in action) or injured," she said. "They get brought back to us. We help the injured if we can ... and ship them back farther. My job is to decide ... who stays back or goes back to work."

Corvin said she's happy with the way things have gone with the battalion's time in training.

"Everybody's got their heads on straight," Corvin said. "I haven't had to do anything, so it means we're doing pretty good."

When she's not bandaging wounds on the front lines, Corvin finds ways to make her time in the field productive.

"I just walk around and make sure the Soldiers are OK, like if they're out on the line with concertina wire on the perimeter," she said. "I make sure they're changing their socks and taking care of the little cuts and scrapes."

Corvin said she values the opportunities she has to get to know her fellow Soldiers.

"You get so close to them, you know, people in your unit," she said. "Back in the rear, you go to work, you come home, that's it. You don't really socialize, but when you're out here … you have no choice as to whether you really get to know them They help you out, you help them out; it kind of works both ways."

Fort Benning troops fight first battle at NTC

Sgt. Raymond Piper
3rd Infantry Division PAO

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — In their first battle in the National Training Area's training area, known as "the box," B Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, Soldiers fought hard through the night and into the morning to defend Bicycle Gap.

"Our job was to build up our defensive positions and position dismounted troops and Bradleys," said Staff Sgt. Jamie Carter, Headquarters Platoon sergeant, B Co.

Around 11:45 p.m., enemy vehicles approached the company's defensive line. The first vehicles to breach 3rd Platoon's sector were two BMPs followed by a T-80 tank. The opposing force uses visually modified American vehicles to simulate enemy vehicles.

"We tried to take them out at 300 meters but had an equipment malfunction," said Sgt. Michael Cugino, B Co.'s 3rd Platoon, A team leader. "Once we restarted, the T-80 was right on top of us. It was a race to see who would fire first."

Cugino and his team did fire first and went on to destroy two more BMPs.

"The OPFOR is excellent out here. This is my fifth rotation, and you always come back with something new," Carter said. "It's definitely a good learning experience."

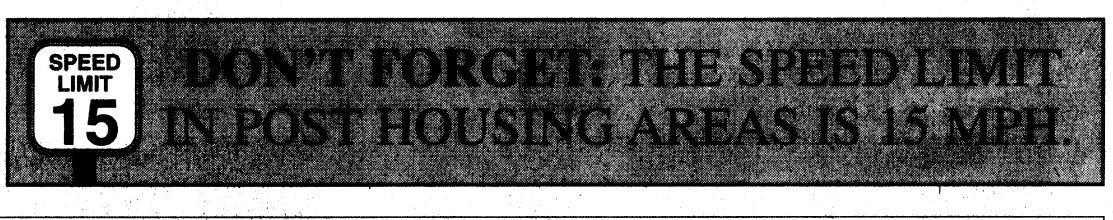
Intelligence indicated that if the lead element of the OPFOR was destroyed, they would move toward 3rd Brigade's main defensive line. B Co. met the objective, taking out the lead element, but the OPFOR kept coming. Outnumbered three to one, the company was eventually overrun.

"For our guys, it shows what a real deliberate defense is like," Cugino said. "There were no 12-hour battles in Iraq, so it gets these guys to see how a real enemy operates."

That fight, Carter said, "gives first-hand experience that a battle can start at night and go on until the wee hours of the morning."

Although this was the first NTC rotation, many of the newer B Company Soldiers had been to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"My team did great. A lot of them haven't done this before," Cugino said. "Other than the war, this is the first one-month training exercise they have been on."



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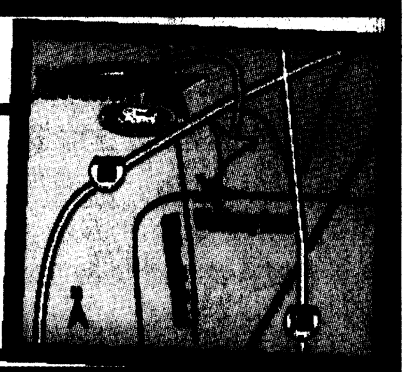

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COMMUNITY

Post skatepark construction underway

Skaters to find home on Benning

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning skateboarders and in-line skators who are enrolled in Child and Youth Services will have something to spin their wheels over in the coming months as a result of several youth town-hall meetings.

One of the most prominent requests in each of the CYS town-hall meetings was for a skatepark.

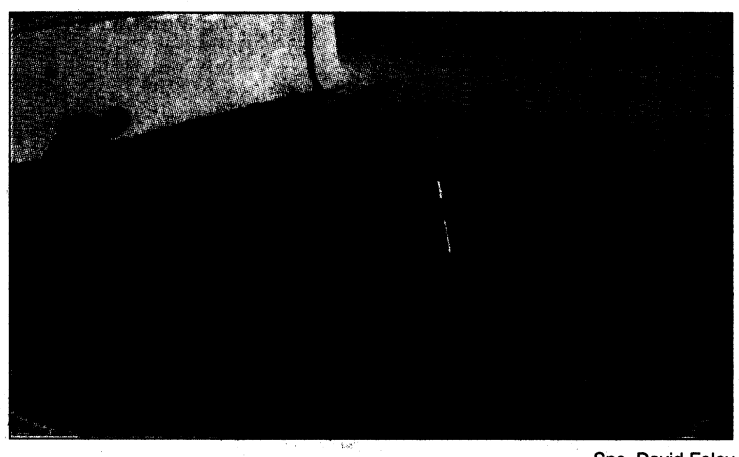
After hearing the requests, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials started meeting with post officials to make the skatepark a reality.

Now the project is underway. The pool behind the CYS center has been drained, concrete is being poured and ramps are being installed.

Cliff Hughes, Recreational Program manager, said the pool location was chosen for several reasons.

It was in a state of disrepair, usage was down and it was in a location that could easily be converted into a skatepark monitored by CYS employees.

DMWR officials say they are happy with the progress being made.



Spc. David Foley

Construction workers with Wynn Builders fill in the deep end of the YS pool to accommodate the skatepark.

"It's showing that we are trying to give kids something to do with adult supervision ... but also it shows that we are listening to the children, and we are here for them," said Linda Lane, director of Youth Services.

Lane said giving the children what they want is important, but safety is the number one issue.

DMWR is still hashing out the details of safety guidelines, but they have already determined that all skaters will be required to wear protective gear, such as helmets and knee pads, and a staff member will supervise the park during hours of operation.

Hughes said safety was also a major concern when picking out the building materials.

Hughes went to several other skateparks, including one in Columbus and one at Fort Stewart, to see what supplies were used and how they were holding up before ordering anything.

"We didn't want to buy anything that wouldn't function correctly, but at the same time, we want something that will be accepted by the skating community," Hughes said.

Some of the skateparks Hughes looked at were constructed of plywood, and they had splinters and nails sticking out of them.

"Some of them just looked dangerous," he said.

However, while conducting research, he discovered a company called Skatewave that builds ramps out of a synthetic

See **SKATEPARK,** B-2

Dance partners needed

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Elderly men and women seek dance partners of any skill level for company, good time at retirement community Valentine's Day event.

When's the last time you enjoyed a night of good, old-fashioned dancing? For the residents of the Covenant Woods Retirement Community, it's been a while.

But these men and women are looking forward to a chance to break out their dancing shoes and boogie down at a special Valentine's Day dance at the home Feb. 13.

Just one problem — they don't have enough dance partners to go around. The community is mostly women, said Covenant's activities director, Tracy Fox, women who would love the chance to dance the night away with a spiffy, young Soldier.

"We'd love to have any Soldiers — singles or couples — come out to dance with the women and men," Fox said, adding that there's no need to worry about having two left feet. "They won't be out doing the electric slide or anything, but it would be nice for the Soldiers to come out and slow dance or maybe even twirl them around a little bit."

A good chunk of the community's residents enjoy some tie to the military, whether through their own service or through a spouse's, Fox said, so they hold a special place in their hearts for Soldiers and their families.

Despite the dreary reputation given retirement communities, Fox said Covenant is a happening place where the residents are "lively" and enjoy wine and cheese Fridays, Superbowl parties, regular shopping trips and the like.

See **DANCE,** B-2

A TASTE OF HOME

Brownies support Soldiers in Iraq

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It wasn't that long ago that about 4,000 of Fort Benning's Soldiers were halfway around the world, baking in the hot, desert sun, fighting sandstorms, missing their loved ones and anxiously waiting for the day they boarded a homebound plane. Their only comfort — a touch of home from the States every now and then.

Now that they're home, thousands of Soldiers from other posts have gone to take their place and help continue what they started, and the little girls of Fort Benning's Girl Scout Brownie troop have made it their mission to provide those small comforts to these deployed Soldiers.

The girls kicked off Operation Cookies Care this afternoon, setting up shop at the Main Post Exchange. There, members of the tricommunity can "adopt" a box of Girl Scout cookies to send to Soldiers in Iraq, said Jennifer Workman, troop leader.

"We're asking for donations to buy cookies and send as many boxes as possible to Iraq," she said.

The Brownies, many of whom have just recently welcomed their mothers and fathers home from Operation Iraqi Freedom, wanted to send cookies to the Soldiers for their community service project, Workman said.

"But if we only sent a few boxes, they would only get to a few Soldiers," she said. "I figured if we're going to do this, why not make it as large as possible?"

Of course, her troop agreed. And while they do something good for the Soldiers overseas, the project will provide them something valuable, too.

"This helps them understand that just because those Soldiers aren't on television every day like they were last summer, they're still over there — things are still happening there," Workman said.

"We need to show the Soldiers that they're still loved, that they're still in our hearts and minds," she said.

Although many of the Brownies don't fully understand what the Soldiers are doing there, they still want to do their part.

"It's important for children to love their

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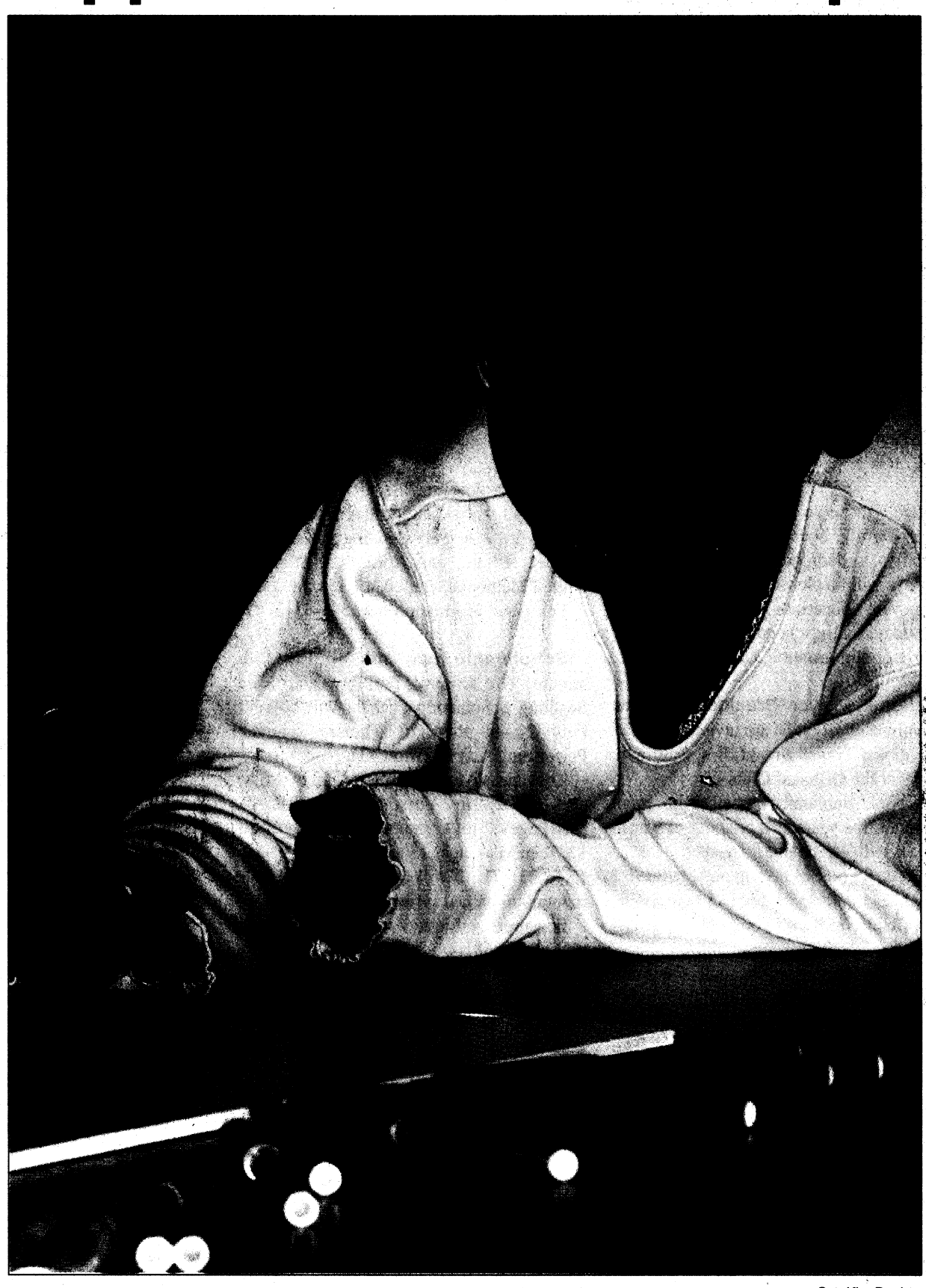

Sgt. Kim Dooley

Andrea Pertillo, a first-grader in Fort Benning's Girl Scout Brownie troop, helps make posters for Operation Cookies Care Tuesday evening at Wilson Elementary School.

Big-name hip hop group headlines at post school



Bridgett Siter

Members of the hip hop group Nappy Roots mingled with the students at Faith Middle School during the Read to Achieve pep rally Jan. 29.

Ready to Achieve program brings NBA to Faith

Bridgett Siter
Staff writer

Nappy Roots? Sounds like a personal problem, like split ends or brittle nails.

But no, ask the students at Faith Middle School — Nappy Roots is a good thing. With a couple of hit songs and a video featuring U.S. Soldiers in Iraq, the six-man group from Kentucky is fast becoming one of the most recognizable names in hip hop.

"You never heard of them? They're great, man, everybody's heard of them. Their music is inspirational," said Jarrick Stockton, a Faith Middle School sixth-grader. "My sister's not here today. She's gonna be so mad she missed this."

This was the group's visit to the middle school Jan. 29, part of the Read to Achieve initiative, sponsored by the National Basketball Developmental League and the NBA, which partners athletes and entertainers in visits to schools around the country to promote literacy.

The story of how they came to visit Faith last week is a bit muddy. Apparently, the manager of the Columbus Riverdragons was so impressed when Faith's PTO purchased game tickets for the entire student body, he arranged the visit, which included the filming of Read to Achieve public service announcements that will be aired nationwide.

Faith's more than 600 students appeared duly impressed when NBA legends Artis Gilmore, Spencer Haywood, Charlie Scott and Dan Roundfield took the stage, each encouraging the students to make education their number one priority.

Scott, who played with the Boston Celtics, said it was reading, not basketball, that showed him the way out of Harlem, where he was the valedictorian of his senior class.

"I had an eighth-grade teacher who made us read 60 books a year to pass," Scott said. "I give her all the credit for instilling in me an understanding of the importance of reading and learning. She opened my eyes.

"Reading became a great part of my

See **SCHOOL,** B-3

BIRTHS

Boys

Dominic Lucius Bartucca — born Jan. 14 to Brandie and Staff Sgt. Bradley Bartucca.

Jackson Mark Rieves — born Jan. 15 to Suzanne and Capt. Mark Rieves.

Ethan Thomas Humphrey — born Jan. 15 to Spcs. Margaret and Christopher Humphrey.

Rony X avier Vasquez — born Jan. 16 to LaDona and Spc. Rony Vasquez.

Noah Michael Scarlett — born Jan. 16 to Susan and Pvt. Richard Scarlett Jr.

Myles Jaidyn O'Brien — born Jan. 16 to Melanie and Capt. Mark O'Brien.

Amir Maximilian Dai Odom — born Jan. 19 to Vannessa and Sgt. David Odom.

Noah Adair Thornton — born Jan. 22 to Spc. Nikkia Thornton and Sgt. Arvid Thornton Jr.

Girls

Sofia Leilani Collins — born Jan. 15 to Lorna and Staff Sgt. William Collins Jr.

Daphne Marylou Conover — born Jan. 15 to Dale and Sgt. David Conover.

Kaila Jude O'Neil — born Jan. 16 to Monica and Staff Sgt. Gary O'Neil.

Natalya Miracle Malone — born Jan. 18 to Veronica and Sgt. Manfred Malone.

Callie Maria Rodriguez — born Jan. 20 to Lana and Sgt. Rolando Rodriguez.

Tia Gjanae Pittman — born Jan. 22 to Antoinette and Staff Sgt. Terry Pittman.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Lifeguard training — The American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Feb. 14 and 15; April 5-8; April 17 and 18; and April 24 and 25.

All classes are $125 and are held at Briant Wells Indoor Pool and the American Red Cross Office.

For more information or to sign up, call 545-5194.

Enlisted Spouses Club — The Enlisted Spouses Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Clubhouse in Building 241, next to the National Infantry Museum, for a Valentine's Tea and Bingo.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at the clubhouse. All enlisted spouses are invited to attend.

For more information, call the ESC voice mail at (334) 373-0347.

Valentine's Dance — There will be a Valentine's Dance at 8 p.m., Feb. 14., at the Afterhours Club.

D&T Singer and jazz guitarist Al Breeze will perform during the evening.

The first 50 ladies to arrive will receive a free rose.

Admission is $10 at the door and $8 in advance.

For more information, call 689-0887.

Refuse and recycle pick-up — There will be no yard waste picked up in family housing Feb. 16. The next scheduled pickup will be the following Monday, Feb. 23.

There will be no refuse or recycle pick-ups in family housing Feb. 16. Areas normally scheduled for pick-up on Mondays will be picked up Feb. 17. Refuse and recycle collections for Feb. 17-20 will occur as normally scheduled.

For more information, call 545-4232.

National Prayer Breakfast — Men and women of all faiths are invited to attend the National Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 19 at the Officers' Club.

Ret. Col. Benjamin Purcell, who spent more than five years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam, will be the guest speaker.

Tickets, $4 for Soldiers in pay grades E-1 through E-4 and $6.25 for E-5 and above, are available from unit command sergeants major.

For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Resto, 544-9496.

Military citizenship day — The Atlanta District Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services is planning a Military Citizenship Day Feb. 27.

The ceremony will be held in the Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall at 1 p.m.

Military personnel who have applied for citizenship prior to Aug. 1, 2003, are encouraged to contact their personnel officers and request that their name be submitted for consideration. Military dependents who applied prior to January 2003 must fax their Notice of Action Form I-797C to Community Liaison Officer, Bill Castro at 404- 331-6031.

Support group for breastfeeding moms — The Family Advocacy First Steps Program sponsors a Breastfeeding Moms Group each third Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Moms are encouraged to bring their babies when the group meets in the Baby Friendly Clinic at Martin Army Community Hospital, Room 360 on the third floor.

Lactation assistance is the primary focus. Information is also available on managing sleep deprivation, fussy infants and proper nutrition.

Call the First Steps office at 544-2020 for class registration. Leave your name and phone number so a First Steps volunteer can return your call.

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Infantry Band concerts — The Infantry Band will play a four-concert chamber music series beginning Wednesday. The first concert will take place at St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

The next concerts in the series will be March 2 at Smiths Station Baptist Church, 7 p.m.; April 4 at Fort Benning's Main Post Chapel, 9 a.m.; and April 6 at St. Luke United Methodist Church, 12:15 p.m.

For more information, call 545-5313.

Scholarship pageant — The 15th annual Tift County Forestry and Pine Seedling Scholarship Pageant will be held Feb. 21 at the Tift Theatre for the Performing Arts in Tifton, Ga.

The age divisions will be Teeny Miss, ages 1 to 2; Tiny Miss, ages 3 to 6; Little Miss, ages 7 to 9; Junior Miss, ages 10 to 12; Teen Miss, ages 13 to 16; and Miss, ages 17 to 23. There will be a winner and four runners-up named in each division.

For more information or to enter call (229) 386-2681.

Diabetes course — The Georgia Extension Services announces its annual staff development course, Diabetes 301, designed especially for school system personnel who work with children who have diabetes.

Diabetes 301 will be held Thursday at the Columbus Government Center Annex. Pre-registration is required in order to have adequate supplies. The course uses a hands-on, workshop approach.

The course costs $15.

To register, call 653-4200 or e-mail Joanne Cavis at uge2215@uga.edu and request a syllabus and registration form.

Tuskegee trip — The Fort Benning Equal Opportunity Office presents the 4th Annual Cultural Awareness field trip to Tuskegee University will be Feb. 26.

Buses will depart from Building 2509 (located off Indianhead Road) at 8 a.m. and return around 6 p.m.

The cost is free but lunch will cost $4.50 at the university's cafeteria or lunches can be brought.

The trip is open to all Soldiers and DoD civilians. In addition to Tuskegee University, the George Washington Carver Museum, Booker T. Washington's home, the Multi-Cultural Center and the Tuskegee Airmen's Moton Airfield will be visited.

If interested, see your unit's EO advisor. Registration cut-off date is Feb. 23.

For more information, contact your EOA or the post Equal Opportunity Office at 545-6665.

Free trees — Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February.

Redbuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in the 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 the free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Redbud Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Feb. 29.

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- **Wednesday:** cheesy ham and potatoes, green beans, Texas toast fruit, milk, peach crisp
- **Thursday:** steak sandwich, macaroni salad, veggie sticks, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** barbecue chicken, potato salad, broccoli and cheese sauce, hot roll, fruit, milk

Brownies: Send cookies to Iraq

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dads and moms who left to go to Iraq," said Emily Workman, a third-grader in the troop. "We're donating cookies to Iraq so they'll know they're from their children or another Girl Scout."

"It makes people happy to have some sweets, and they'll know people still care about them," said third-grader Mariah Jones.

The Brownies will be manning their cookies sales booth at the Main Mall Post Exchange from 4 to 8 p.m. today and Monday through Feb. 13. The booth will also be open from 9 am. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to noon Sunday.

For more information, or to adopt a box of Girl Scout cookies for a troop overseas, call Workman at 689-9194 or e-mail her at operationcookies care@yahoo.com.

Dance: Partners needed for elderly

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"This is a really fun, warm environment," Fox said, and one where a Soldier would be much appreciated.

"The families (of many of the residents) may not get to go visit them that often, and all they want is someone to visit," said Spc. Matthew Gobble, president of Fort Benning's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, who has participated in events at retirement communities before.

"It's a good way of paying back the elder community for paving the way for our generation," he said.

The dance will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Covenant Woods Retirement Community at 5424 Woodruff Farm Road. Fox said anyone is welcome to come out and encouraged Soldiers to come in uniform.

For more information, call Fox at 561-1401.

Skatepark: Construction underway

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material which holds up much better than wood.

Hughes said the ramps that Skatewave makes don't have any sharp edges or other hazards in the design that could be dangerous, which makes them perfect for the CYS project. DMWR officials measured the pool at CYS and sent the dimensions to Skatewave to have plans drawn up.

Skatewave used input from the local skaters and designed a series of ramps, benches and boxes that would fit into the pool and surrounding area. They are also sending a team to Fort Benning to assemble the ramps and obstacles to ensure the park meets operational and safety standards.

Construction is expected to be complete near the end of March, and a grand opening ceremony is planned for April, Lane said.

Once the skatepark is completed, DMWR will begin planning on a BMX bicycle track, which was also requested.

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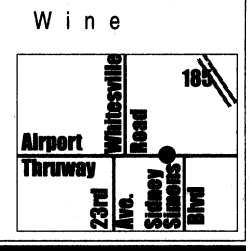

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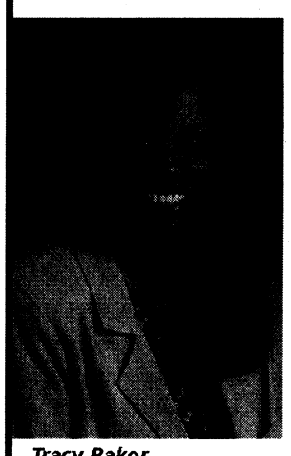
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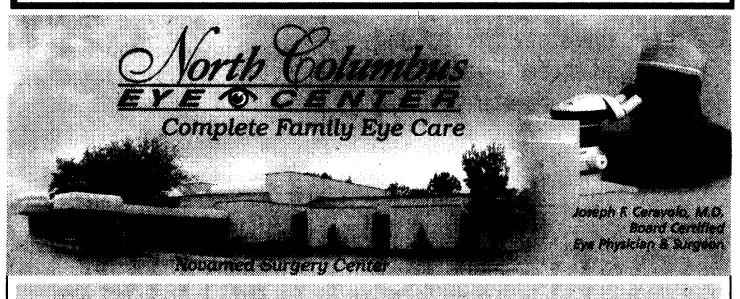

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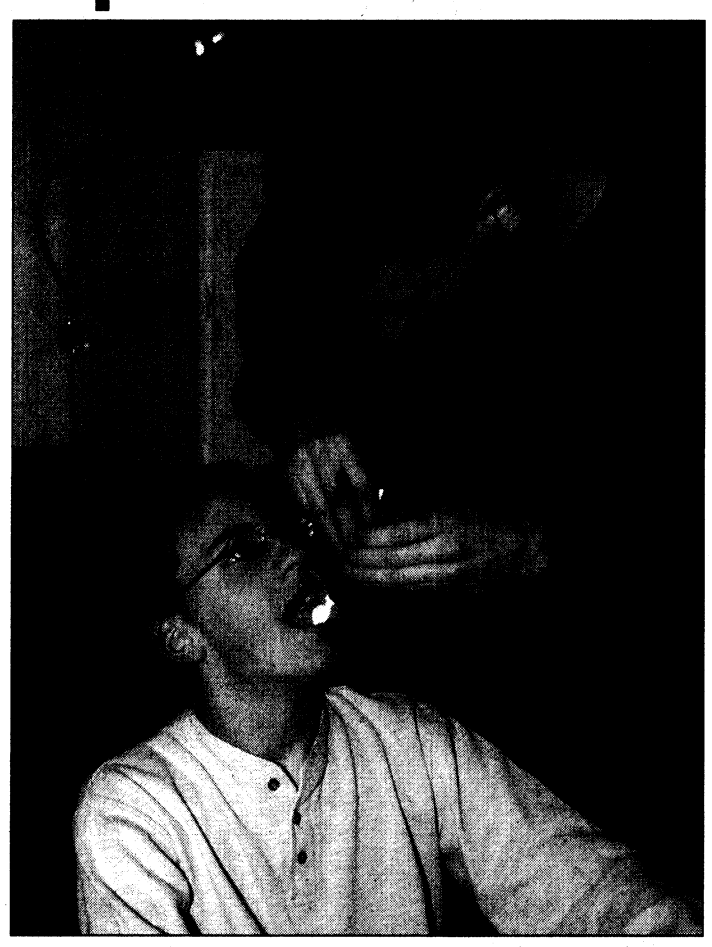

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon

As part of National Children's Dental Health Month activities, Capt.Mark Vagnetti, resident at Love Dental Clinic, conducts a dental screening on Charles Frederich, an eighth-grader at Faith Middle School, Wednesday. DENTAC provided dental screenings to students at all post schools.

School: Welcomes band

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life. It gave me opportunities to go places and see things I could never see in Harlem."

Scott challenged the Faith students to take advantage of the time they spend in school.

"It takes the same kind of discipline to succeed in school as it does to succeed in sports," he said. "You're going to be here till three o'clock every day, anyway. You might as well give it all you've got."

Haywood, a former Laker, spent 14 years with the NBA and, at 18, was the youngest player ever to win the gold in the 1968 Olympics. The two-time author recalled spending hours and hours with a tutor after school trying to learn to read and write.

"I worked hard, and I won that battle," said Haywood, who recently visited U.S. troops in Kuwait.

"As Americans, we're going to win the battle for education. Our future is in great hands, because you are it," he told the students.

Faith students responded enthusiastically to the athletes' message, but it was Nappy Roots that got them on their feet with a sing-along version of their hit *Po Folks*.

"We're here to stress to these young people how important it is to read," said band member Scales, who majored in sociology at Western Kentucky University, where he met his band mates in 1996.

"You gotta work hard in school and in life," Scales told his audience. "We signed a record deal in 1998, but you just heard of us in 2002. We sacrificed a lot of time and made no music and no money.

"Don't think you're gonna be a star overnight," he said. "Get a good education. Go to college."

Nappy Roots and the former NBA stars made a day of it at Fort Benning. The group performed during the Riverdragons game at the Audie Murphie Gym Thursday evening.

Children's Dental Health Month brings smiles

U.S. Army Dental Activity and the American Dental Association

National Children's Dental Health Month began as a one-day event in Cleveland Feb. 3, 1941. During that year, Feb. 3-7 was designated as Children's Dental Health Week in Akron, Ohio.

The American Dental Association held the first national observance on Feb. 8, 1949. The single-day observance became a weeklong event in 1955. And in 1981, the program was extended to a monthlong celebration known today as National Children's Dental Health Month.

NCDHM messages reach millions of people in communities across the country and at numerous armed service bases. Local observances often include poster, coloring and essay contests, health fairs, free dental screenings, museum exhibits and classroom presentations.

The theme for this year's campaign is "A Healthy Smile is Always in Style!" The American Dental Association produces a program planning kit for its state and local dental societies, dental alliances and armed forces dental clinics to assist them in local health campaign efforts.

The ADA distributes press kits and public service announcements for television and radio to educate the public and enhance promotional efforts. Additional information appears on the ADA's Web site, www.ada.org.

Attitudes and habits established at an early age are critical in maintaining good oral health throughout life. By participating in the annual celebration of National Children's Dental Health Month, the dental team, parents, teachers and others can help keep children's smiles beautiful now and for years to come.

In observance of NCDHM, the ADA urges parents to be aware of what to do in dental emergencies.

Would you know what to do if your child broke a tooth or had a tooth knocked out while playing outdoors? What if you had a bad toothache in the middle of the night and couldn't get to the dentist until the next day? Thousands of dental emergencies — from injuries to a painful, abscessed tooth — take place every day. Knowing what to do can lessen the pain and save a tooth that might otherwise be lost.

Your dentist's office number and an emergency number where the dentist can be reached after hours should be handy, along with other emergency numbers, such as your family doctor and fire and police departments. Some families post these numbers on the refrigerator or inside a kitchen cabinet door near the phone. Always call the dentist immediately for instructions on how to handle a dental emergency.

Toothache — Rinse the mouth with warm water to clean it out. Gently use dental floss or an interdental cleaner to remove any food or other debris that may be caught between the teeth.

Never put aspirin or any other painkiller against the gums near the aching tooth. This could burn gum tissue. If the toothache persists, try to see the dentist. Don't rely on painkillers. They may temporarily relieve the pain but the condition, whether it is an infection, cracked tooth or other problem, should be evaluated by your dentist.

Knocked-out (avulsed) tooth — Try to find the tooth! This may not be as easy as you think if the injury took place on a playground, basketball court or while skateboarding so try to stay calm. Hold the tooth by the crown and rinse the root in water if the tooth is dirty. Don't scrub it or remove any attached tissue fragments. If it's possible, gently insert and hold the tooth in the socket while you head to the dentist. If that's not possible, put the tooth in a cup of milk and bring it to the dentist. Time is critical for successful reimplantation.

Broken tooth — Rinse your mouth with warm water to clean the area. Use cold compresses on the outside of the cheek to help reduce the swelling.

Tongue or lip bites or wounds — Clean the area gently with a clean cloth and apply cold compresses to reduce any swelling.

If the bleeding can't be controlled, go to a hospital emergency room or clinic. You may be able to reduce bleeding from the tongue by pulling it forward and using gauze to put pressure on the wound.

Objects caught between teeth — Try to gently remove the object with dental floss. Never use a sharp instrument to remove any object that is stuck between your teeth. If you can't dislodge the object with floss, contact your dentist.

Possible broken jaw — Apply cold compresses to control swelling. Get to the hospital emergency room immediately.

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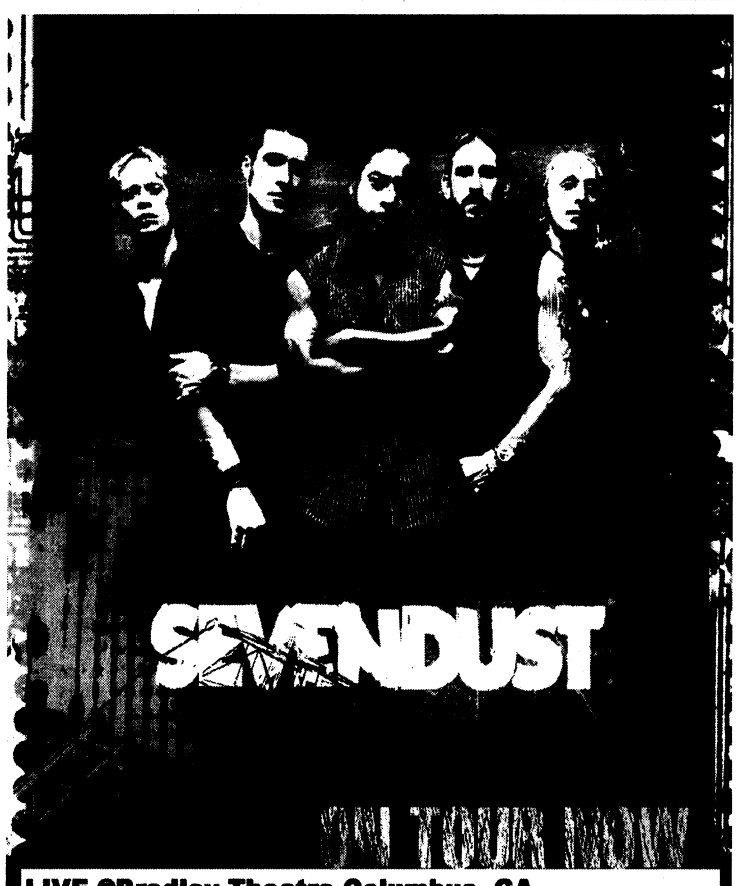

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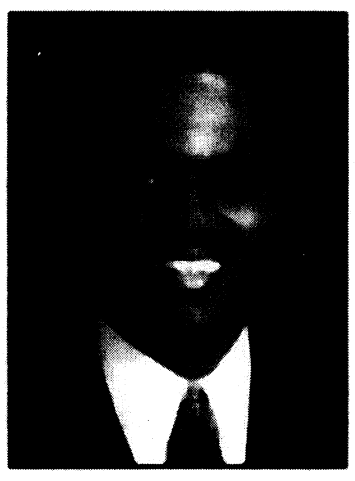

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Wilson fifth-grader Joshua LeMaster gets to know his new mentor, Sgt. 1st Class Lee Obie.

'AN HOUR WELL-INVESTED'

BCTB Soldiers mentor kids

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Role models are everywhere — sports heroes, MTV idols, movie stars. But the way Chaplain (Maj.) José Resto sees it, they aren't all *good* role models.

Resto and 11 fellow Soldiers from the Basic Combat Training Brigade have made it their mission to provide a dozen students at Wilson Elementary School with a positive influence.

In the wake of National Mentoring Month in January, the Soldiers, part of the Partners in Education Mentor Program, met the students, parents and teachers they will work hand-in-hand with during the next few months Tuesday morning.

The mentor program, which began at Wilson last semester, targets students who struggle academically or socially, said Wilson third-grade teacher Gerri Beer said. Time spent with their mentors should improve the students' self-esteem and enrich their lives.

But as life goes in a military community, some of the students and mentors moved recently. Tuesday morning's meeting gave new participants in the program a chance to sit down together and get acquainted.

Each mentor will spend an hour each week with his or her student, tutoring, playing basketball or just visiting.

"Children want adults to take the time to be a part of their lives," Beer said. "For someone to take the time to come and just sit and talk with them can have a tremendous impact on their lives."

And that's exactly what Resto plans to do. As the BCTB's chaplain, he's used to working with teen-agers, but he's hoping to have the same impact with his student, a third-grader.

"I'm still a believer that if you can just reach one and help one, that one can save others," he said. "You never know how deep your influence can be on a person."

Resto plans to make each weekly session "different and dynamic" to keep his student from growing bored and losing focus. Throughout the semester, his sessions can include in-class visits, lunch visits, one-on-one tutoring sessions, technology projects or other activities agreed on by the student, parents and teacher.

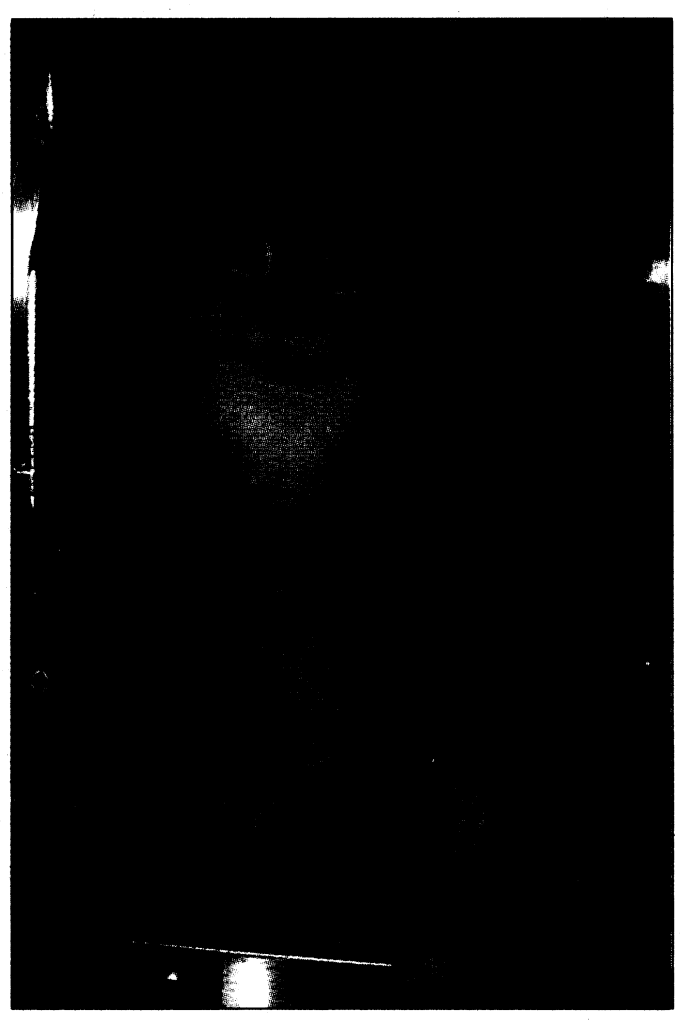
Of course, Resto doesn't expect to do all the work.

"I'm looking forward to teaching the student, but he will teach me, too," he said. "Kids today are smart — they know little things that help us understand the world better."

With such a rewarding program, it's hard to imagine anything but positive results.

"This is one of the most worthy programs we have at Wilson," Beer said. "These could be the people to make a difference in these children's lives forever. It's an hour well-invested."

Pets of the week





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Real love means 'love beyond desire'

Chaplain (Maj.) David W. Acuff
11th Infantry Regiment

This is the use of memory:
For liberation — not less love but expanding of love beyond desire, and so liberation from the future as well as the past.
T.S. Eliot, Four Quartets

In the spring of 1975 we strolled hand in hand through green gardens where new daffodils reflected golden sunlight back to their maker. There in Sewanee, on Monteagle Mountain, the most beautiful place in the world, I was in love for the first time.

I was a junior, and she was a sophomore, and time stopped. It caught us there, hand in hand, eye to eye, and in but one instant, showed us what life ought to be. The brokenness had been healed. The empty places were filled. We were complete. A lifetime burned in that moment. Time had stopped, and we knew that moment would last forever. But soon the clock began to tick again.

Valentine's Day is celebrated next week. For some — for those in that moment where love stops time — the celebration is fitting. Others are more cynical, agreeing with Bob Dylan that "love is just a four-letter word." And still others, perhaps the largest group, will rush into the PX at the last moment, Valentine's Day an addition to an already lengthy list of taskings.

On Valentine's Day, it is perhaps appropriate to ask just what this thing called love is.

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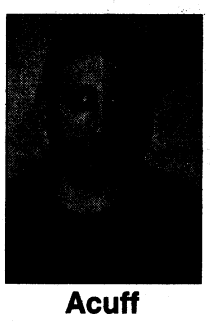

Acuff

One thing is certain: fiery love does not last. Indeed it cannot, being built as it is on a fantasy, the fantasy of the beloved as The Perfect One. Soon enough, reality bites. Flaws appear. For many, that is the time to be moving on. New loves are found and new passions ignite ... for a while.

The Christian view of love is tightly bound to the notion of sacrifice. Such a notion is not entirely romantic. It may involve doing something for your spouse or kids when you are tired and would rather chill, something as mundane as doing the dishes or running an errand.

Needless to say, such is not the stuff of blockbuster romances, but it is the beginning of what T.S. Eliot tells us is the "love beyond desire."

CHAPEL NOTES

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Fort Benning's Protestant Women of the Chapel meet at Custer Terrace Chapel from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursdays. Child care is provided.

The Bible studies are: Covenant, Creative Counterpart, A Woman of Value and Breaking Free.

For more information, call Natalie Rauch at 221-5607.

Sunday School — Are you looking for a way to experience God's blessings?

The Sunday School ministry needs you. Classes are available for all age groups from preschool to adult. Transportation is available on post if needed.

For more information or to inquire about being a volunteer helper, call the director of religious education at 545-4715 or the Sunday School director, Rosario Seelen, at 682-0102.

Catholic Women of the Chapel — Catholic Women of the Chapel meet the first Friday of each month at Sightseeing Road Chapel at 10 a.m. for business, religious study, rosary and Mass.

They also meet the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. for Bible study. Child care is provided at both meetings.

For more information, call Theresa McCrackine at 687-0894.

Your heart is where treasure is

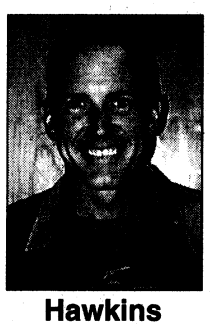
Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Family Life Ministries Center

Last week I mentioned that this time of year can feel a bit like being pinched in a financial vise-grip. Are your credit card monthly minimum payments higher than your GT score? Has Master Card inducted you into its Hall of Fame? If so, there's still hope! But to get something different, remember, you've got to do something different.

• Realize that God owns it all!

If you are a believer, then stepping stone number one has an immediate implication: I'm not the owner of my "stuff". I'm simply a steward, or caretaker of the stuff God gives me. God has the rights. I simply have responsibilities.

It's a lot like my 17 year old. She drives a car. In one sense you could say she "has" it. However, I'm the owner. She understands that I gave it to her, and if I choose to, I could take it back for any reason. You see, as the owner, I have the rights. As the caretaker, she has the responsibilities.


Hawkins

• In the laboratory of life, we're in a growth experiment!

Did you know that spiritually God uses money for three purposes? Money and material possessions can be used as a tool, a test or a testimony. He can get our attention with it and use it as a tool to develop us, can't he? He can also use it as a test of what is most important to us ... as the Bible says, "where your treasure is, well, that's where your heart is, too!"

And lastly, he can use it to show what a difference having peace of mind and financial freedom can make as a witness (a testimony) to those around you. "Wow, look at those folks — what's different about the way they manage their money and handle their 'stuff'"?

• The amount isn't important!

It's not what you have, it's what you do with what you have that is important. Do you know why some people win the lottery and then blow it and why others with seemingly little live quite comfortably? Because it's not what you make that makes the difference — it's what you keep that makes the difference.

• Faith requires action.

Lots of us know what to do — we just don't do it, right? Financial freedom is like any other commitment. It requires that we not just talk-the-talk, but walk-the-walk!

If there's any way that our team of trained counselors at the Chaplain Family Life Center can help you, pick up the phone and give us a call at 545-1760.

The National Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Officers' Club Feb. 19 at 7:30 a.m. Guest speaker is retired Col. Benjamin Purcell, a former POW in Vietnam. Call 544-9496.

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
Monday- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3951
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
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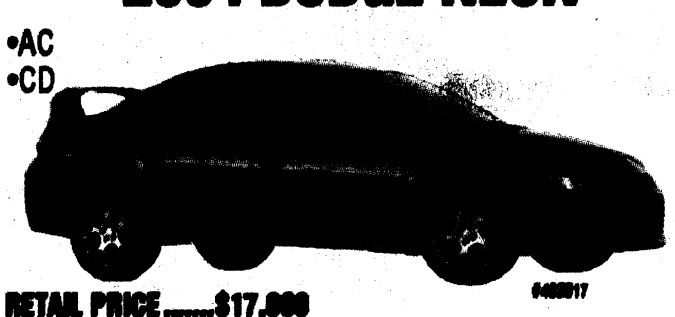

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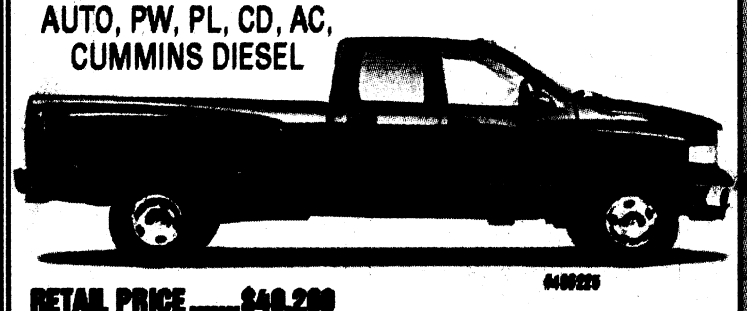

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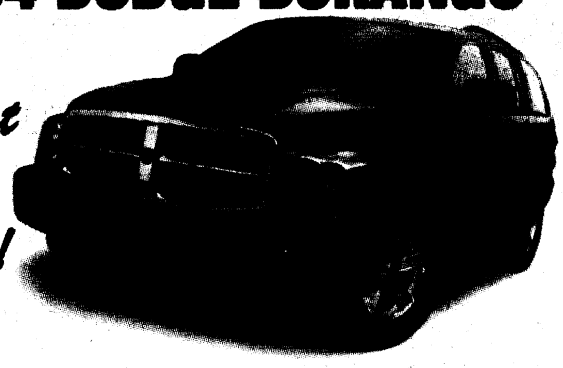

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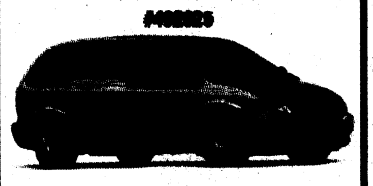

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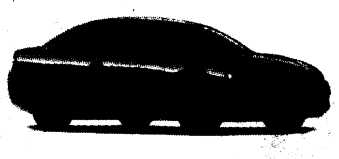

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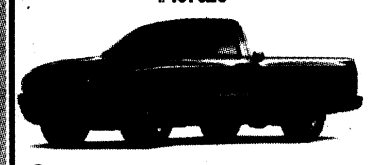

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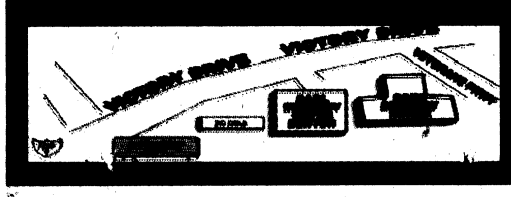


SPORTS



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

Columbus-Fort Benning Cruise-a-Matics rugger A.J. Cortes pulls away from a tackle attempt during the team's game against Atlanta's High Country Saturday.

Calling all ruggers

New players encouraged to take the field

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The Columbus-Fort Benning Rugby Football Club — better known as the Cruise-a-Matics — is looking for new players.

Soldier, civilian, male, female, experienced or brand-spanking new — it doesn't matter. Anyone with heart and the desire to learn is welcome on the field, said Geoff Wollin, club secretary.

Rugby is not a sport for the faint of heart. A fast-paced, hard-hitting game, rugby is known for its rough edges.

"Fitness is key in this game," Wollin said. "Your average NFL play is four to six seconds; your average rugby play is four and a half minutes."

A rugby match features almost continuous play in halves of 40 minutes and may end in a tie.

Players are either running or sprinting for the majority of the game, Wollin said.

"It's an aggressive sport — not one for the weak of mind or body," he said.

On top of that, when you're not running, you're on either the giving or receiving end of a tackle or joining with players to fight for possession of the ball.

In the widely played amateur Rugby Union, of which the Cruisers are a part, 15 players take the field with little more padding than a mouth guard and the occasional "scrum cap."

Any protective gear made with hard plastic is illegal on the field, Wollin said.

So why risk the cuts and bruises? For many ruggers, it's just too hard to resist.

"I love the warrior mentality," Wollin said. "When I take the field, it's war. There is no glory on your back, on the sidelines, nor in second place.

"But it's a good outlet, a good way to channel aggression in a positive way."

Besides that, there is a bond among rugby players. The team becomes a group of friends, people to socialize with, Wollin said.

With too many rules to number, it may take beginners a while to catch on to the gist of the game, but with a balanced mix of seasoned veterans and rookies, that's no problem, Wollin said. In fact, now's the perfect time for new players to venture out.

"We have a lot of new players right now," he said. "The season's opening practices have been focusing mainly on fundamentals.

"We're in a crawl stage," he said.

All you need to join the fun is "a hard head and pair of cleats," Wollin said. And an above average tolerance for pain.

The team practices from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the "Cruiser Dome," behind Dolly Madison Bakery on Victory Drive.

To get to the pitch from Interstate 185, take Exit 1-A onto Victory Drive. Drive until you come to 22nd Avenue and take a right (you should be at a stoplight and see Dolly Madison Bakery on your right side). Follow this road across the dirt road and straight through the gate.



Cruise-a-Matics forward Jeremy Bond reaches for the ball in a line-out during the team's game against High Country in Atlanta Saturday.



Cruiser Brian Duff passes off the ball to a teammate as he is tackled by a High Country rugger during the game in Atlanta Saturday.



Super Bowled

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

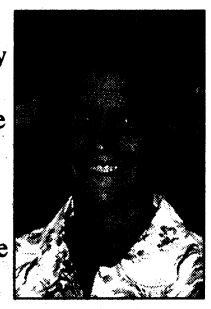
We thought one of my coworkers might be impossible to live with no matter what the outcome of the Super Bowl, so I got elected to write the dreaded sports commentary.

And what do I know about football? Nothing. I chose Kansas City to win the AFC Championship and Philadelphia to win the NFC, so I had no dogs in this particular fight.

As a matter of fact, I haven't cared about a Super Bowl since 1985 when my beloved Bears won.

Why the Bears? Well, I always tell people that my "formative years" were spent deep in Bear territory. In the middle of sixth grade, my dad was transferred from Fort Ord, Calif., to Fort Sheridan, Ill., then the home of the Army's Recruiting Command.

And though I was really only interested in swimming and soccer, I became a die-hard Bears, Bulls, Blackhawks and Cubs fan. Through many moves, I've kept my loyalty to my teams. I've stuck my neck out and gone with the Bears in my football picks. I've weathered the ridicule.



So this year, I wasn't even going to watch the game. Sure, I'd have the television on in the background, but I wasn't going to stake out a spot on the couch.

But then my neighbor invited us over. Her kids have been Patriots fans since birth, because their father is from Massachusetts. Her boys wanted to watch the game, and with dad at NTC, she wanted to get out of having to watch it with them.

Enter the House cavalry. My boys, who didn't even have a clue who the teams were, tromped in and parked themselves on the couch with their Nintendo Game Boys.

And there they all sat, watching the game, tracking each other's progress on the Mega Man game.

They caught all of the commercials, running in occasionally to comment on their favorites, like the gassy horse and ensuing fireball.

Then, most thankfully, they weren't at all interested in the halftime show.

I wasn't either. I walked into the kitchen to clip box tops for education, and saw Janet and Justin only moments before the debacle.

And now, I can't escape hearing about it.

Never mind that it was a nailbiter of a game. Never mind that the two teams ended up being so evenly matched that it looked as if they were headed for the first Super Bowl overtime in history.

I feel sorry for all the children who actually watched the halftime show. I feel sorry for the parents of those children, who may have had to field questions about what they saw.

But more than anything, I feel sorry for the Panthers and the Patriots. They played their best and gave us an exciting game, only to be eclipsed by music stars trying a new gimmick to promote their music.

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Thousands of teens get hurt each year on the playing field, the basketball court, or while skateboarding, biking or during other activities.

Blows to the face in nearly every sport can injure your teeth, lips, cheeks and tongue.

A properly fitted mouth guard is an important piece of athletic gear that can protect your teeth and smile for many years.

You may have seen them used in contact sports, such as football, boxing, ice hockey, rugby, wrestling, lacrosse and women's field hockey.

You don't have to be on the football field, however, to benefit from the use of a mouth guard.

New findings in sports dentistry show that even in non-contact sports, such as gymnastics, mouth guards help protect teeth.

Many experts now recommend that a mouth guard be worn for any recreational activity that poses a risk of injury to the mouth.

Three types of mouth guards that can prevent damage to your smile are:

•Ready-made, or stock;

•Mouth-formed 'boil-and-bite'; and

•Custom-made mouth guard made by a dentist.

All three mouth guards provide protection, but vary in comfort and cost.

The most effective mouth guard should have several features.

It should be resilient, tear-resistant and comfortable.

It should fit properly, be durable and easy to clean, and not restrict your speech or breathing.

Generally, a mouth guard covers only the upper teeth but in some cases the dentist instead will make one for the lower teeth.

Your dentist can suggest the right mouth guard for you.

If you have a mouth guard, take good care it.

Before and after each use, rinse it with cold water or with an antiseptic mouth rinse.

You can clean it with toothpaste and a toothbrush, too. When it's not being used, place your mouth guard in a firm, perforated container.

This permits air circulation and helps prevent damage.

Avoid high temperatures, such as hot water, hot surfaces or direct sunlight, which can distort the mouth guard.

Check it for tears, holes and to see whether it has become loose. A mouth guard that's torn or in bad shape can irritate your mouth and lessen the amount of protection it provides.

Have regular dental checkups and bring your mouth guard along so the dentist can make sure it's still in good condition.

Don't take your teeth for granted. Be cool. Wear a mouthguard. Protect your smile.

Editor's note: *Courtesy of the American Dental Association and the International Academy for Sports Dentistry.*

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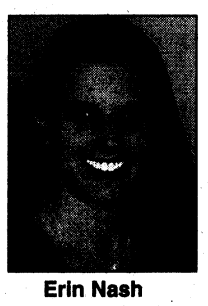

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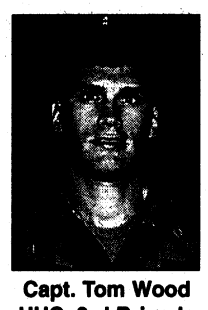

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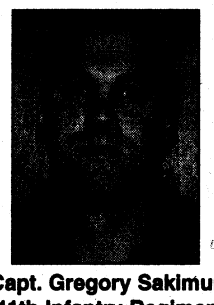

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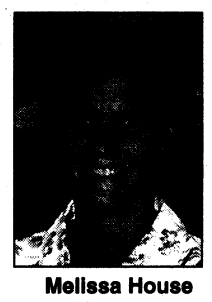

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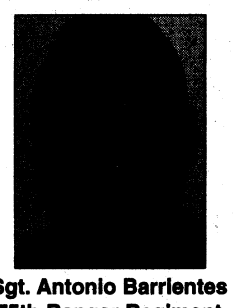

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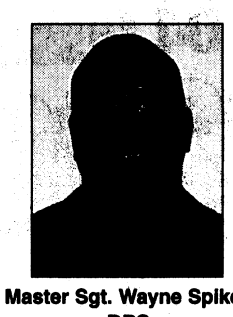

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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Soccer tournament — There will be a soccer tournament from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 21 at Doughboy Stadium. The tournament will feature teams from Lander University, Georgia Southern University, Emory University and the College of Charleston.

For more information, call 545-3582.

Aerobics instructor needed — Briant Wells Field House is looking for certified exercise instructors for a wide variety of classes.

For more information, call 545-4388.

All-Army Small Arms Championships sign-ups — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will host the All-Army Small Arms Championships in conjunction with the U.S. Army Infantry Center March 14 to 25.

The last All-Army Championships were in 1994. Soldiers and units will compete with the M-16 rifle or M-4 carbine, M-9 pistol and M-24 or M-14 rifles against counterparts from the regular Army, Reserve, National Guard and Cadet Command.

The USAMU has a limited number of weapons available for Soldiers and cadets who do not have assigned weapons.

Soldiers who excel in the All-Army Championships may be selected to compete on the Army, Army Reserve or National Guard Rifle and Pistol Teams in the Interservice and National Championship competitions.

Winners of designated matches and classifications may be awarded Secretary of the Army Trophy rifles. Rifle matches will be shot at ranges from 200 to 500 yards. Pistol matches will be fired under combat time standards at seven to 25 yards. All firing will be done with helmet and individual combat gear (minus body armor and mask).

Long-range matches will be fired at ranges of 600 to 1,000 yards. Matches are open to all Soldiers and U.S. Military Academy and ROTC Cadets.

Squad-size teams will be from brigades, divisions, major commands, each individual state and territory and Army Reserve major subordinate commands. Participants are required to send a letter of intent to Michael J. Behnke, USAMU chief of competitions, at michael.behnke@usarec.army.mil or fax (706) 545-6252 by Jan. 30. For more information contact Behnke at (706) 545-7841 (the DSN is 835). (Formed in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to raise the standards of marksmanship throughout the U.S. Army, the Army Marksmanship Unit is assigned to the Accessions Support Brigade, U.S. Army Accessions Command, of Fort Monroe, Va.

The Marksmanship Unit trains its Soldiers to win competitions and enhances combat readiness through train-the-trainer clinics, research and development.

For more information on the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, contact the Public Affairs Office at (706) 545-5436, paula.pagan@usarec.army.mil or http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/amu/.)

Saturday Bike Rides — Saturday bike rides are in full gear.

Riders meet at 10 a.m. Saturdays at Briant Wells Field House and can choose from 10- 15- or 20-mile rides.

Additional miles can be added on demand. All you need is a bike, helmet, water and plenty of energy.

For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

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Softball signups — Post-level softball players are wanted to play in the downtown softball league.

For more information, call Jimmy Armstrong at 566-2015 or Lamar Wagner at 563-6142.

Women's softball — The top 24 women's fastpitch softball teams will return to Columbus Feb. 27-29 to battle it out in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Leadoff Classic at the South Commons Softball Complex.

The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Feb. 27 at Stadium Field at South Commons.

Games are scheduled to start at noon Feb. 27 with the last game scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Games begin at 10 a.m. Feb. 28 with the last game at 6:30 p.m. The games start at 9 a.m. Feb. 29 and the championship will be decided at the 1 p.m. game.

Ticket prices are $20 for an adult tournament pass, $12 for 12 and under tournament pass, $8 for adult day ticket, $5 for 12 and under daily ticket and $4 each for youth groups with 10 or more.

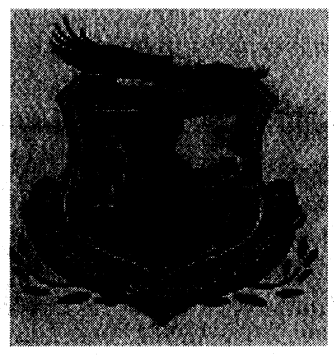
For more information, call the Columbus Sports Council at 660-1996.

Youth baseball — Coast to Coast athletics is recruiting youth baseball players (ages 11-12) to represent the U.S. in international competition in Puerto Rico.

Outstanding amateurs, selected from as many as 38 states nationwide, will compete against international all-star teams during the 2004 summer school breaks.

The Coast to Coast tour lasts seven days and is jam-packed with action, intensive training and cultural excursions.

For more information or to request a program application, call 373-4455.



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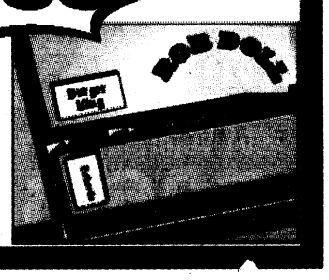

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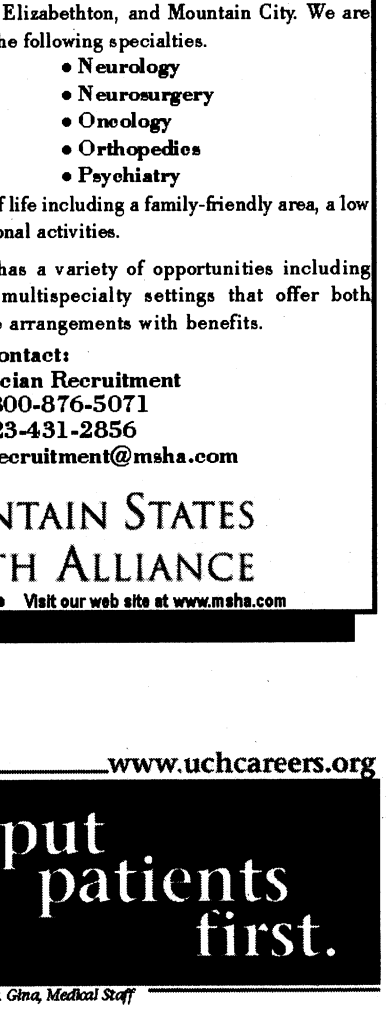

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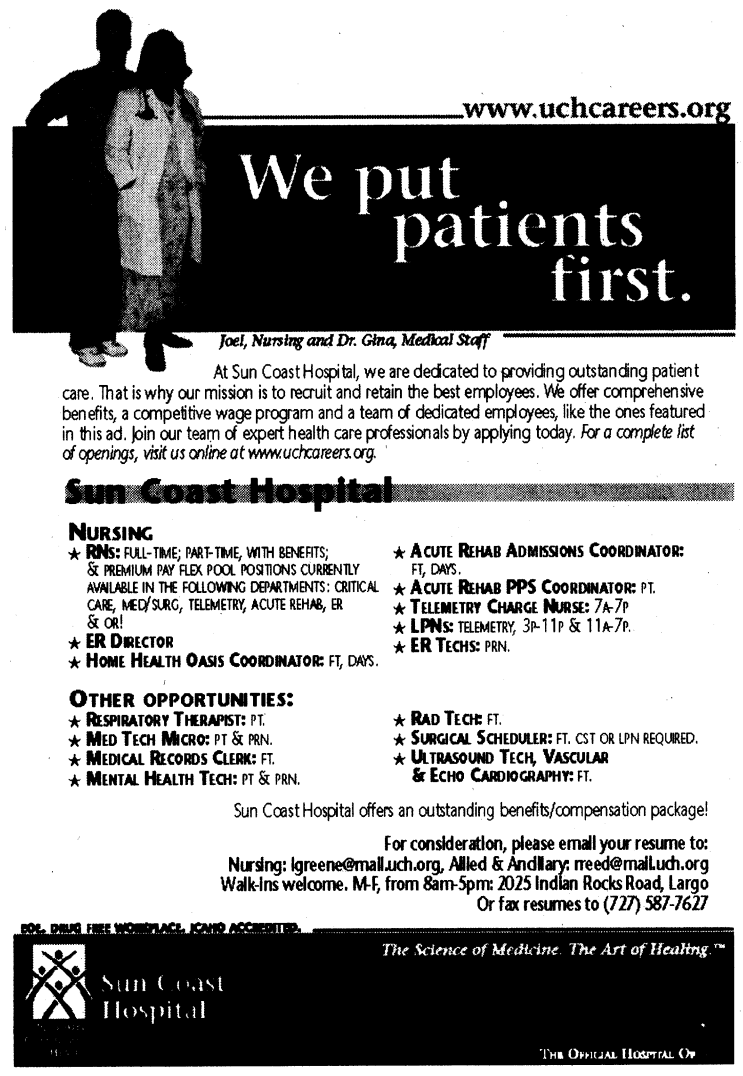

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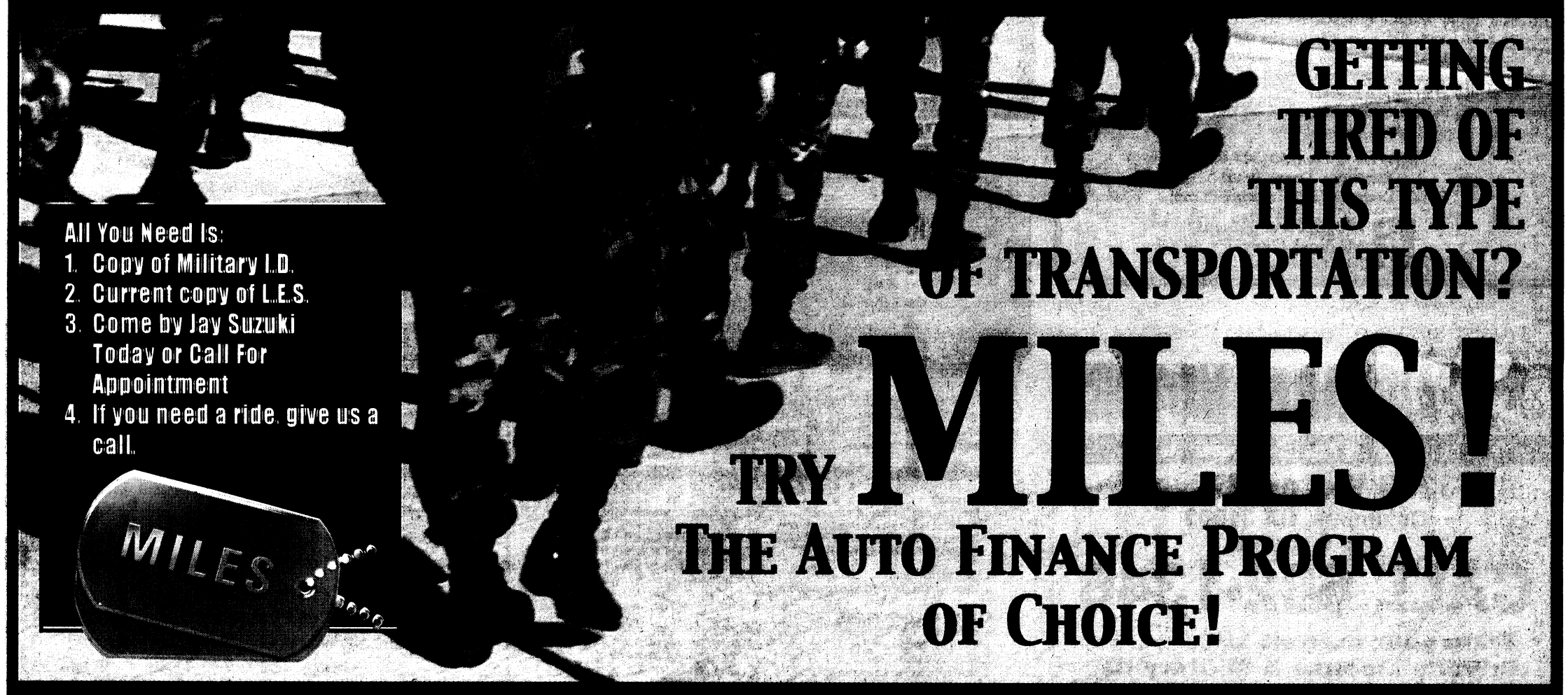

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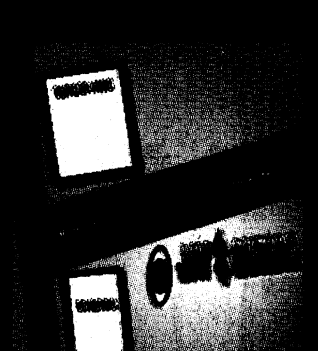

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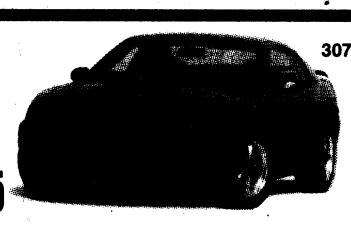

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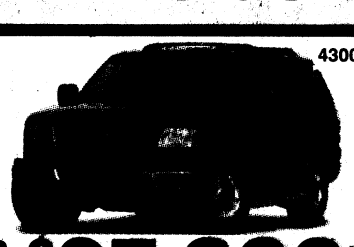

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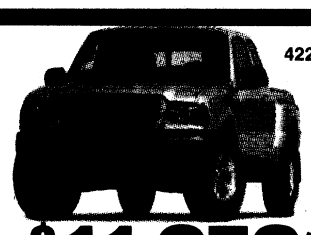

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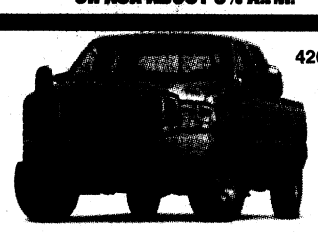

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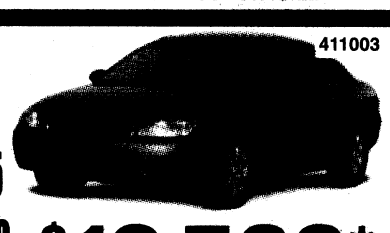

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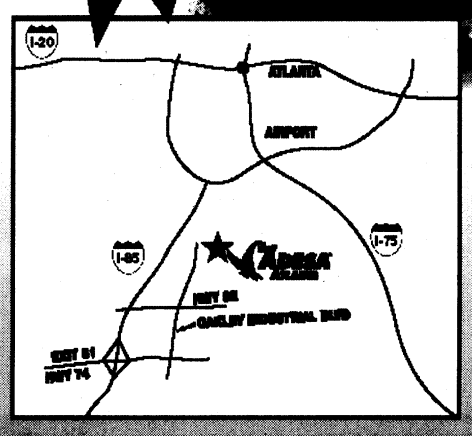

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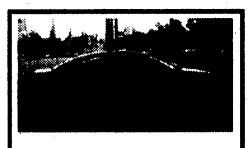

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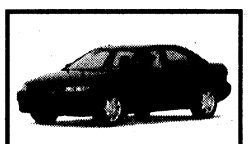

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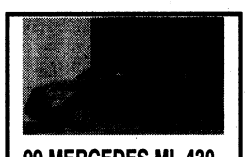

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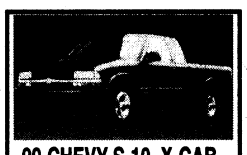

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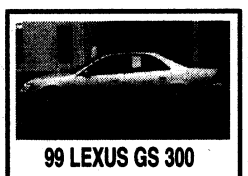

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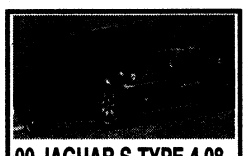

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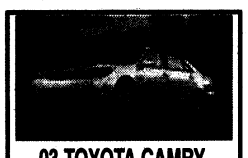

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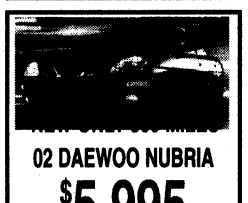

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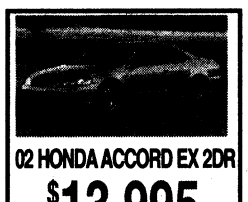

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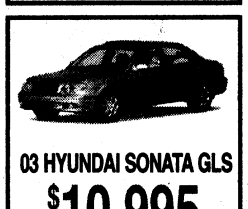

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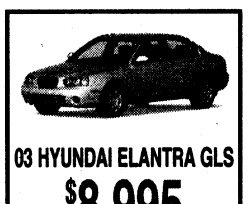

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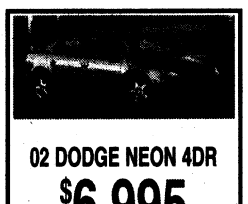

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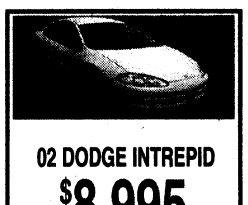

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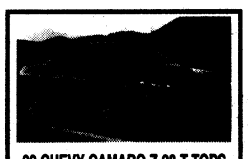

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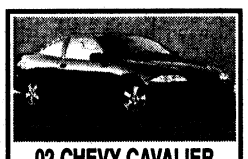

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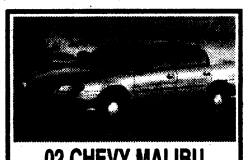

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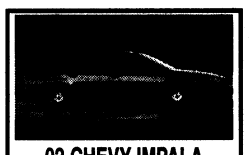

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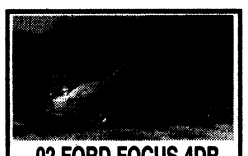

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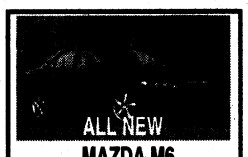

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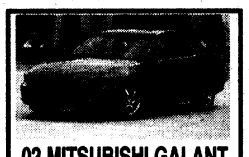

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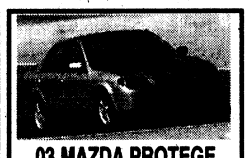

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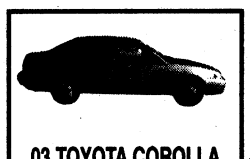

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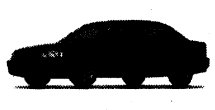

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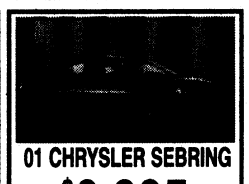

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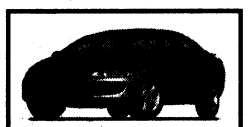

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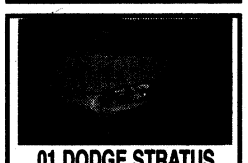

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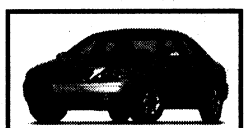

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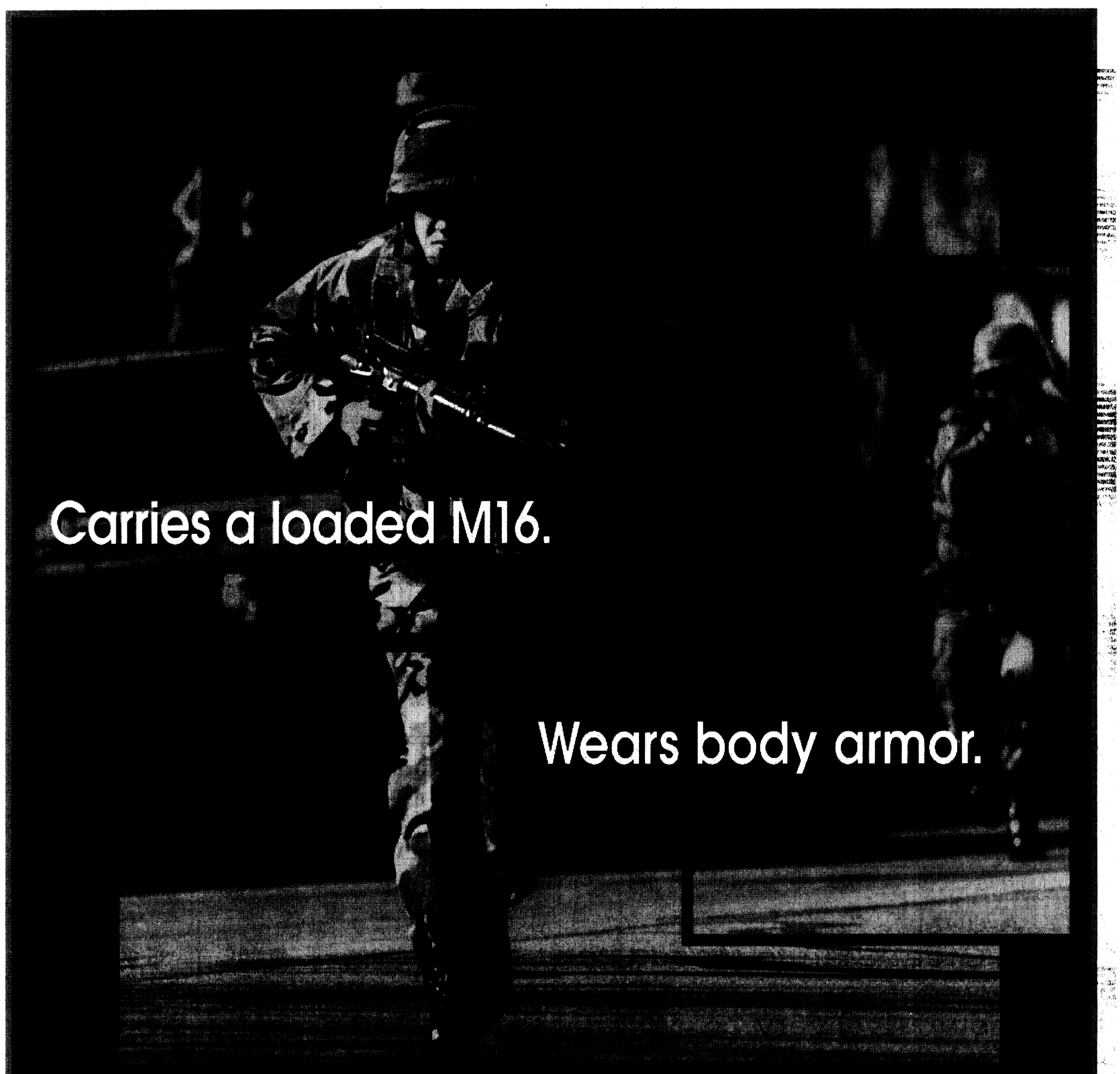

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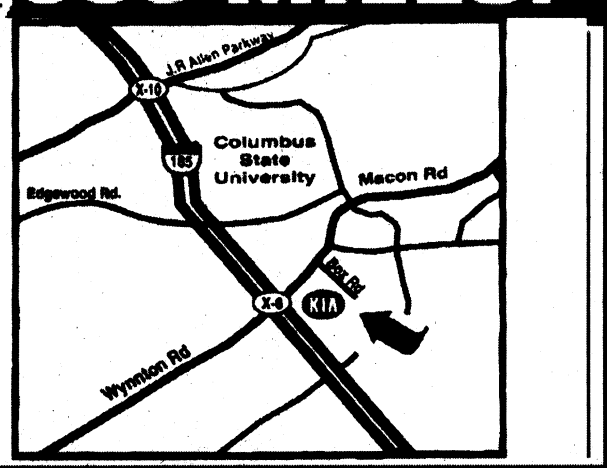

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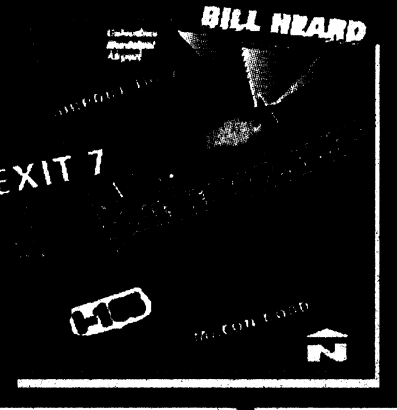

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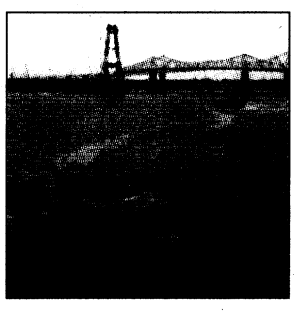

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Stabilization betters units

Enhances readiness, family well-being

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

While the primary goal of stabilizing Soldiers is to increase readiness for national security requirements, it also supports well-being for Soldiers and their family members, officials say.

Force Stabilization is one of the 16 focus areas Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker identified last fall that the Army will work to remain ready and relevant.

"We think by stabilizing the Army, where we don't move the Army every two to three years on an individual basis, but we keep people in place, develop cohesive, stable units, where spouses can work, where kids can go to school, where people can invest in homes and develop equity, stabilizes forces," Schoomaker told the House Armed Services Committee Jan. 28. "It's better for the fighting forces. It's better for the families. And, it will increase our retention."

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> Army Chief of Staff

To stabilize Soldiers and their families in the near term, the Army plans to implement two strategies — Home-basing and Unit Focused Stability, said Col. Paul Thornton who has been working the issue for 17 months as a member of the Unit Manning Task Force and chief of its successor, Task Force Stabilization.

Under Home-basing, all initial entry Soldiers — enlisted and officers — assigned to selected installations will remain on their initial duty-assignment installation

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14th Field Hospital to change

Post unit to convert to improve support

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Today's Army has to be ready to move anywhere in the world at a moment's notice.

Toward that end, the 36th Engineer Group's 14th Field Hospital, like field hospitals Army-wide, is becoming a combat support hospital.

"The field hospital is a dinosaur," said 14th Field Hospital acting command sergeant major, 1st Sgt. Anthony Cook. "It is always in the back during battle, where units don't have easy access. Now, with this change, it's in the middle, where the front line units will have better access to it for their sick and injured Soldiers."

The field hospital is large and takes more than 12 C-5s (aircraft) to move it. The combat support hospital will require three to six C-5s and will better support to the warfighter, with its ability to handle up to 248 casualties.

"When the unit deploys, we won't have to take the whole facility with us," said Lt. Col. Glenn Iacovetta, 14th Field Hospital commander.

The new unit, which will begin receiving medical equipment April 1 and will be fully operational by October, will be broken down into a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, A and B companies and the 756th Minimal Care Detachment, which is comprised of various health-care specialists from military hospitals around the U.S.

The total strength of Soldiers in HHD, A Co., and B Co. will be around 240 personnel. The 756th Minimal Care Detachment will have nearly 200 personnel.

The change will make it possible for the hospital to perform more surgical operations.

"All the changes that are being made are for the better," Iacovetta said. "The quality of care will be better focused on the Soldiers."

The hospital, Iacovetta said, will not be a rehabilitation facility. If a Soldier can't recover within theater evacuation policy, he or she will be

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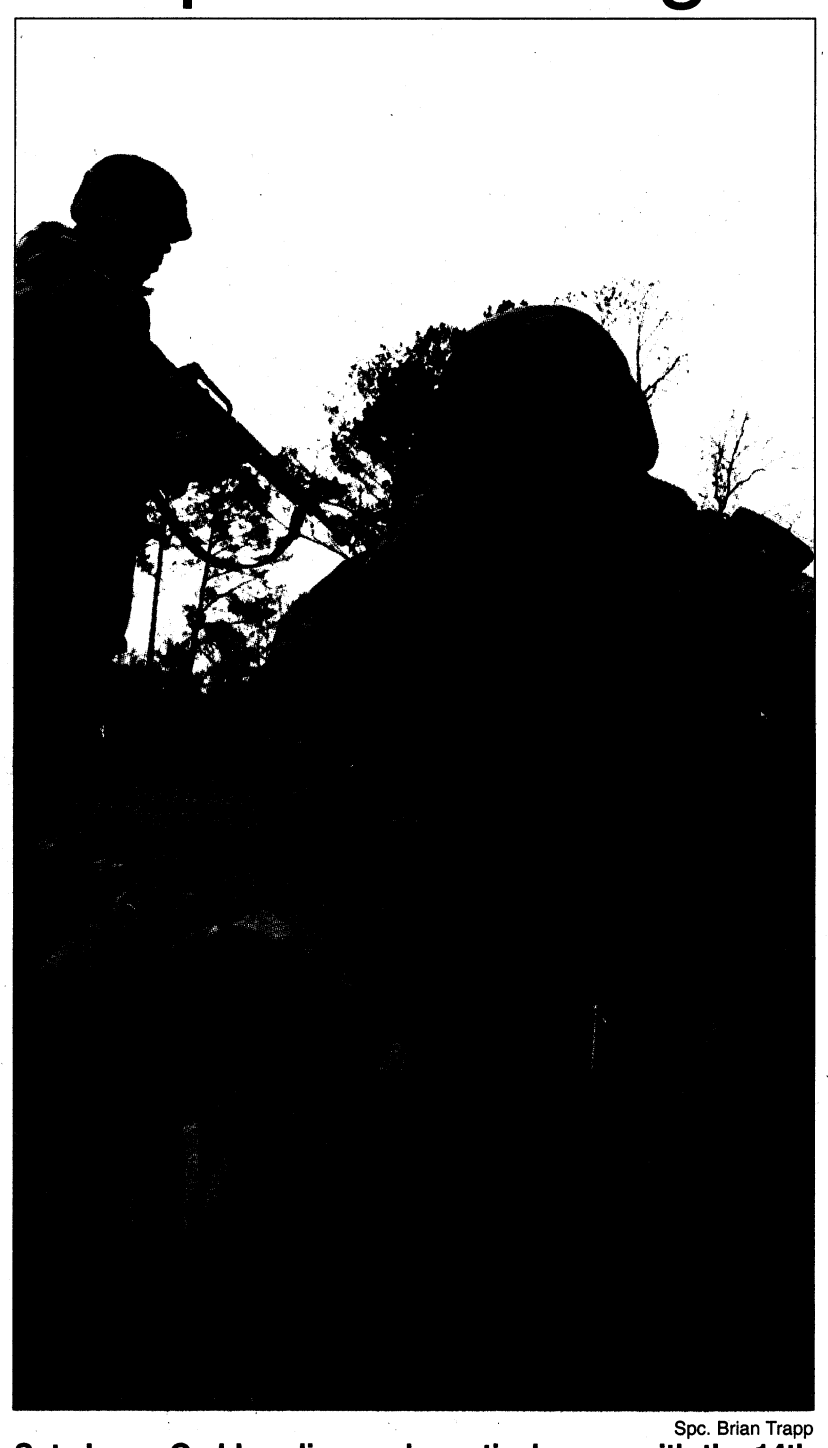

Spc. Brian Trapp

Sgt. Janna Gaddy, a licensed practical nurse with the 14th Field Hospital, puts a pressure dressing on Capt. Davina Stokes, commander HHC 14th FH, during a field training exercise, while Sgt. Terry Campbell pulls guard.

Drunken driving victim to visit post

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It had been a bad day for Denise Wagoner. A bad year, for that matter. She walked out on her abusive boyfriend of three years for the third time the night before and now sat across the bar from him, watching as he cheated on her for more than an hour while she wore his engagement ring.

When she'd had enough, she drove to her mother's house to talk to her little brother — a close friend and confidant — but he was nowhere to be found. She ended up at another bar, where the bartender — a prior acquaintance who made it clear his intention was for her to stay the night with him — took her keys and made sure her glass stayed full.

Fed up with his continuous come-ons, Wagoner called a few family members for a ride, but no one came. So she took matters into her own hands and climbed behind the wheel of her car. Her blood alcohol content was 0.19. Fifteen minutes later, she came to a curve in the road. She didn't see the caution sign until she drove over it; it was the last thing she would ever see.

Wagoner's car rolled five times, throwing her 75 feet on the final roll. Her injuries were equivalent to a six-story fall — skull fractures, crunched vertebrae, crushed ribs, brain

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Army fields weapon 'with teeth'

Xylitol replaces gum in MRE sundry pack

Bridgett Siter
Staff writer

The Army will soon field a new weapon in the war on terror — the terror generally associated with a trip to the dentist.

A gum containing the sweetener xylitol, which is proven to prevent cavities, will replace the gum now being packed into Soldiers' MREs, though no one's saying just when the change will occur.

At the recommendation of the consultant to the surgeon general on nutrition, a joint services committee approved the use of xylitol gum Feb. 5, after extensive testing revealed a markedly higher number of dental cavities in Soldiers deployed overseas than those who remain in the states.

Col. Robert Lutka, commander of Fort Benning's U.S. Army Dental Activity, calls the news a victory for the infantry Soldier. As the chairman of a joint services committee devoted to the advancement of xylitol, Lutka has been singing the praises of the sugar substitute for years.

"Now, I think, we're all believers," he said last week.

Xylitol, which is considered a food additive, not a drug, is a naturally occurring sugar alcohol that kills the bacteria that cause cavities. Though it was endorsed by the National Institute of Health two years ago, military dentists have been prescribing it for more than 10 years.

Research shows that chewing gum with xylitol three times a day for 30 days increases cavity protection for as long as six months, even without regular brushing, Lutka said, and that has great

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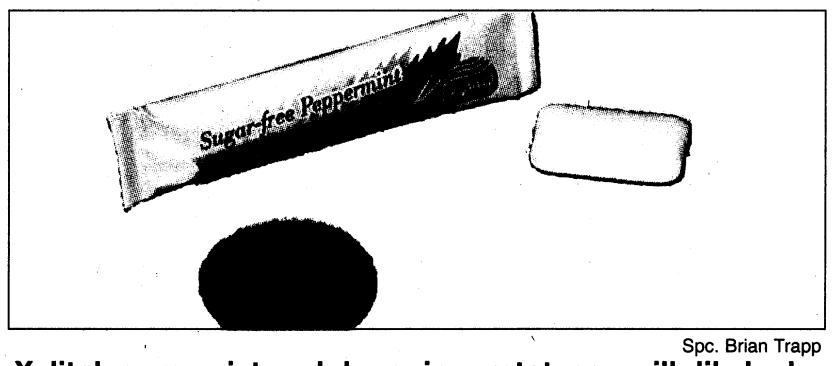

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Xylitol gum, pictured here in prototype, will likely be packaged in the MRE sundry pack as two quarter-size tablets in a plastic wrap.

Iron Mike or the Infantryman?

Rich McDowell
USAIC Public Affairs Office

When you return to work from your long weekend something on post will be different. There will be no Infantryman perched on the pedestal in front of Infantry Hall.

This will be the second time he's taken a leave of absence since being dedicated in 1959. The last time was in 1989 when he went to Florida and returned with a nice new patina from the Florida sun. This time it's off to Colorado for a ski vacation and another rework.

But this is not about the Follow Me statue's face lift. It's about Iron Mike.

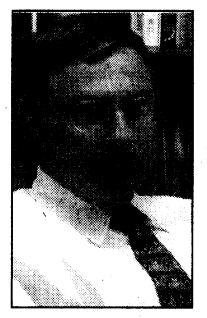
Whenever I hear the sobriquet "Iron Mike," I think of the airborne statue at Fort Bragg, not the Infantryman statue at Fort Benning.

Interestingly, there are several Iron Mike statues in the U.S. The Conservation Corps has two in California, there's an Iron Mike statue in Ashland, Ore., the Marine Base at Parris Island is home to an Iron Mike, and of course there's Iron Mike at Fort Bragg, N.C.

One thing they all have in common is that no one seems to know how they came to be called "Iron Mike." After all, this was long before Iron Mike Tyson rose and fell from glory.

When the Fort Bragg statue was dedicated, it was christened "The Airborne Statue."

The impetus for the statue was a May 1960 letter from out going 18th Airborne Corps Commander Lt. Gen. R.F. Sink, to the incoming corps commander Lt. Gen. T.J.H. Trapnell.



Sink writes: "Dear Trap: Possibly you know a few days ago that Fort Benning unveiled a statue to the 'Doughboy.' I didn't know they were doing this, and I think this thing was kept a secret from almost everybody. But previous to this I had dreamed up the idea of a statue to the parachute soldier.

"It took those people down there 11 months to build this thing. Their statue is of heroic proportion and is similar to the one that I hope you will be good enough to build here. We have a couple of sculptors here and I am sending them down to Fort Benning to observe the method they used in construction of their statue … ."

Having said all that, if anyone's statue deserves to be called Iron Mike, it probably is ours.

You see, we once had a commanding general named John Wilson O'Daniel. His nickname was "Iron Mike." The ebullient, 5-foot, 6-inch Soldier earned the nickname from his tough appearance and parade-ground voice.

As a colonel in the early days of World War II, O'Daniel commanded the 168th Regimental Combat Team of the 34th Infantry Division in the assault landing on Algiers.

Promptly promoted to brigadier general, he directed the amphibious training for the 5th Army's landings in Sicily and was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division.

After taking part in the Sicily and Anzio landings, he succeeded Maj. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott as the division's commanding general.

He commanded the division through the rest of the war from the Anzio breakout, through Rome, the amphibious landings at St. Tropez, hit the Siegfried Line, crossed the Rhine and in fierce house to house fighting, cleared Nuremberg.

He was with the division around Salzburg and Berchtesgaden when the war ended.

He commanded the Infantry School from July 1945 to July 1948, led the 1st Corps in the Korean War and finished his Army career as chief of the U.S. Military advisory effort in Vietnam from 1954 to 1955

So although there is no connection between O'Daniel and the Follow Me statue, not to mention few here even heard of O'Daniel, at least Fort Benning had a real live Iron Mike at one time.

Still, I'll continue to cringe when I hear our statue referred to as "Iron Mike." For me, it will always be the Infantryman's statue or the Follow Me Statue and Iron Mike will be the statue whose theme was *The Devil in Baggy Pants*, and stands proudly near the Corps headquarters at Randolph Street and Armstead Avenue at Fort Bragg.

Take time to choose 'the man'

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Every vote counts!

I'm sure everybody has seen the flyers and posters and received the postcards in the mail urging the addressee to register to vote because "every vote counts!"

Since I turned 18, I've looked at the voting registration forms addressed to me and thrown them away. Why bother? It's just one vote, it won't make a difference — right?

They're all excuses that I've used and I'm sure many of you have too.

Well now I've seen the light. This time around, I'm going to make a difference. I'm going to make my vote count. You know why?



Every decision made by the president affects me — not only as a resident but also because I am a Soldier.

I'll admit that I was clueless about the whole voting situation. I grew up in a home where my parents believed they were going to lose no matter who won, so why bother.

For the record, I come from a family of Mexican immigrants who have now seen the light and are registered voters.

To make things easy for those of you who say you don't know how to vote, I have done the leg work for you. All you have to do now is read and execute.

Every unit has a voting assistance officer. If you need to register to vote, they will help you, step-by-step. If your schedule does not allow you to meet with your voting assistance officer, do what I did and take care of everything online.

To see a list of the primary candidates and find out what they stand for, check out www.aarp.org/legislative/elections/.

Once you figured out who you want to vote for, register to vote at www.yourvotematters.org or www.fvap.gov.

You don't need to know who you want to vote for to register, just remember to fill out and mail the registration form. This way, when you decide who "the man" should be, you can vote for them.

It's important, take the time to do it.

Declaring 'war on accidents'

Bob Van Elsberg
Army News Service

Life may be unfair but death isn't. A fatal accident is an "equal-opportunity" killer. It doesn't care whether you're behind the wheel of a Humvee or a Honda; it will take you wherever it can.

I know. I have seen death many times during my 33 years in and around the military. Back in 1974, I waved goodbye on a Friday afternoon to a couple of friends as they left to go canoeing in Washington state. Within 24 hours they were both dead — victims of alcohol and the "I-am-bulletproof" syndrome that led both of them to shun life jackets.

The year before, I saw a pretty young woman dying on the road next to her car. There was nothing I could do to help her. There's an old saying that goes, "Die young and leave a handsome corpse." But believe me, there is nothing attractive in watching someone die.

Early in 2002 I interviewed the widow of an Air Force sergeant who'd gotten on the road drunk and hit a concrete barrier at 79 mph. Unbelted, he'd gone into the windshield and was declared brain dead the following day. He had a lot of bravado in his attitude about life. As I interviewed his widow, I sat helplessly as she broke down in tears. They'd gotten married and bought a house barely two months before he died. When he ignored years of warnings against drinking and driving, he never thought about what it would do to the person who loved him most.

The problem with accidental death is that there's no 20-20 hindsight for those involved. There's no going back and doing things differently because of lessons learned. There is only one destination — and death gives no paroles.

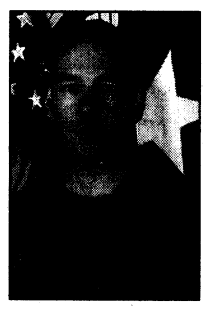
That's why declaring war on accidents is important, even as we fight this War on Terrorism. It hurts just as much to bury a loved one who died in an accident as one who died on the battlefield. Maybe, in reality, it hurts more. Death in combat is at least for a purpose. Death from an accident does little except provide a sad example.

Boston, Baltimore, Baghdad — it doesn't matter where you are, you're on the front lines of this war. Your best piece of protective "armor" is risk management. Taking the time to identify risks, assessing their severity, developing a plan to protect yourself, and then following that plan can make you a victor in this war. Ignoring the risks and hoping in luck to get you through can quickly make you a victim.

Victor or victim — it's your choice.

Editor's note: *Bob Van Elsberg is managing editor of* Countermeasure *magazine.*

Be safe!



Fort Benning personnel will have an extended weekend to celebrate President's Day. Long weekends increase the potential for serious injury or death in traffic accidents. However, my goal for that weekend is for Fort Benning to be accident free. To accomplish this, we need a strong, united effort.

The key to this prevention effort is the involvement of first line leaders. They know who the high risk personnel are and will schedule safety briefings when and where they will be the most effective. Leaders will emphasize the following:

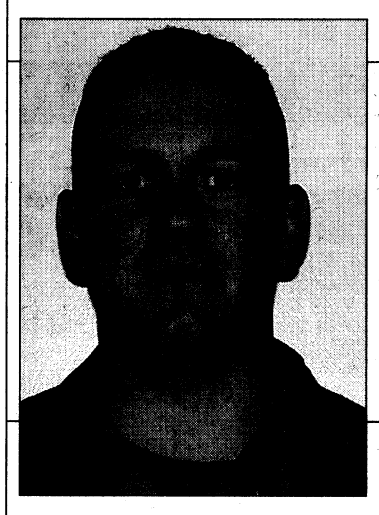
- Consider commercial transportation in lieu of driving.
- Check the weather forecast for the area you'll be traveling in.
- Take frequent breaks (every two hours).
- Drive defensively, sober and alert.
- Wear your seat belt.

Accident-free holiday periods are possible, but only if we work together to achieve that goal. Commanders should follow up to ensure this information reaches our young Soldiers. Discuss the hazards at the lowest level. Everyone have a safe holiday — Follow me!

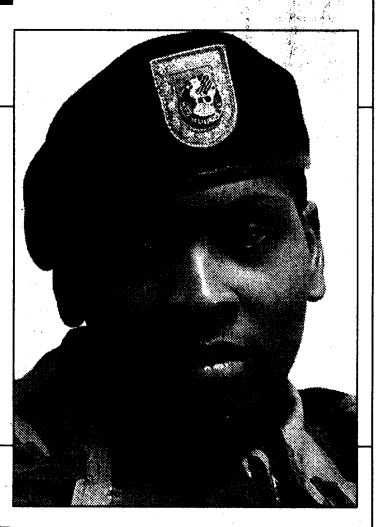
— Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley
Commanding General

VARIOUS VOICES

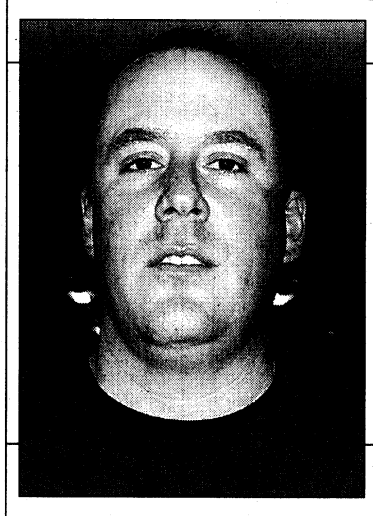
Why do you think it's important to vote?



Pvt. Richard Hinson, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry — "Your vote is your voice. If you don't voice your opinion, you shouldn't complain about the government, because you didn't put forth the effort to go out and vote. Voting is your chance to say what you feel."



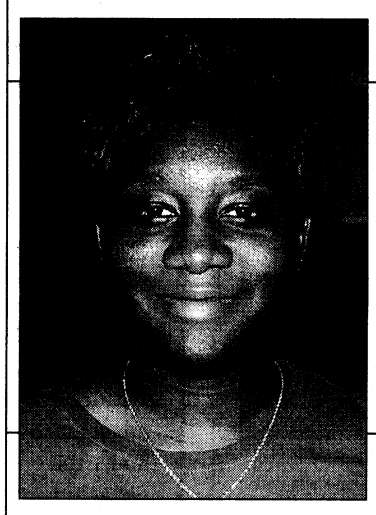
Spc. Misty McClendon, 3rd Brigade — "So your opinion can be voiced about the leaders that we have. Our leaders determine whether we're home or away from our family."



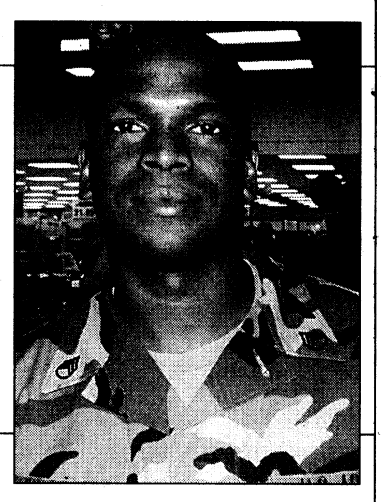
Sgt. Chad Walker, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity — It's important to vote, so we can elect the correct officials into office, so they may express our points of view.



Spc. Krystal Stenowski, 203th Forward Support Battalion — "That's our leader. They decide what to do in our country to better it as well as other countries."



Petty Officer 2nd Class, Tashondia Alexander, Naval Station, Mayport, Fla. — "If there are candidates that are doing what you want to see done, you should give them your vote so they have a chance to act. One vote just might make a difference."



Staff Sgt. Jimie Innocent, 518th Tactical Installation and Networking, Fort Gordon, Ga. — "Voting elects a person with the beliefs and ideals that you may have. As a service member, I want a president with a military background who understands what it means to go to war.

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Road work



Pfc. Eliamar Castanon

Construction on Interstate 185 continues on schedule. Right now contractors are building a retainer wall and extending the box culvert that will allow water from the creek to continue to flow through the culvert, said Capt. Mindy Rosito, corps of engineers. Once this work is complete, the road construction will begin and be completed by late August.

Post to host prayer breakfast

Vietnam War POW, wife to share story

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's annual National Prayer Breakfast will feature retired Col. Benjamin Purcell, a former prisoner of war, as its guest speaker Thursday.

"(The prayer breakfast) brings the community together — civilians, all the Soldiers come together for one day and celebrate by having this breakfast to pray for our nation," said Chap. (Maj.) José Resto, Basic Combat Training Brigade chaplain and prayer breakfast project officer.

"The post invites a guest speaker who brings an inspiring message for us to go forward as a nation and to remember we are a nation under God," he said. "We stop that day to remember we are blessed."

Captured after a helicopter crash during the Vietnam War, Purcell spent 58 months in solitary confinement during his 1,874 days of captivity. He was released March 27, 1973, along with 32 other American prisoners of war.

Purcell and his wife, Anne, will address the breakfast's "Love and Duty" theme.

The couple co-authored *Love and Duty*, a book that shares their story and the role faith played in helping them endure Purcell's captivity.

"As a guest speaker, I believe he will bring (a message) — stick together as one Army — and bring some past testimony," Resto said. "He served his country for many years, as a colonel and as a POW in Vietnam."

Resto said the community event will give Soldiers of all ranks the opportunity to look at themselves, their fellow Soldiers and America and appreciate the sacrifices that have been made in the nation's history.

The annual prayer breakfast also provides a platform for people of all denominations to celebrate the diversity of religious heritages and the moral and spiritual values on which our nation was founded, Resto said.

The program will include performances by the Infantry Quintet and the Sightseeing Road Chapel's Gospel Choir.

Fort Benning's annual National Prayer Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. Thursday in the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

Tickets are $4 for privates through specialists, and $6.25 for sergeants and above and all civilians. Tickets are available through the Chaplain's Office.

For more information, call 544-9496.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Sightseeing Road repaving project

There will be asphalt patching and resurfacing on Sightseeing Road from Dixie Road to Sunshine Road from Monday through Feb. 16.

This work will be performed between the hours of 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. in order to minimize the delays for incoming morning and outbound afternoon traffic.

Traffic flow will be maintained at all times during the hours with managed one-lane traffic. Small delays may be experienced during this time.

For more information, call Richard Chancey at 545-4749.

U.S. Military Academy Founders Day Celebration

Graduates and friends of the U.S. Military Academy are invited to attend a Founders Day celebration at 6 p.m. March 6 in the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

Guest Speaker is Brig. Gen. Leo A. Brooks, Commandant of Cadets.

For more information, call Capt. Ali Palmer at 544-8826 or 544-9222.

Citizenship class

The Adjutant General will conduct an assistance class to help expedite Military Citizenship Applications.

The class will begin at 1 p.m. today in classroom 1, Building 2605, Soldiers' Plaza.

The forms needed to complete the process will be available.

For more information, call Lawanda Earley at 545-7218.

Black History Month luncheon

The Black History Month luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Officers' Club.

The theme for this year is "African-Americans and Education: The 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education," with guest speaker, Deborah Grant. Luncheon tickets are $7.50.

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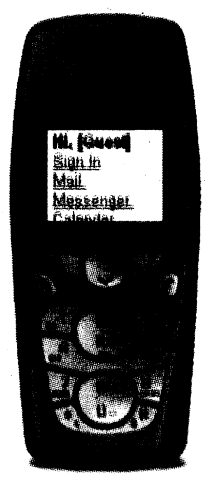

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Scam targets government bank cards

Fraud not limited to personal cards

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Credit card scammers have set their sights on governmental travel and charge card holders.

Two e-mail scams have targeted U.S. Bank and Bank of America cardholders recently.

In what U.S. Bank calls "phishing" schemes, a group creates an imitation of an existing, legitimate Web page, then tricks users into providing personal information. In this case, U.S. Bank cardholders received one or more of 13 fraudulent e-mails.

On Jan. 20, post contracting officials were notified that some U.S. Bank's corporate cardholders received an email suggesting their account had been suspended.

Angela Holloway, agency purchase card coordinator for the Army Contracting Agency, alerted billing officials. U.S. Bank immediately warned their cardholders.

"People get so creative these days," Holloway said of the scammers. "But it's important our cardholders know that U.S. Bank will never contact them in that way."

There are about 400 cardholders at Fort Benning who could have been scammed, Holloway said.

A second notification came Feb. 2 from Bank of America concerning a fraudulent e-mail to VISA travel cardholders asking them to reactivate their accounts due to a security update. The BOA also warned of another scam, where callers identify themselves as bank employees working with the charge card program.

Rebecca Mendez, with Bank of America's private investment group, said this is the first time government cards have been targeted. Both BOA and USB are working with law enforcement officials to resolve the incidents.

A local attorney, who asked to remain anonymous, said it's important for consumers to take steps to prevent credit card fraud and identity theft.

"It's just too hard to catch these criminals and hard to get any sort of settlement," he said.

According to the Consumer Action Web site, credit card fraud costs businesses billions of dollars each year, but is one of the most preventable forms of robbery.

The following tips can protect your government card:

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- Write down the toll free numbers for reporting your cards lost or stolen
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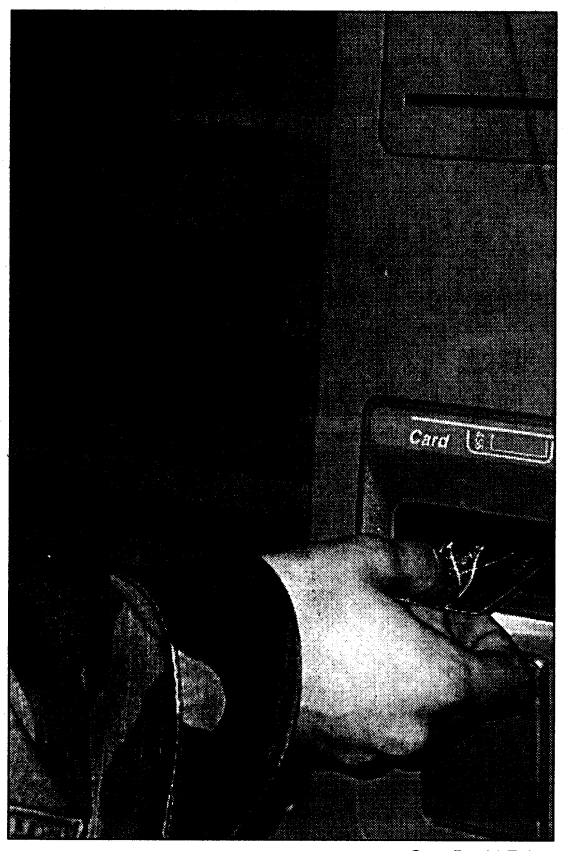

Spc. David Foley

A number of new credit card scams on government credit cards have popped up over the past few weeks. Credit card fraud costs businesses billions of dollars each year. It is also one of the most preventable forms of robbery.

VA Home Loan could help vets; often overlooked

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Before the lottery came along, there was a different American dream — to own a home.

For many Americans, buying a house may seem like one of those things that takes too much work, costs too much and requires too much credit.

However, active-duty service members and veterans have a leg-up on the competition when it comes to home buying.

By using Veterans Administration home loans, a Soldier can buy a house for as much as $333,000 without a penny down — even if his credit has a few blemishes.

Steven Giles, senior loan officer with Veteran Home Loans, Eaglewood, Colo., said many service members and veterans are talked out of using their VA loan benefits because their realtor doesn't understand how it works.

Other veterans think they don't qualify for a VA loan because they have been out of the service for more than 10 years or they have used one before.

That's a terrible mistake, Giles said, because they are actually quite easy to get and are a "phenomenal benefit" that doesn't cost the government a dime.

There is no expiration date on when veterans can use the loan, and in fact, they can use it as many times as they want.

"I wish more Vietnam veterans who have been knocked down in life would use this to get back on their feet," Giles said.

Service members and veterans who have really bad credit or have filed for bankruptcy will need to explain why, and it may take a little time for them to get a VA loan, but even then it's not impossible, he said.

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VA loans are backed by the government, which makes credit less of an issue, Giles said, but if a person's credit is really bad, they can get it into shape in about two years.

"If you draw a line in the sand and start paying things on time from that point for the next two years, that can make up for the risk," Giles said.

Patti Herron, Financial Readiness Program financial counselor, said VA loans are a good benefit for service members and veterans, but any time someone makes a large investment, they need to do their homework.

First, she said, the person needs to develop a spending plan to figure out what they can afford.

Then, they will need to get a copy of their credit report to make sure there are no mistakes on it and to be sure they aren't a victim of identity theft.

After that, the person will need to get pre-approved so they know what their price range is. Once that is complete, Heron said, they can start looking for a house.

It's a good idea to look at the house several times, at different times during the day and night, before making a decision. A neighborhood that is quiet and peaceful during the day may not be so at night, Herron said.

"Also," she said, "you want to get your own inspector and appraiser to look at it."

After everything has been done, that's when you make a deal, Herron said. Remember, everything is negotiable. Many times the buyer can get the seller to pay all the closing costs or come down on the price considerably, Giles said.

It's a good idea to check public records for the house's value, because the seller may pay closing costs but include them in the price of the house. By knowing the value, the buyer may have more bargaining leverage.

For more information on home buying, call Herron at 545-5485, and for more information about VA home loans, call Giles at (303) 717-4628.

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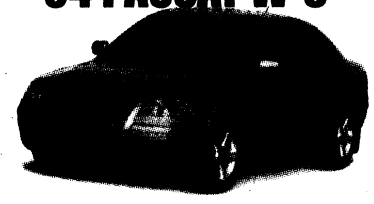

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Post hosts trip to Tuskegee University

Free visit provides history, culture

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning Equal Opportunity Office will host the fourth annual Cultural Awareness Trip to Tuskegee University from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 26.

The trip will include visits to the George Washington Carver Museum, Booker T. Washington's home, the Multi-Cultural Center and the Tuskegee Airmen's Monton Airfield.

"This is going to be a great trip for all those involved," said Sgt. 1st Class Yvette Trejo, 29th Infantry Regiment Equal Opportunity advisor. "Each site has a lot of history and a lot to offer those who attend."

Tuskegee University is the only active university in the United States that is a national historic site, said Tyrone Brandyburg, chief, resources and education for the National Park Service at Tuskegee University.

"To this day, it continues the traditions and values that were set forth when it opened," he said.

The George Washington Carver Museum exhibits artifacts, including equipment Carver used during his career. There are also exhibits of his paintings, embroidery and needlework.

"George Washington Carver was an artist by heart and a doctor by trade," Brandyburg said.

The home of Booker T. Washington, called "The Oaks," chronicles the life of man who founded Tuskegee University.

The Tuskegee University Chapel is unique in that it doesn't have right angles. The chapel, which was rebuilt in 1967 after a fire, is studied by architect students throughout the U.S.

"We want people to experience two things when they come to Tuskegee," Brandyburg said. "We want them to experience the Tuskegee story, and we want them to see how Tuskegee had a hand in the Civil Rights Movement that ultimately helped changed the face of this country."

Tuskegee University was home of the Tuskegee Airmen flight training program, which also helped change today's military.

The trip is open to all Soldiers and federal employees at no cost, but lunch will cost $4.50 at the university's cafeteria. Registration cut-off date is Feb. 23. Seats are on a first-come, first-serve basis, with a maximum of 147 seats available.

Buses will leave Building 2509 located off of Indianhead Road at 8 a.m.

For more information, call your unit Equal Opportunity advisor or the post Equal Opportunity Office at 545-6665.



Courtesy photo
This P-47 Thunderbolt was one of the planes used by the all-black 332nd Fighter Group, known as the "Tuskegee Airmen" during World War II.

Benning to observe Black History Month

Luncheon to highlight education

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

February is set aside to honor our heritage with Black History Month. To commemorate this time the U.S. Army Infantry Center Equal Opportunity Office is hosting a Black History Month luncheon.

The theme for this year is "African-Americans and Education: The 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education." The guest speaker is Dr. Debora Grant, pastor with St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church.

This year celebrates the Supreme Court ruling From May 1954 with the desegregation of public schools was not "separate but equal."

"I'm going to focus on the power of powerless people," Grant said. "Without God we are powerless, taken from a biblical perspective we are powerful with the power within us. It's important we understand we have limitations but we are finite beings.

"We have always been seen as a people without. Many years during times of slavery, fighting to vote, fighting for our rights and freedom and against oppression. But even in the midst of all of that they still had strength and power. I believe as blacks we have to recognize the power we still possess."

"When you talk about everything we contributed, it's not just black history, it's history history. Don't confine it to black, but it's the sum total, it's our history," Grant said. "Blacks have made a significant contribution in life and to the history of America. I'm honored (to come to Benning) and share with others that are continually shaping history."

"There's a lot of people in the community that don't know anything about Brown v. Board of Education and they can come out and get educated about it," said Sgt. 1st Class Yvette Trejo, EEO.

The EEO office will have a display setup tailored around education.

Trejo said the Brown v. Board of Education ruling means a lot to her. "I wouldn't be where I am today without it. I couldn't have attended the colleges I did, and the school my children attended."

Even with the advances society has made over the years Grant said there is still a ways to go.

"(Racism) is not as blatant as it used to be and we've become more subtle in racism, Grant said. "I remember I was in a mall getting out of my car, and a bunch of teens pulled up and started yelling racial slurs. Now it's become subtler.

"We still have a ways to go to celebrate our differences," Grant said. "We have to come to a point where we value and celebrate the differences between us. It's good to see more blacks in positions of leadership it's still a long way to go because we're still making firsts in 2004 first African American to do this or that we still have a long ways to go."

The luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 24 at the Officers' Club . Tickets are $7.50. For tickets call the unit's EO advisor. For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-3198.

BOSS seeks new leaders

Spc. Andrea Dillon
Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

In 1990, the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program was started to deal with the issues and living conditions of single Soldiers, including single parents and unaccompanied Soldiers.

BOSS focuses on three pillars — recreation and leisure, quality of life and community service.

At the 2003 worldwide BOSS conference, Fort Benning's BOSS program received top honors as the best large installation program in the Army. It placed second for best event in the large installation category for its participation with the Muscular Dystrophy Association Camp.

BOSS is a way for Soldiers to voice concerns about quality of life issues and to get involved in their communities, said Master Sgt. Damon Carver, BOSS NCOIC.

The BOSS program is seeking motivated Soldiers to fill key positions: secretary and historian; treasurer; recreation and leisure coordinator; well-being coordinator and community service coordinator.

The secretary and historian attends all meetings, types meeting minutes and helps update the representative matrix.

The treasurer maintains accurate records of all the money spent and earned by the BOSS program and is a key advisor on fund-raising committees.

The recreation leisure coordinator helps coordinate and plan recreation and leisure activities like trips to Disney World and white-water rafting.

The well-being coordinator researches complaints, then reports the findings to the BOSS president, provides documentation, photos and files reports.

The community service coordinator researches volunteer opportunities and presents them to the executive committee. The community service coordinator also keeps track of BOSS volunteer's community service hours.

Soldiers interested in joining the BOSS executive committee can stop by the BOSS office, Building 2819, (AG Replacement,) to pick up an application.

For more information call 545-6800 or e-mail gobblem@benning.army.mil.

Hospital: To change

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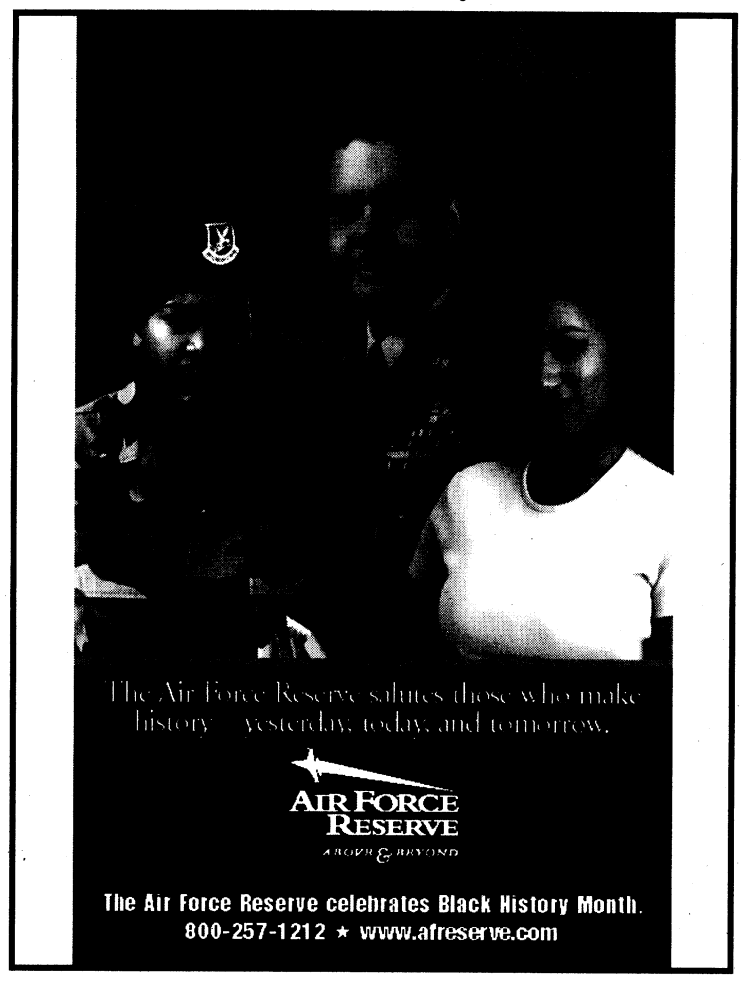
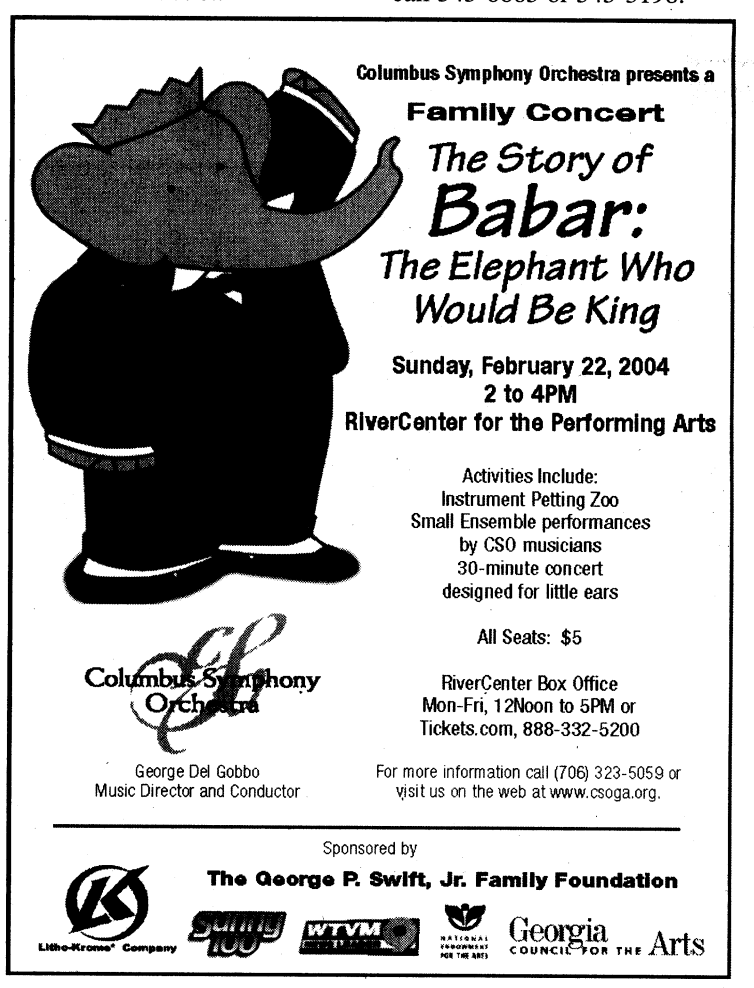
sent to a hospital in Germany or the states.

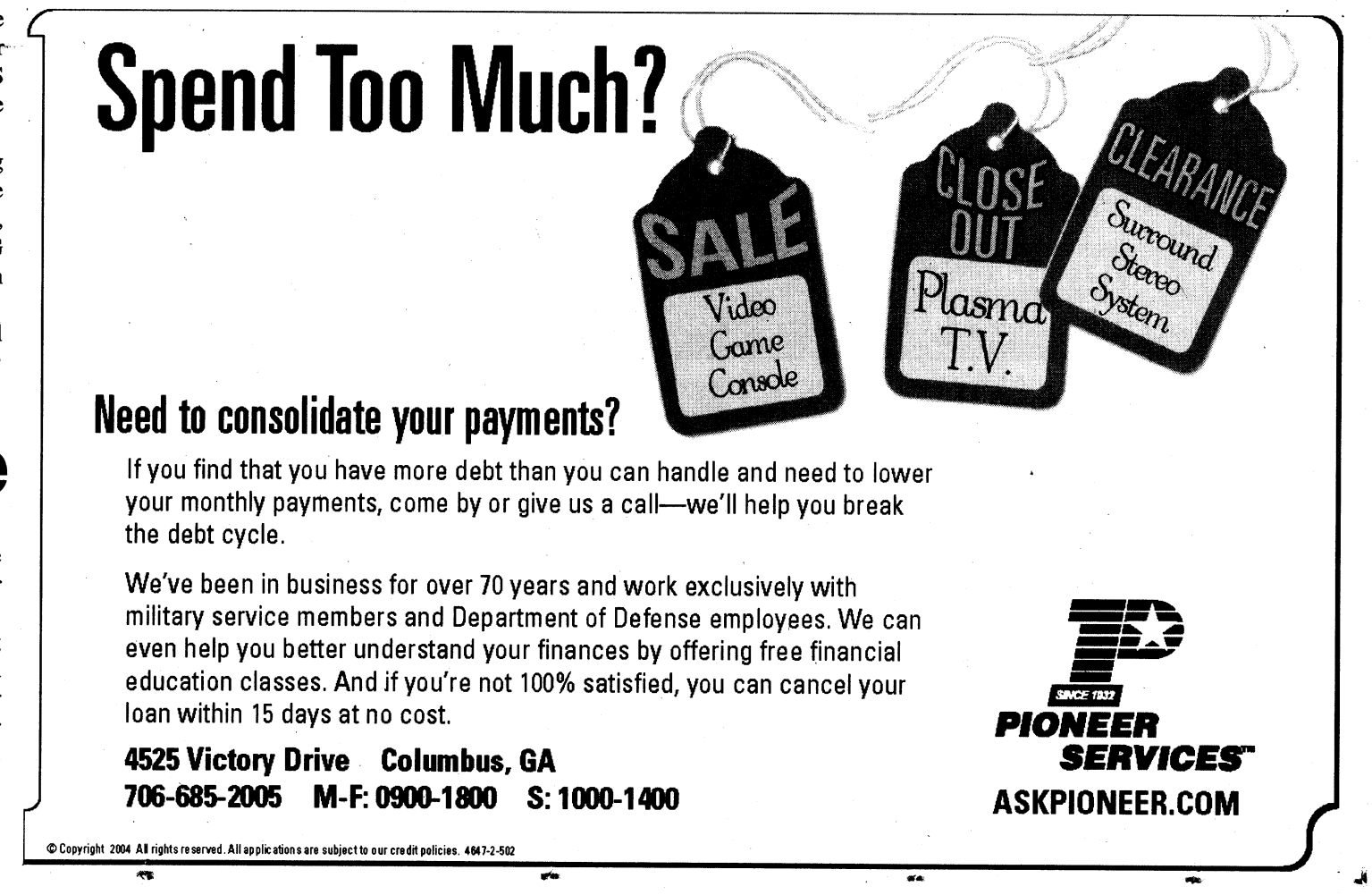
"By doing this, Soldiers who have a long road to recovery won't be subject to the dangers on the battlefield and will be able to be treated by more specialists with better equipment," Iacovetta said.

The change will not increase the number of deployments for the unit, he said.

"That's the first thing everyone worries about when a change is made — whether or not we will deploy more. Our deployments will operate the same as usual."







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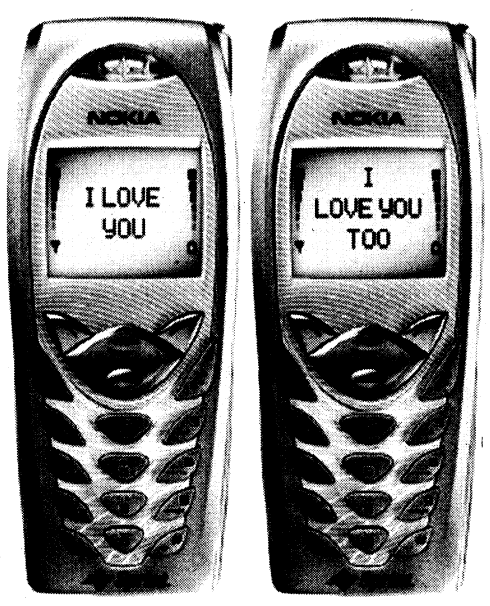

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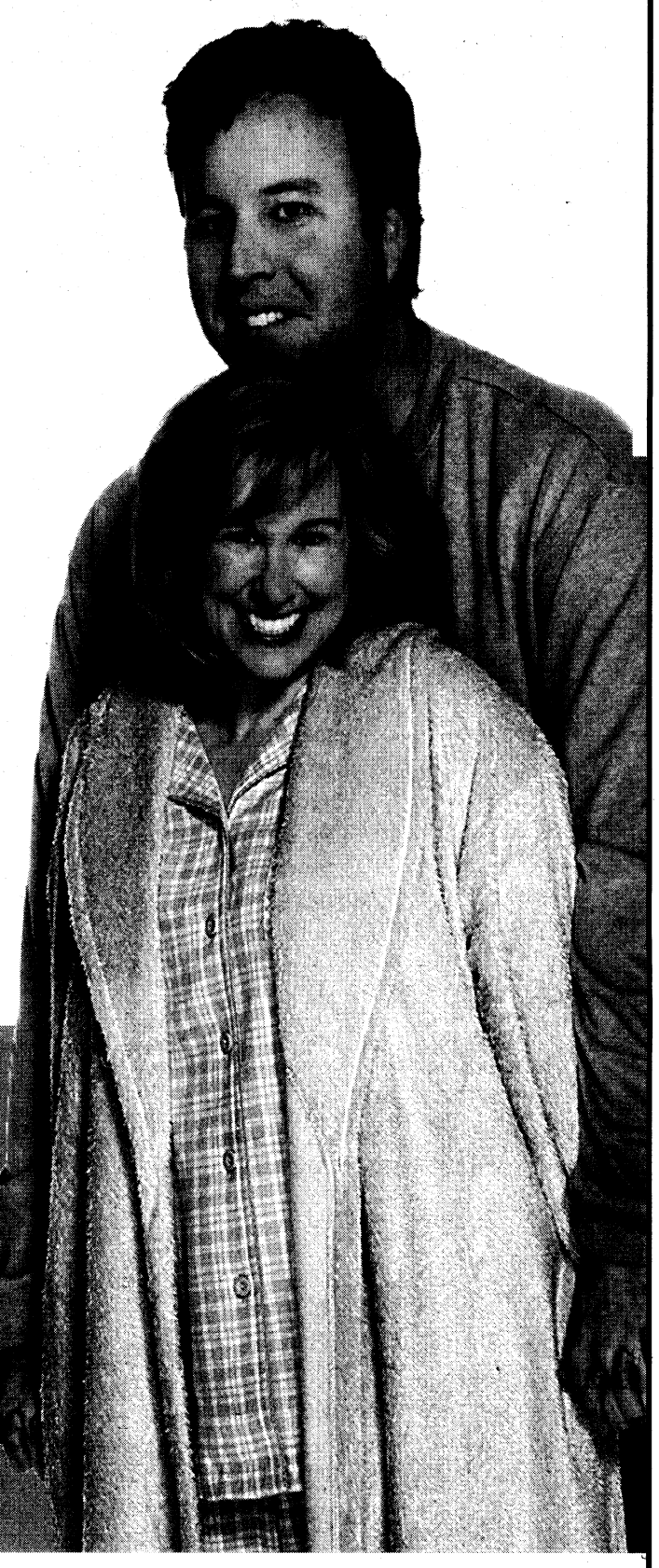

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USAMU instructors train troops in Iraq



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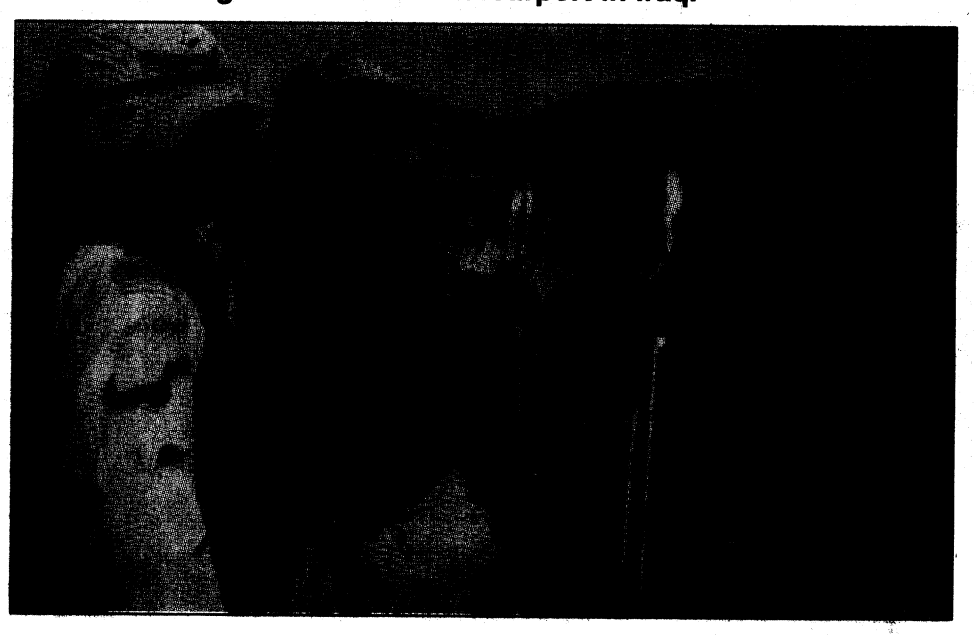
Staff Sgt. Gary Harris, a military policeman with the 501st Military Police Company, squeezes out two quick shots at the USAMU range on the grounds of the Baghdad International Airport in Iraq.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Hampton, right, an instructor and shooter with the USAMU Service Pistol Team, helps a student with his shot placement at the USAMU range held at the Baghdad Interational Airport in Iraq.

Team help Soldiers 'aim' for better shots

Spc. Andrew Meissner
1st Armored Division PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The firing range was located on the grounds of Baghdad International Airport. Surrounded by steep berms on three sides, the sharp crack of gunfire echoed through the palm trees. The weapons being used varied from M-9 pistols to M-4 carbines to M-249 squad automatic weapons.

What did all these arms have in common? The Soldiers wielding them were being trained in shooting techniques by Soldiers of Fort Benning's U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

The USAMU instructors are in Iraq to teach and demonstrate the potential every Soldier has as a rifleman. The main focus of the training is educating Soldiers on how to shoot and move with their Army issued weapons.

"This is advanced close-quarters marksmanship," said Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gibbs, the NCOIC of the USAMU Service Pistol Team. "We don't teach tactics; we teach marksmanship technique."

The USAMU instruction is set up as a "train the trainer" exercise. The shooters then take these new practices back to their units and teach them to others at smaller ranges. The instructors have to conduct training this way because there simply aren't enough instructors to teach all the units that need them.

"What we're doing here is strictly offense. How to move, shoot effectively and keep moving," said Staff Sgt. Aaron Hampton, USAMU service pistol instructor and shooter.

Shooting while moving, whether on foot or in a vehicle, is stressed in this training. Hampton said that, unlike marksmanship qualification ranges where there is one firing point, this training introduces the concept that both the target and the shooter may be moving.

"It's total training — shooting, accuracy, movement left and right, up and down — things that you might encounter while out on the streets," Hampton said.

For many of the students, this is the most time they've spent shooting on a single day.

"This is very fast paced; it keeps Soldiers interested," said Staff Sgt. Gary Harris, a military policeman with 501st Military Police Company.

"You shoot a lot of rounds and that's always good when you get to shoot."

Harris admitted he was having fun, but said he was also learning a valuable combat skill.

"You never know when a threat is going to pop up two meters from you, and you're going to have to engage; it's very effective training," he said.

Although the USAMU instruction highlighted stealth and quickness, the students had to be precise.

"In this type of environment, it's really good to be able to shoot fast and accurately," Harris said.

"But it doesn't do any good if you shoot 10 rounds in two seconds if you're not hitting anything.

"The students have ample amounts of ammo to send downrange to practice their shots. You come out here and shoot a thousand rounds in a few hours," Harris said with a wide grin. "It's very fun."

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3rd Brigade wraps up tough training, returns home

Soldiers act out battle scenarios

Spc. Robert Adams
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Soldiers with 3rd Brigade conducted four weeks of training exercises and missions at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., Jan. 10 through Saturday.

Soldiers got the chance to work together and become familiar with their equipment. Also with the help of observer controllers, the unit was able to conduct this training safely and received productive feedback.

After arriving at NTC, Soldiers first had to set up shelter-halves at the 'Dust Bowl.'

During the first week of training, Soldiers inspected and drew vehicles, which they used to train during the exercise training.

"The goal is to get better every day and much better by the end of the rotation," said Sgt. Maj. Gregory A. Proft, senior NCO trainer at NTC.

Soldiers also zeroed their weapons with the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System, which simulates whether you have been shot and what injuries have occurred.

During the second week, Soldiers executed training missions based on pre-set scenarios against opposing forces. OCs monitored these battles for safety and provided feedback. After each battle, OCs would perform after-action reviews with commanders and senior NCOs to figure out what worked well and what needed improvement.

"What you do here in this training arena is what you will do in a real-world mission," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey R. Sanderson, commander of 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment.

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> 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment battalion commander

Soldiers switched to live ammunition halfway through the third week. Soldiers trained with a variety of weapon systems, firing at stationary and moving targets.

During the live fire, 3rd Brigade Soldiers were given various battle scenarios that they may encounter in a high intensity conflict, said Sgt. 1st Class William B. Halbrook, scout trainer for 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment.

"The individual shooter goes through all the firing procedures they would go through in a battle, which is training they wouldn't normally get at a home station range scenario," Halbrook said.

Soldiers finished up by returning to the Dust Bowl and cleaned their equipment in preparation for heading back to Fort Benning.

This included getting their home station vehicles ready to transport back to Benning by rail, said Sgt. Sederick S. Hill, B Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment.

"We know a unit is good when they come here, but we want to do as much as possible to help them become better before they leave," Halbrook said.

Soldiers returned to post between Feb. 4 and Thursday.

'Hire the Heroes' aims to help troops

Pfc. Ellamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

To help decrease the shortage of qualified auto repair technicians, a leading automotive industry group is joining forces with the U.S. military to match qualified military veterans with available jobs.

"The Hire the Heroes initiative will give thousands of automobile dealers the opportunity to network with military outplacement personnel and to develop strategic relationships to ease the transition for veterans into satisfying service technician careers," said James Willingham, chairman of Automotive Retailing Today.

Willingham said the recent pool of veterans includes technologically savvy, motivated workers whose skills may be easily adaptable to auto repair positions and other auto dealership careers.

ART statistics show the auto industry will need 35,000 people annually for new high-paying auto technician jobs and tens of thousands more for sales, finance and other jobs in auto dealerships in this decade alone.

"The qualities demonstrated by military personnel are the same qualities every dealer looks for in its employees," said Denise Patton-Pace, ART public relations.

"This is a good career path for veterans that offers good money, retirement and health benefits," she said.

"Our veterans are known for their accomplishments as warriors, but these Soldiers are also some of the most highly trained technicians in their field," said Chief Warrant Officer Kurt Schultz, with the Army Ordnance and Mechanical Maintenance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. "The Army uses ASE certifications in our professional development models for mechanics."

The Army awards Soldiers promotion points for ASE or other civilian certifications as well, Schultz said.

Many of the dealers offer to train potential job seekers with the necessary ASE certifications, said Willingham.

Veterans may take ASE certification courses through the Veterans Educational Assistance Program or with their Montgomery GI Bill, Willingham said.

For more information on Hire the Heroes Soldiers may visit the ART Web site www.autoretailing.org/military or the NADA Web site www.nada.org.

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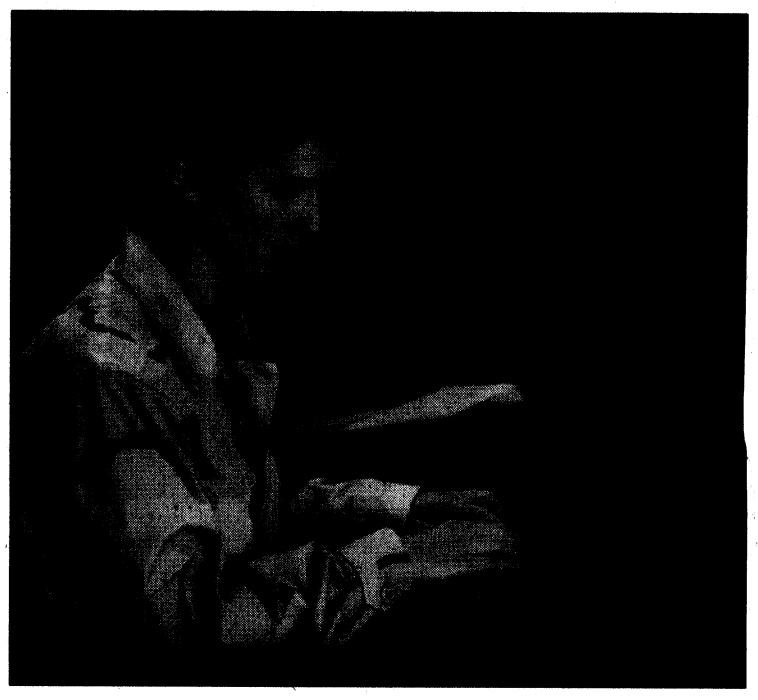

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Stabilization: Enhances readiness for units, families

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following training for six to seven years. This allows families time to grow community roots and have a known support structure in place in case the Soldiers deploy, Thornton said. It also allows predictability in where they will be for a longer period than the current system permits.

Currently, the average assignment tour length for enlisted initial entry Soldiers is about 31 months, said Brig. Gen. Sean Byrne, director of Military Personnel Policy, G-1.

Home-basing does not apply to midterm or career Soldiers, Thornton said, but should eventually lead to return assignments to the Home-base.

Nor does the initiative stop Home-based Soldiers being levied for a short-term assignments at other locations. Soldiers need to know there is a chance they'll have to do other things during their initial extended tour — short tours in Korea, Bosnia, Kosovo — but with Home-basing, they will return to their initial-assignment installations, Byrne said.

The six-to-seven-year career mark for ending Home-basing was established because that is the point where the Army's manning needs outside of tactical units significantly increases, Thornton said.

"It's the point where that officer has made captain, completed a company command, and the Army may need that officer as a Pentagon staff officer, an instructor at the schoolhouse, or to complete advanced schooling," Thornton said. "The enlisted Soldier will have likely made sergeant by that time and is ready for assignment as a recruiter, drill sergeant or instructor."

Leader development training, such as basic and advanced noncommissioned officer course, and the captain's career course should not be impacted by Home-basing, as Soldiers will be sent to that training on temporary duty and then return to the installation.

Home-basing is set to start at selected Forces Command installations with divisional brigade combat teams sometime in the fourth quarter of the current fiscal year. It will eventually include most FORSCOM bases in the United States and may include some combined FORSCOM Training and Doctrine Command posts, Byrne said.

Under the second initiative, Unit Focused Stability, all members of a unit arrive at the same time and are stabilized in that unit for three years.

"Optimally, if you want to build unit cohesion, you keep members of a team together through training, deployment and employment," Thornton said. "This is about building more capable warfighting units that require less train-up time when alerted for deployment."

The Army understands that losses occur to any unit due to medical, administrative, hardship or judicial issues, Thornton said, so there is a plan for an annual package of replacements who would remain with the unit through the remainder of the 36 month unit lifecycle. Individual replacements will be filled as required and requested by the unit. The majority of these scheduled replacements joining the unit will be initial entry Soldiers.

"Let's say you need to replace a company commander due to a loss," Thornton said. "His replacement will come from within — somebody who has been with the unit at the start of the unit lifecycle, somebody like the company executive officer or one of the battalion staff officers. Then you take a senior platoon leader and backfill the position left vacant. The initial entry replacement comes in and then fills the empty platoon leader position. It works the same way on the enlisted side."

Recruiters are armed with a variable enlistment incentive to encourage recruits to sign for duty with a Unit Focused Stabilization unit. Recruits who sign up for the bonus must serve on active duty the amount of time it takes to complete basic and advanced individual training plus three years in the unit rather than the standard three, four or six year enlistment.

Opportunities for leader development training, such as basic and advanced noncommissioned officer course, and the captain's career course will continue under Unit Focused Stability, only the timing of attendance may be affected.

The 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate), based at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, is the first Army unit to use Unit Focused Stability when it started the process to become the Army's third Stryker Brigade Combat Team last summer.

Unit Focused Stability will take longer to implement across the Army than Home-basing because of operational requirements and the need for coordination with multiple Army organizations for each unit transitioning to the new manning system, Thornton said. Eventually, the Army plans to transition one brigade combat team a month.

Both Force Stabilization initiatives should not impact anybody's chances for promotion, Byrne said, as promotions are not based on unit requirements.

"We are increasing the readiness of the Army through stability and unit cohesion, while providing more predictability to Soldiers and their families," Byrne said. "We have always said that we enlist Soldiers and re-enlist families."

Force stabilization to impact Soldiers' enlistment lengths

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Basic and AIT will be added to the number of years a recruit enlists under a new Force Stabilization initiative.

There are 19 jobs, mainly combat-arm specialties, which fall under the Variable Enlistment Length program. Under VEL, Soldiers enlist for three- to five-year options. After arriving at their unit, they are stabilized for at least three years.

Since implemented in December, VEL has attracted more than 2,000 Soldiers.

A smaller number have enlisted under the congressionally mandated 15-month pilot program, "National Call to Service." Since it was approved Oct. 1, about 125 Soldiers have enlisted in the Army under the program. Similar to VEL, the program doesn't include training as part of the time-in-service contract and only a limited number of specialties fall under it.

National Call to Service was adopted by each of the other services. The 15-month pilot program coincides with VEL, said Lt. Col. Harry Garner, chief of Enlisted Accessions Division. They both keep initial-term Soldiers stabilized, but the National Call to Service is not part of the Army's stabilization plans.

The mission of Force Stabilization is to provide ready, deployable, combat forces, and to do so, units must be manned, said Col. Michael Harris, the deputy director of Directorate of Military Personnel Policy. However, VEL isn't just about manning units, it's also about stabilizing Soldiers, he said. Soldiers under VEL would stay at their first unit for at least three years.

The Soldiers who fall under the selected job specialties will be assigned to the 2nd Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La., which is scheduled to begin converting to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team in October. The regiment is a combat unit, which is why Human Resources Command selected specialties such as infantry, cannon crewmember and cavalry scout, Garner said. Some of the non-combat-arms jobs that fall under VEL are human resources, administration, and supply.

VEL will be used to man all of the maneuver brigade combat teams, including a brigade in the the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii, Harris said. It will transform into a Stryker unit by 2005.

"Under Force Stabilization, we will synchronize assignment cycles with units' operational cycles," he said.

Most units' operational cycles are on a 36-month schedule, Harris said.

Before VEL, many Soldiers enlisted for only 36 months, but their initial-entry training took from three months to a year. So when they arrived at their unit, they were not there for a full 36 months.

"But if you synchronize the schedules, and all the Soldiers come in together, train, deploy, fight, win and return together, you will get a more deployable and ready force," Harris said.

Soldiers could also get more familiar with their weapons, he said. "If you're assigned an M-16 at an installation, and you're there for three years, and you take that same M-16 to the range ... you're going to be more proficient with your weapon.

"In contrast, if you go to 2.3 installations over a three-year period ... and touch three different weapons, you'll probably be less proficient with your weapon."

Force Stabilization is one of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker's 16 focus areas.

"How the Army mans its force was an immediate area that the chief of staff wanted us to look at," Harris said. "We've developed two programs under Force Stabilization. One is 'Home-basing' and the other is 'Unit Focused Stability,' previously known as 'unit manning.'"

Home-basing would require initial-term officers and enlisted Soldiers to stay at their first duty station up to six or seven years, he said. VEL supports Stabilization because initial-entry Soldiers report at the same time and spend at least three years at that unit.

While some Force Stabilization initiatives will likely begin this summer, the specific units and installations to be affected will not be announced until next month after a review of the current VEL is done by the Army, officials said.

Crash: To shares tough lesson with Benning community

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damage, and a broken arm. Every facial bone was broken. Medical personnel said she wouldn't survive.

She did. Wagoner came out of her coma blind, disfigured and brain damaged. But the former model doesn't ask for sympathy. She knows full well it's fortunate she was the only victim.

"The first thing I asked ... was if I had killed anyone," Wagoner said. "If I had, I was planning to kill myself. It was bad enough what happened to me, but if I'd hurt someone else ..."

Despite the initial emotional trauma — anger, resentment, hurt and frustration — Wagoner turned her experience into something positive. She has spent the past eight years telling her story to anyone who will listen. Whether through her 1998 video, *Just Call Me Crash ... The Denise Wagoner Story*, television interviews or public speaking, Wagoner has reached millions of people.

And on Feb. 18, on the eve of the ninth anniversary of her accident, she will share her story with Fort Benning.

"I learned one (heck) of a lesson the hard way, but that lesson has helped others," said Wagoner, who received three DUI citations before her accident. "My message is a very powerful one. Most people will think of my face ripped off and put down their keys (if they've been drinking)."

"No matter how many times you show people the statistics, it just doesn't have the impact of speaking with an individual with firsthand experience with the horrifying results (of drinking and driving) and the years of recovery," said Debrah Manning, an education prevention coordinator at Fort Benning's Army and Substance Abuse Program.

Although Manning hasn't met Wagoner, she knows the program will be powerful and moving.

"The goal is to have as many people as possible attend," Manning said. "They just might remember her story and call someone (instead of driving drunk)."



Courtesy photo

Denise Wagoner's blood alcohol content was 0.19 when she drove this car for the last time in 1995.

Wagoner will speak at 1 p.m. Feb. 18 in Marshall Auditorium at Infantry Hall.

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Xylitol: Spares troops' teeth

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implications for the Soldier in the field.

"Our Soldiers have known about the benefits of (xylitol) for years, but access has posed a problem," said Lutka, who successfully campaigned to put xylitol products on the shelves of the Fort Benning Commissary, which now carries toothpastes, gums and mints with xylitol in them.

Xylitol gum is even available in AAFES shoppettes overseas, Lutka said. But it's necessary to get the gum into the MRE packs to increase its use and thereby reduce the instances of cavities and the cost of treatment.

"And that's what it's really all about — the Soldiers, particularly the infantry Soldiers who probably need this the most," he said.

Canada and European countries have been using xylitol in candies, gum, food, beverages, nasal sprays and cosmetics for years. Not only is it marketed as a dental aid, it's also been proven to reduce inner ear infections by 40 percent, help heal skin infections, treat cystic fibrosis and greatly reduce sinus infections. Xylitol also increases the body's absorption of calcium.

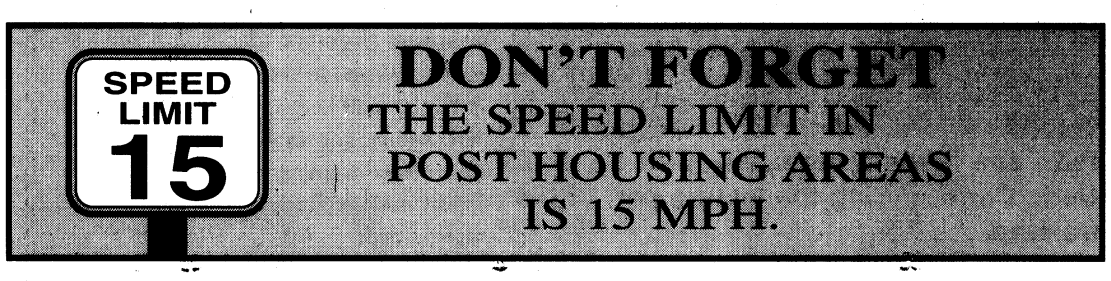
With so much going for it and no known side effects, why isn't xylitol as popular as other sweeteners, like sorbitol or saccharine?

Lutka said xylitol was one of the most expensive sugar alternatives when it was introduced in the U.S. in 1976. That, coupled with an already inundated market, resulted in little demand for the product in a nation that was virtually unaware of its many uses abroad.

But the Navy took note of early research and began prescribing xylitol to sailors nearly 20 years ago. By the early 90s, xylitol gum, toothpastes and mints were standard treatment in the services' efforts to curb cavities and gum disease.

Now, with plans to make xylitol an established ingredient in the MRE sundry pack, Lutka expects to see an even greater demand for the product back home.

"Once they see for themselves that it works and works well, people will want it," he said.



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Pvt. Joe Evans runs with Pvt. Bryan Foster on his back in the pistol belt carry while training at McBride's Bridge Range.

Pvt. Josh Ericson checks to see if Pvt. Jeremy Brown is breathing during first-aid training Monday.

Pvt. Joe Evans performs CPR on Pvt. Deric Carter during the lecture part of his training.

Soldiers 'wrap up' first-aid training

Immersion company learns lifesaving skills, Warrior Ethos

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

As the front runners of the transformation of America's fighting force, nothing is business as usual for the Soldiers of A Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment.

The Soldiers are part of a test for a new program of instruction for the Basic Combat Training Brigade that focuses on instilling a warrior ethos in all Soldiers, whether they are combat arms or not.

The new POI is designed to teach Soldiers with non-combat specialties how to react if they end up in a combat situation, said Sgt. 1st Class Carvin Butler, 3rd Platoon's senior drill sergeant.

"They learn the Army's seven core values in everything they do, but with the new POI we are trying to get them to understand the Warrior Ethos spirit," he said.

As the immersion company for the new POI, the Soldiers are being trained on 40 tasks that are not part of the normal BCTB POI, such as mounted land navigation, and clearing and evacuating buildings.

One of the ways the drill sergeants are working the extra tasks into their training schedule is to keep the Soldiers in the field for some of the training exercises that would normally be split into two days with an overnight trip to the barracks.

An example of this is the first-aid training the Soldiers received at McBride's Bridge Range earlier this week.

The Soldiers arrived at the range early Monday morning, where range cadre gave them instruction on ways to evaluate a casualty, restore breathing, control bleeding, splint fractures and perform a variety of improvised personnel carries.

Once the Soldiers completed the classes, they set up a perimeter and bivouacked for the night.

Tuesday morning the Soldiers sprang back to action, and performed the tasks they learned the day before.

Range cadre set up lanes with casualties suffering from different afflictions for the Soldiers to evaluate and treat.

The Soldiers used their knowledge of modified carries to move each other from one casualty to another, then they assessed the casualties and performed the necessary first-aid treatment on each one while range cadre and drill sergeants evaluated their technique.

After completing the lanes, the Soldiers shifted gears and focused on modified personnel carries.

They teamed up and carried team members around a track that was riddled with hills and ruts using basic military litters and improvised litters made out of their personal supplies and things they found in the environment.

Pvt. Scott Henne, who enlisted as an ammo specialist, said he thinks it's great to be a member of the immersion company because he will be better prepared in a combat situation.

Henne said he is taking the first aid training very seriously, because, "you never know what's going to happen."

"Even though we aren't infantry, we'll probably be (in the war) and if your buddy is on the ground bleeding, you don't want to leave him there," he said. "I am very excited about it."

Henne said he thinks sleeping in the field is making better Soldiers out of him and his comrades.

"It's all the better being out here," he said. "Because you are not always going to be able to sleep in a nice warm bed. You've got to get used to the elements."

Butler said he is confident in the new POI, and he knows that when the Soldiers are finished training they will be able to deploy and perform their specialties in any environment.

Guns, guitars mold well-rounded Soldier

Sniper on tap at Columbus coffee shop

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

His mother wanted him to play the piano. He went out and bought a guitar.

At the age of 4, Capt. Jason Kostal, now the commander of the Sniper School, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, bought a guitar — the first of a collection that now numbers 20.

Born in Louisville, Ky., but raised in Milwaukee, Kostal, 28, started out playing classical music, but as the years went on, he discovered rock, blues and jazz.

After listening to guitar great Michael Hedges perform, Kostal enrolled into the American Fingerstyle Program at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, where he played pupil to guitar legends like Hedges, Leo Kottke, James Taylor and Livingston Taylor.

By the time Kostal was a junior in high school, he had taken enough music classes to have an associate's degree in music.

He graduated with a scholarship to the Berklee College of Music in Boston, but instead he joined the Army.

"I was raised in a very patriotic family, and I wanted to do something good for the world," he said.

At his military entrance processing station, he was selected to attend the U.S. military Academy at West Point, N.Y. After graduation he moved on to his first assignment, Fort Hood, Tx.

He attended the FBI's Sniper Program in 1997, and was ranger qualified in February, 1999.

Now Kostal is the commander of what he calls the "best Sniper School in the world."

He said he believes the Army helps mold Soldiers into well-rounded people and part of that molding process requires Soldiers to do things outside of the Army.

"The Army is my job, and it takes priority over my music, but I play every night when I get home from work," he said. "(It's) my first love, and each day I find that I learn more about myself and the world around me as a result of the constant harmony in my life."

Kostal has opened for famous performers like the Violent Femmes, Green Day, John Mayer and Shawn Mullins. Friends and co-workers say he's a very talented singer and song writer.

"His style of singing is similar to James Taylor; he tells stories through his songs," said Capt. Kevin Gallitin, the regiment's personnel officer, who has been to most of Kostal's performances.

A modest man, Kostal said he is not looking to become a world-famous performer.

"It's a hobby, and as long as I continue to enjoy it, I'm going to do it," he said.

Kostal produced his first album in his home studio in 1999 and was later picked up by Summit Records, with whom he produced two more albums.

His latest album, *A Fresh Coat of Paint*, produced by Columbia Records, will be in stores nationwide May 1.

His performance tours include Columbus, Atlanta and other cities in Georgia, as well as Tennessee, Florida and New York.

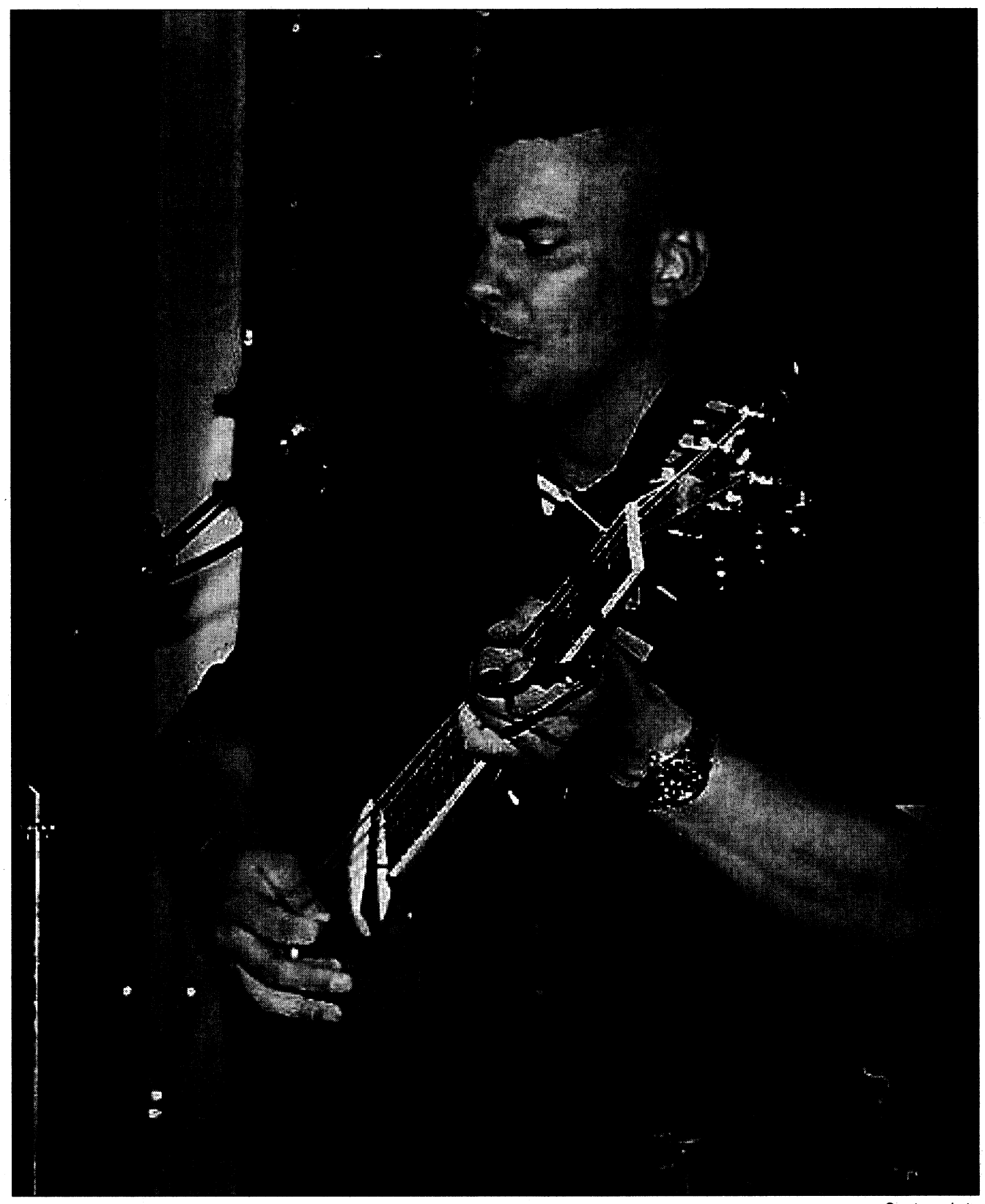
"The best part about performing is hearing people talk about me after shows," Kostal said laughing.

One of his best experiences happened as he waited for a cab in New York City after performing at a concert hall the previous night, he said.

"A man standing behind me was humming one of my songs," he said. "I wanted to turn around and tell him 'Hey — that's my song,' but I just sat there and enjoyed it."

Kostal's next performance is March 12 at the Fountain City Coffee Shop in downtown Columbus.

For more on Kostal, visit his Web site at www.jasonkostal.com.



Courtesy photo

Capt. Jason Kostal, commander of Fort Benning's Sniper School, is popular locally as a guitarist, singer and songwriter. The West Point graduate, who's played with the Violent Femmes and Green Day, will release his fourth album nationwide May 1. Kostal will perform March 12 at the Fountain City Coffee Shop in Columbus.

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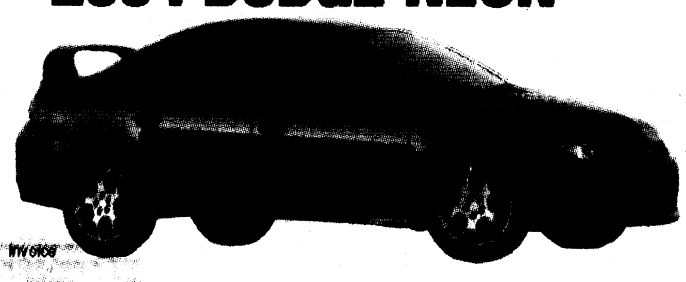

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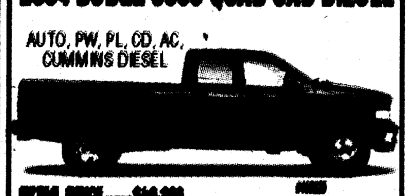

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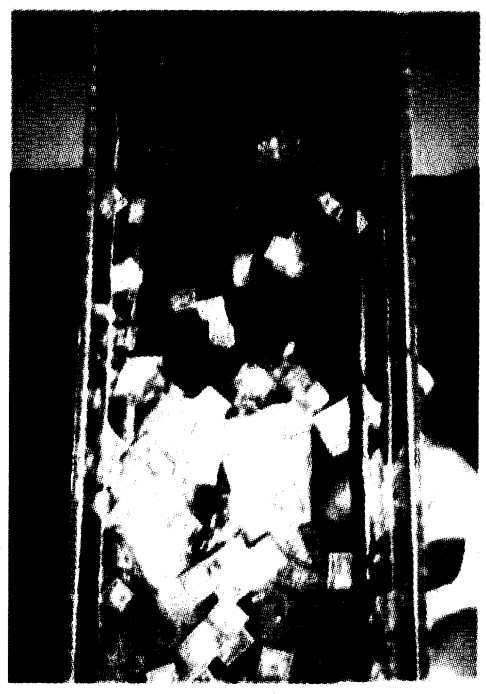

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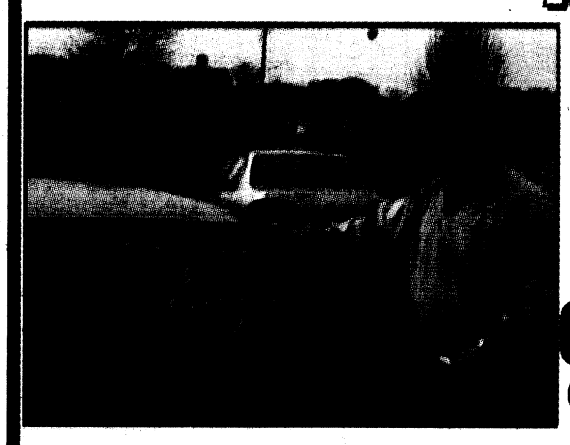

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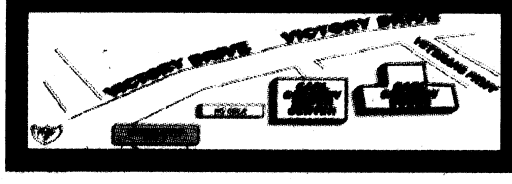

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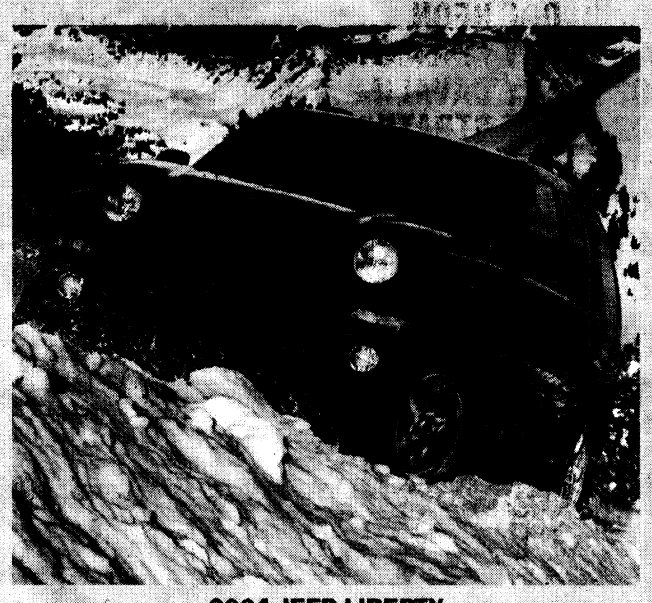

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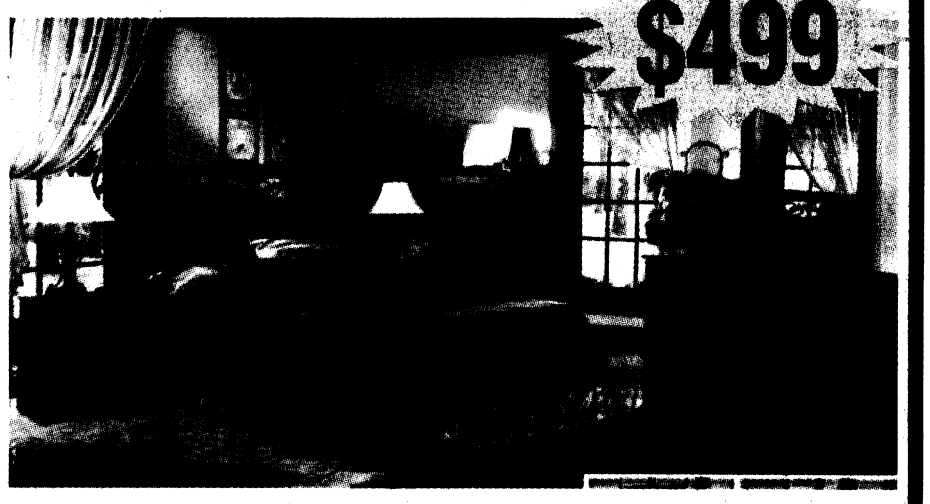

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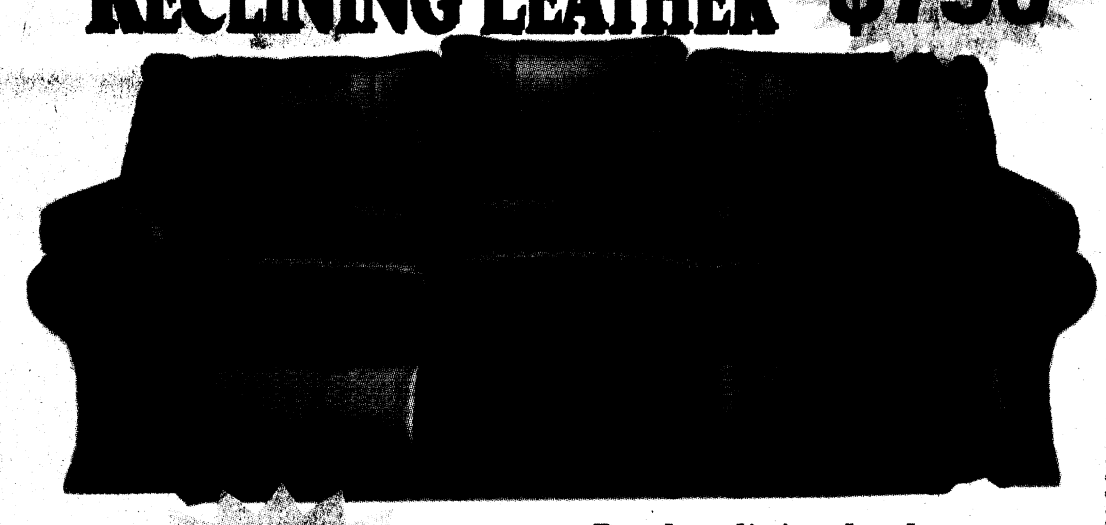

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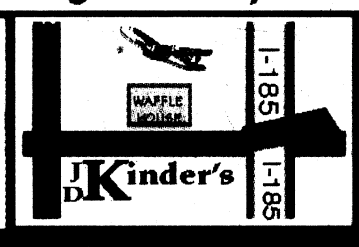

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THE BAYONET
Friday, Feb. 13, 2004

COMMUNITY

Infantry Band seeks answer to mystery

World War II Steinway found in Infantry Hall

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

It's grand, baby, and on today's market, it would cost 62 grand. A 7-foot Steinway concert piano, covered in dust and — of all things — egg shells, was recently discovered in Infantry Hall, though "discovered" might be a stretch, since the piano has been hidden in plain sight for as long as anyone can recall.

1st Sgt. Wendy Thomson, of the Infantry Band, received a call from someone in Infantry Hall. It seems the floor of Marshall Auditorium needs resurfacing, and in order to do that, "all that mess backstage" has to be moved. Including a piano no one wants to claim.

"Then she said it was a Steinway," Thomson said. "I'm not a pianist, but I know a little about them, and I know Steinway is top of the line."

Thomson called the Steinway Company in New York. Their records show that the piano was manufactured, mostly by hand, in 1944, and was delivered to Fort Benning's Special Services in February the following year.

"And that's all we know," Thomson said.

Andy Williamson, a Steinway technician from Atlanta, visited Marshall Auditorium Tuesday to look at the piano, which would've sold for $2,800 new. Now, he said, the same piano would cost more than $62,000.

"You've really got something here," Williamson said, after clearing the dust and combing over the piano. "I'm very optimistic. Structurally, it's intact. It's complete. It's a Steinway."

Still, he said, years of neglect and various minor alterations, like the replacement of the original ivory keys with plastic, have left the piano a little worse for wear. And its deep mahogany color is not original. The World War II era piano would've been finished in an ebony veneer over a solid wood base. Newspaper shreds pulled from beneath the piano's soundboard, probably put there to "catch drips" during the most recent refinish, were dated July 1994.



Bridgett Siter

Andy Williamson checks out a 1944 Steinway baby grand in Infantry Hall's Marshall Auditorium Tuesday.

Williamson is working up an estimate to bring the Steinway up to date, a challenge he said is not overly difficult.

"We're gathering information at this point," said Thomson, who'd like to see the piano find a home somewhere on post where it'll be used and well-loved. "We don't know how much it's going to cost or where it would go. And there's a paperwork process for the (Infantry) Band to take responsibility for it."

In the meantime, while Williamson works the numbers, Thomson would like to know more about the piano.

"It came to post back when live music was the main form of entertainment. Before TV," she said with a shrug. "I wish we knew. Maybe it was used in one of the theaters. One thing's for sure, it wasn't always here. This building wasn't even built in 1945."

Retired Col. Bob Nett called Fort Benning home for much of his infantry career. He believes the piano's first home was probably the Main Post Theater, which was located in the spot that's now called the "Lemon Lot," the used car lot next to Burger King. Or perhaps, he said, the piano was used in the Infantry Chapel or the original Infantry School, now the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

"Those are the most likely places," Nett said. "I really can't be sure. But I do know that Special Services were the folks, in those days, who took care of all social activities, like the USO shows. So probably it was in the theater."

The Bayonet would like to hear from anyone who has information about the piano and its history. Call 545-9135.

As for the egg shells found inside? That's no mystery, Thomson said.

"Must've been a real bad show at one time," she said.

SAINT WHO?
Elves say Christmas is year-round work

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Melissa House
Bayonet staff

"I know it's early, but we're running on momentum from last year."

Kim Miller
Santa's Castle president

While some are thinking of St. Valentine, a group on Fort Benning wants everyone to think of St. Nicholas. St. Nick. Santa. The jolly old elf himself. The same Santa with a castle on post where parents can get help with holiday gifts for their children when money is tight.

The Santa's Castle "think tank" met Feb. 9 to brainstorm ideas to lay the framework for the 2004 season.

"I know it's early," said Santa's Castle president Kim Miller, "but we're running with the momentum of last year."

Miller said Santa's Castle made the holidays bright for more than 2,200 children last year, nearly 1,000 more than the previous year. She and her volunteers think they need to be prepared to help as many as 3,000 this year.

"We want to reach everyone before Dec. 24," she said.

And earlier is best. Once the applications come in, volunteers have the information they need to shop for gifts. Not only does the Castle accept donations of new toys, but it also tries to shop clearance sales to purchase toys at the best possible prices.

Treasurer Stephanie Dickmann said Santa's Castle spent slightly more than $10,000 on toys, many at a 50 or 75 percent discount.

"We had easily $15,000 of merchandise that was either donated to us or we purchased," Dickmann said.

In order to be ready for this year, the group is working to fill a few board positions and build their volunteer base. Santa's Castle needs a recording secretary, corresponding secretary, youth volunteer coordinator and fund-raising chairman.

Miller said Santa's Castle is a great place for high school students to fulfill their schools' volunteer requirement.

Even volunteers who can only give one or two hours each month would be a great asset, she said, adding that the most volunteers are needed in October, November and December when units submit applications and the staff schedules all of the shopping appointments.

The consensus of the group was that they needed to find ways to get their message out. To that end, Miller said a Santa's Castle representative will be available to talk about the program at Family Readiness Group meetings.

For more information, call 685-4422.

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Sgt. Kim Dooley

Dexter Elementary School third-grader Kortne Moore, 8, was selected as the overall winner in the younger than 12 years category of the recent Letters to the Front letter-writing contest.

O' Club membership drive ends with give-away

Lucky winner gets keys to new pick-up

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Super Bowl Sunday was a good day for one lucky member of the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Plass, an associate club member since 1995, won a 2003 Chevrolet S-10 pick-up truck as part of the club's membership drive. The drive was sponsored by Bill Heard Chevrolet, Bank One and the Fort Benning Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Plass' name was chosen from the 142 new or "converted" members — those who converted their memberships to a Bank One card, said Charlotte Jackson, chief of the support services and lodging division in the Directorate of Community Activities. Bank One handles all accounts receivable for all Army clubs.

"It's the best thing that's happened to me."

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Plass
winner of truck

Plass said Col. Mark Ritter, commander of the 11th Infantry Regiment called him at his home during the Super Bowl's halftime.

"He told me I was now the proud owner of a 2003 Chevy S-10 and I told him he must be kidding," Plass said.

Ritter assured Plass he was serious and he could get the keys and the truck at the Officers' Club the next day.

"It was really a surprise, especially to win a vehicle," Plass said. "It's the best thing that's happened to me."

Although pleased with his windfall, Plass isn't keeping the truck.

"I just bought a new GMC Sierra truck and I don't need two to haul wood," Plass said. He joked that he had no plans to try his luck at the lottery either.

Plass, who is well-known to the Fort Benning community as the honorary command sergeant major of the 29th Infantry Regiment, was originally nominated for membership in 1994 by a former Fort Benning general.

"Command Sergeant Major Plass is known for his untiring and generous support of Soldiers, families and the Fort Benning community," said Betty Bell, the Club's membership clerk. Officers' club membership, which currently numbers nearly 1,650, is not strictly limited to officers.

In addition to permanent party and student officers, membership is open to Department of the Army civilians, retired DA civilians, and federal, state and local government employees.

Associate members, like Plass, have been nominated by a member or recommended by the commanding general.

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Caidan Russell Schalow — born Jan. 27 to Jennifer and Spc. Justin Schalow.

Nathan William Pleasanton — born Jan. 28 to Stephanie and Spc. Robert Pleasanton.

Girls

Phebe Cate McIntyre — born Jan. 22 to Kathy and Sgt. Craig McIntyre.

Julia Anne-Marie Moore — born Jan. 23 to Dixie and Sgt. 1st Class Robert Moore.

La'Zarrea Anjolic Head — born Jan. 25 to Ladreca and Spc. Robin Head.

Annabelle Lee Vigil-Shuck — born Jan. 26 to Susanna Vigil-Shuck and Capt. Jeffrey Shuck.

Catherine Joanne Crombie — born Jan. 28 to Kristy and Capt. Roger Crombie III.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Valentine's dance — There will be a valentine's dance at 8 p.m. today at the Afterhours Club. D&T Singer and jazz guitarist Al Breeze will perform. The first 50 ladies to arrive will receive a free rose. Admission is $10 at the door and $8 in advance. For more information, call 689-0887.

Lifeguard training — The American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; April 5-8; April 17 and 18; and April 24-25. Classes are $125 and are held at Briant Wells Indoor Pool and American Red Cross Office.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Refuse and recycle pick-up — There will be no yard waste picked up in family housing Monday. The next scheduled pickup will be Monday, Feb. 23.

There will be no refuse or recycle pick-ups in family housing Monday. Areas normally scheduled for pick-up on Mondays will be picked up Tuesday.

For more information, call 545-4232.

National Prayer Breakfast — Men and women of all faiths are invited to attend the National Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at the Officers' Club.

Ret. Col. Benjamin Purcell, who spent more than five years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam, will be the guest speaker.

Tickets are, $4 for Soldiers in pay grades E-1 through E-4 and $6.25 for E-5 and above. They are available from unit command sergeants major.

For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Jose Resto, 544-9496.

Scholarship information — Scholarships available to students in the Fort Benning community include:

• Defense Commissary Agency Scholarships for Military Children deadline is Wednesday. Students with a valid military ID card planning to attend a college or university on a full-time basis are eligible to apply. For more information go to www.commissaries.com or www.militaryscholar.org

• Fort Benning Officers' Spouses' Club scholarship deadline needs to be postmarked by March 20.

The scholarship is open to family members with a valid military ID card residing in the tricommunity or whose sponsor is assigned or attached to Fort Benning.

Applications are available at the OSC Thrift Shop, Officers' Club, Sayers Library, from high school guidance counselors or by calling 687-6111.

Military Citizenship Day — The Atlanta District Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services will host Military Citizenship Day Feb. 27.

The ceremony will be at 1 p.m. in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall.

Military personnel who have applied for citizenship before Aug. 1, 2003 are encouraged to contact their personnel officers and request that their name be submitted for consideration. Family member who have applied before January 2003 are requested to fax their Notice of Action Form I-797C to (404) 331-6031, also for consideration to Community Liaison Officer, Bill Castro.

Tricare survey — The Tricare Management Activity has contracted with a survey research firm in Washington, D.C., to conduct a telephone survey (a legitimate and important survey) of Tricare beneficiaries.

The survey will gather information about beneficiary information needs, preferred sources, and information-seeking strategies. Results will be used to develop a new national suite of beneficiary education products and services.

Pilot testing started Tuesday and full survey operations will be conducted between Monday and Feb. 18. The study design calls for 10-minute phone interviews with representatives from five groups:

• active-duty service members

• active duty family members

• retirees and their family members younger than 65

• retirees and their family members 65 and older

• spouses of activated reserve service members.

The goal is 3,400 completed interviews, which might require calling approximately 10,000 beneficiaries.

For more information, call Chuck Watkins at (703) 681-1770 or e-mail customer.research@tma.osd.mil.

Food program — The Department of the Army announces the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. The same meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled participants at the centers listed, and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

The centers are: Main Post CDC, Santa Fe CDC, Tot Town CDC, School Age Services, Middle School, Teen and various Family Child Care Homes.

For more information, call Astrid Moore at 545-9264.

Commissary changes — The Department of Defense has announced the following members and their dependents will be permitted access to commissary stores: members of the Ready Reserve and members of the Retired Reserve with a uniformed services ID card; former members eligible for retired pay at age 60 but who are not yet 60 with a DoD civilian ID card; and dependents of the members described above who have a uniformed services ID card or who have a distinct ID card used as an authorization card for benefits and privileges administered by the uniformed services.

For more information, visit www.commissaries.com.

Free English classes — Free English as a second language instruction is being offered for adults from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at E.A. White Elementary School.

The instruction is designed for those who need help with grammar, vocabulary, civic and naturalization issues and conversational fluency.

For more information, call Myrtle L. Chalkley at 545-4562 or 545-7742.

Open Recreation Program — The Open Recreation Program is designed for occasional use of the School Age Services program and includes participation in regularly scheduled SAS activities offered each day. Children will be picked up from school and dropped off at their designated program, which last from 2 to 6:30 p.m. There is no fee for the program.

For more information, call 545-3605.

YS supports home-schoolers — There are educational programs to support home-school curriculums and instructional support from Child and Youth Services staff for Fort Benning home-schoolers.

Child and Youth Services is making sure home-schoolers have access to all the support services, including "Open Recreation" and "Home-School Computer Lab." From 9 a.m. until noon Tuesdays, the YS gym will be available for home-school families. From 9 a.m. until noon Thursdays, the computer lab in the School-Age Services building will be open for home-school families.

For more information, call 545-3062.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The AA meetings support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

OSC Welfare Funds — The OSC Welfare Committee is accepting applications for Welfare Fund disbursements. Non-profit groups and organizations on Fort Benning and Columbus and national military organizations are eligible to request funds. Organizations should be as specific as possible in describing how the funds will be used, and should also solicit funds from other sources as well.

The application deadline is April 1.

For more information, e-mail oscwelfare04@hotmail.com.

Storytime fun at Sayers — Sayers Memorial Library offers Story Time for preschoolers twice a week. At 11 a.m. Tuesdays, children and their parents meet for a story and craft. At 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, children can wear pajamas to Twilight Story Hour. Parents or guardians must accompany their children. Volunteer readers are welcome.

For more information, call 545-5661 or 545-4911.

Student rewards — Students in sixth through eighth grades wishing to participate in the "You Made the Grade" program can bring B-average or better report cards into the Main Mall Post Exchange for a coupon book with savings of more than $50 on items such as shoes, fragrances or fast food. Entry forms for U.S. savings bonds drawings are included.

AAFES awards savings bonds totaling $10,000 to three students each quarter.

For more information, call the PX at 682-0826.

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Girl Scout cookies — Girl Scout cookies are now available, including shortbread, caramel delites, thin mints, peanut butter patties, peanut butter sandwiches, animal treasures, low-fat lemon pastry cremes and pinatas.

For more information, call Juanita Garcia-Ramos at (800) 326-8912, ext. 18.

Black history breakfast — The Black History Observance Committee will host a breakfast at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center. It begins at 7:30 a.m. with guest speaker Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, who represents the 7th District of Maryland. For more information, call Dr. Henry Cook at 322-3218 or Ellis Dandy at 545-1872.

Infantry Band concerts — The Infantry Band chamber music series continues with concerts at 7 p.m. March 2 at Smiths Station Baptist Church, 9 a.m. April 4 at Fort Benning's Main Post Chapel, and 12:15 p.m. April 6 at St. Luke United Methodist Church.

For more information, call 545-5313.

Diabetes course — The Georgia Extension Services announces its annual staff development course, Diabetes 301, for school system personnel who work with children who have diabetes. Class will be held Thursday at the Columbus Government Center Annex. Pre-registration is required. The course costs $15.

To register, call 653-4200 or e-mail Joanne Cavis at uge2215@uga.edu.

Tuskegee trip — The Fort Benning Equal Opportunity Office annual trip to Tuskegee University will be Feb. 26. Buses will leave Building 2509 at 8 a.m. and return around 6 p.m. The trip is free but lunch will cost $4.50 at the university's cafeteria, or lunches can be brought. The trip is open to all Soldiers and DoD civilians.

Registration deadline is Feb. 23.

For more information, contact your EOA or call 545-6665.

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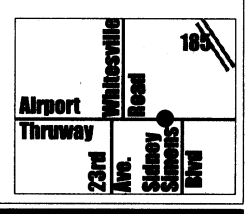

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Food choices influence dental health

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Dentists have long recognized the link between good oral health and sound nutrition.

For years, the American Dental Association has recommended that children and adults limit eating and drinking between meals and, when they snack, give preference to nutritious foods identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's dietary guidelines.

Think about the human body as a complex machine that needs daily attention if it is to run well. Without exercise and a balanced diet, it doesn't get the fuel it needs to perform efficiently or effectively. And it may be less able to ward off disease or infection. The foods we choose as fuel generally affect our overall health, including our teeth and gums. Health and nutrition experts recommend following the USDA's Food Guide Pyramid.

Eating patterns and food choices among children and teens are important factors that affect how quickly youngsters may develop tooth decay. The reason is a sticky film of bacteria, called plaque that constantly forms on the teeth and gums.

When the bacteria come in contact with sugar or starch in the mouth, acid is produced, which attacks the teeth for 20 minutes or more. This can eventually result in tooth decay.

The USDA's Dietary Guidelines encourage consumers to limit intake of beverages and foods high in added sugars that may crowd out other healthy foods from their daily diet. The agency identifies soft drinks as a major source of added sugar.

Americans drank more than 53 gallons of soft drinks — per person — in 2000. This amount surpassed all other beverages including milk, beer, coffee and water.

One of every four beverages consumed in America today is a soft drink and it is clear that soft drinks have displaced other nutritious beverages and foods from the diet.

Did you know that some nondiet soft drinks contain as many as 11 teaspoons of sugar per serving?

Although there are few studies reported in scientific literature that specifically evaluate the role of soft drinks in the development of tooth decay, increased sugar in the diet increases the risk of decay. There is a positive association between sugar-containing soft drink consumption, especially heavy consumption, and risk for tooth decay, according to published studies.

Most soft drinks contain phosphoric acid and citric acid. Prolonged exposure to acids can do permanent damage to teeth by producing a condition called "erosion," or the loss of hard tissues from the tooth surface.

This acidity can wear tooth enamel and result in erosion or the loss of hard tissues from the tooth surface. It is widely accepted that acid in food and beverages plays a major role in the development of enamel erosion.

Diet soft drinks rely on nonnutritive sweeteners instead of sugar. They are also acidic and may increase the risk of enamel erosion, although the science on the role of soft drinks and tooth erosion is preliminary.

Beating plaque:

- Limit eating and drinking between meals and, when snacking, give preference to nutritious foods.
- Be mindful of the effects of frequent consumption of sugary beverages and non-nutritious snack foods.
- Brush twice a day, floss or use another interdental cleaner once a day.
- Schedule regular dental check-ups.

For more information, visit the American Dental Association's Web site, www.ada.org and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Web site at www.usda.gov/cnpp.

ASK THE JUDGE

Capt. Steven J. Collins
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: Can you please explain some of the common tax credits and deductions I may be able to take advantage of this year?

A: Credits and deductions can be very beneficial to the taxpayer. First let's go over credits and the meaning of tax credits.

There are two types of tax credits, refundable and non-refundable.

A refundable tax credit can be greater than the tax owed. In essence, taxpayers not only have their tax liability reduced to zero, but also receive a refund of the excess credit.

A non-refundable credit can only reduce tax liabilities to zero. A taxpayer should also note that when you claim a credit, you are getting a dollar for dollar reduction of your total tax liability. For example, if your taxable income is $200 and your credits total $150, you only owe tax on $50.

Let's go over some of the more common tax credits:

The Child Tax Credit:

The Child Tax Credit is a refundable credit. Every taxpayer who has a qualifying child is entitled to a $1,000 credit for each child. In order to have a qualifying child the child must be under the age of 17, a citizen of the U.S., the taxpayer's child, sibling, stepchild, or foster child and the taxpayer must be allowed to claim the personal exemption with respect to that child. Remember if you received a check from the IRS last May, that was an advance of the child tax credit and it must be accounted for on your 2003 return.

The Child and Dependent Care Credit:

This is a non-refundable credit. The Child and Dependent Care Credit is structured to help with child and dependent day care expenses as long as the taxpayer or spouse are gainfully employed. To be eligible for the credit, a taxpayer must maintain a household for any dependents under the age of 13.

The credit may also be claimed for any person who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves. The maximum day care credit a taxpayer may claim is $3,000 for one qualifying child or dependent or $6,000 if two or more are involved.

Earned Income Credit:

The earned income credit is a refundable credit. It provides tax relief to lower income taxpayers who are gainfully employed. Taxpayers without qualifying children must:

- have earned income
- be between the ages of 25-65
- not be claimed as a dependent on another return
- live in the U.S. for more than six months
- have earned income and adjusted gross income under $11,230 ($12,230 for married filing joint) and
- use any filing status except married filing separately.

For taxpayers with qualifying children they must

- have a qualifying child live in the home for more than six months of the year
- have earned income under $29,666 for one qualifying child ($33,692 for two or more children) and
- File a joint return if married. Married filing joint taxpayers must have earned income under $30,666 for one child and $34,692 for two or more children. If the taxpayer is married a married filing joint return status must be used.

Many Soldiers who were deployed last year will qualify for the earned income credit this year because the income earned while in the combat zone is tax-free which ultimately lowers their total taxable income thus qualifying them for the Earned Income Credit.

Education Credits:

Education credits are non-refundable credits. There are two types of educational credits available to taxpayers, but note only one can be claimed on the tax return for the same person.

The first is the Hope Scholarship Credit, which is a credit for the first two years of a student's college education. This credit can be worth up to $1,500 and is a per student credit.

The second credit is the Lifetime Learning Credit, which is available for any level of higher education. The credit allowed is 20 percent of the first $10,000 spent on tuition paid by the taxpayer and is a per return credit. Please note that if a taxpayer attends eArmyU or has any qualified tuition expenses paid by the military, these credits are not available.

In addition to the many credits a taxpayer may claim, we also have "above the line" deductions, which can lower a taxpayer's gross income. Remember, deductions are not a dollar for dollar reduction in total tax liability, so they are not worth as much as a credit.

Common 'above the line' deductions:

- Student Loan Interest Deduction: A taxpayer may be able to deduct up to $2,500 for interest paid on a qualified student loan. This is reported to the taxpayer on a 1098-E. The deduction is phased out for taxpayers with incomes ranging from $100,000 to $130,000 for joint filers and $50,000 to $65,000 for all other filers.
- Tuition and Fees Deduction: In addition to the Hope and Lifetime Learning Credit, the tuition and fees deduction is simply another alternative to assist students with their qualified educational expenses. A student can deduct up to $3,000 by using this above the line deduction.

Taxpayers need to be aware that they can choose only the Hope credit, Lifetime Learning Credit, or the Tuition and Fees Deduction when filing their tax return for the same student.

- Other common "above the line" deductions include the Educator Expenses Deduction, IRA Deduction, Archer Medical Savings Account Deduction, Moving Expenses Deduction, of Self Employment Tax Deduction, Self Employed Health Insurance Deduction, Penalty on Early Withdrawal of Savings Deduction, Alimony Paid Deduction and the Hybrid Car Deduction.

Itemized Deductions:

Before a taxpayer files his taxes, he needs to determine if it is more beneficial to take the standard deduction or to itemize his deductions. In order for the taxpayer to itemize his deductions, the total itemized deductions need to be more than the standard deduction.

The standard deduction rates for this tax year are: Single and Married Filing Separate $4,750; Married Filing Joint and Qualifying Widow $9,500; Head of Household $7,000.

For example, if you are married filing joint, the total amount of itemized deductions needs to exceed $9,500 in order to itemize.

Examples of itemized deductions:

- Unreimbursed medical and dental expenses must be more than 7.5 percent of the taxpayer's Adjusted Gross Income.
- Taxes Paid: (include state, local, and real property taxes)
- Mortgage Interest
- Points paid on a home
- Charitable Contributions
- Casualty and Theft Losses
- Employee Business Expenses (It should be noted that BDU purchases and dry cleaning expenses are NOT deductible.)
- Miscellaneous Deductions (Employee business expenses and miscellaneous deductions must be more than 2 percent of the taxpayers Adjusted Gross Income.)

Other information about tax law can be found at http://www.irs.gov. If you would like to consult with someone regarding your taxes, come by the Fort Benning Installation Tax Center. The Tax Center is open now through April 15.

Normal hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Tax Center will also be open four Saturdays during the filing season. (The tentative Saturday dates are March 13 and 27 and April 3 and 10.) The hours of operation will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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For more information, call 545-4267.

Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex at Fort Benning, GA

The Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex (DMPRC) would provide gunnery training facilities for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle (BFV) and the Abrams M1A1 Tank System (Tank), providing the capability for both active and reserve components to train to required standards under realistic conditions.

Fort Benning proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a DMPRC. The DMPRC would provide a state-of-the-art range facility to meet the Army's training needs for soldiers to conduct gunnery courses in a realistic training environment by expanding the Installation's training capacity. The current ranges on Fort Benning do not meet modern gunnery standards and are inadequate to support full gunnery training and qualifications, requiring training to modified standards. The project would include construction of the firing and target area, installation of fiber optics, construction of support facilities, upgrading and construction of associated roadways, installation of utilities to support the site, construction of a helipad, construction of other related equipment and facilities, and operation and maintenance of the DMPRC.

DATES: Comments: To be considered in preparation for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), comments must be received not later 45 days after publication of this notice by the EPA in the federal register by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Meetings: March 2, 2004, 6 p.m., at the Elizabeth Bradley Turner Center, Columbus State University, 4225 University Avenue, Columbus, GA, and March 4, 2004, 6 p.m., at the Marion Middle School Gymnasium, 100 East Burkhalter Avenue, Buena Vista, GA.

ADDRESSES: Please direct written comments or requests for copies of the Draft EIS (DEIS) to Richard McDowell, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Army Infantry Center, ATTN: ATZB-PO, Fort Benning, GA, 31905-5122 or e-mail to mcdowellr@benning.army.mil.

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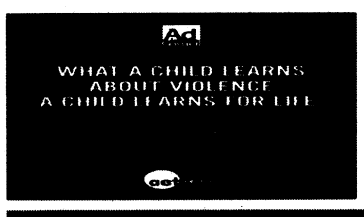

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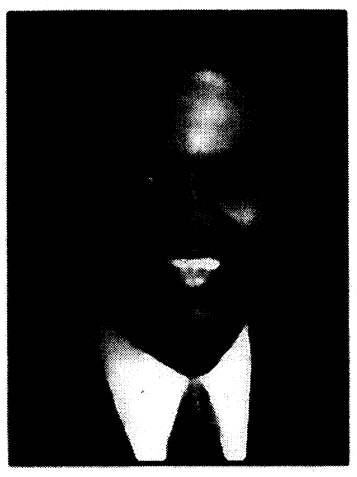

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Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

John Winningham and his fellow Dexter Elementary School preK students are still a few years shy of the reading comprehension level required for *Black Stallion.*

But that's no reason to miss out on a great American classic.

Dexter fourth-graders spent Wednesday morning sharing the novel with their "preK buddies" using hand-crafted story wheels.

Teacher Susie Reynolds tasked her students to read the book and select what they considered the eight most significant events in the book. Then, they summarized those points in a eight-piece pie chart and used their creative genius to add illustrations and other graphic enhancements.

Students were encouraged to use a variety of artistic means. Free-hand drawings, computer graphics, stickers, even old text books lying around the house found their way into the story wheels.

Fourth-grader Ashley Bostick said reading the book and picking out the highlights wasn't that big of a challenge, but putting it all together was a project in itself.

"The complicated part was figuring out how to put it all in order," Bostick explained, showing her elaborately illustrated story wheel.

"I spent a weekend on it, thinking about what I read and trying to put the images in mind on paper," she said.

But the time and effort was well worth the results.

"The artwork on these is just really incredible," Reynolds said. "The students are very proud of these, and these are going to be such keepsakes."

In fact, Reynolds got the idea for the project from a similar school assignment her own daughter brought home about six years ago — a project she kept and used as an example for her students this year.

By making the assignment a "home activity" — one the students' parents were able to help them with — it became even more of a precious memory, Reynolds said.

The story wheels also provided the students the opportunity to mentor the preK children, who they meet with every Thursday morning and afternoon to share education and fun. The classes watch movies, play games, work on the preK students' lessons and work on arts and crafts projects, said fourth-grader Jimmy Risberg, who shared his story wheel with Winningham.

"Every class has a buddy class in a different grade," Risberg said. "We help them with their learning, so they can understand what they're learning. It's fun to visit with the preK (students)."

Fellow fourth-grader Patrick Brito said he enjoyed drawing the pictures and sharing the wheel with his preK buddy, Cody Brummett.

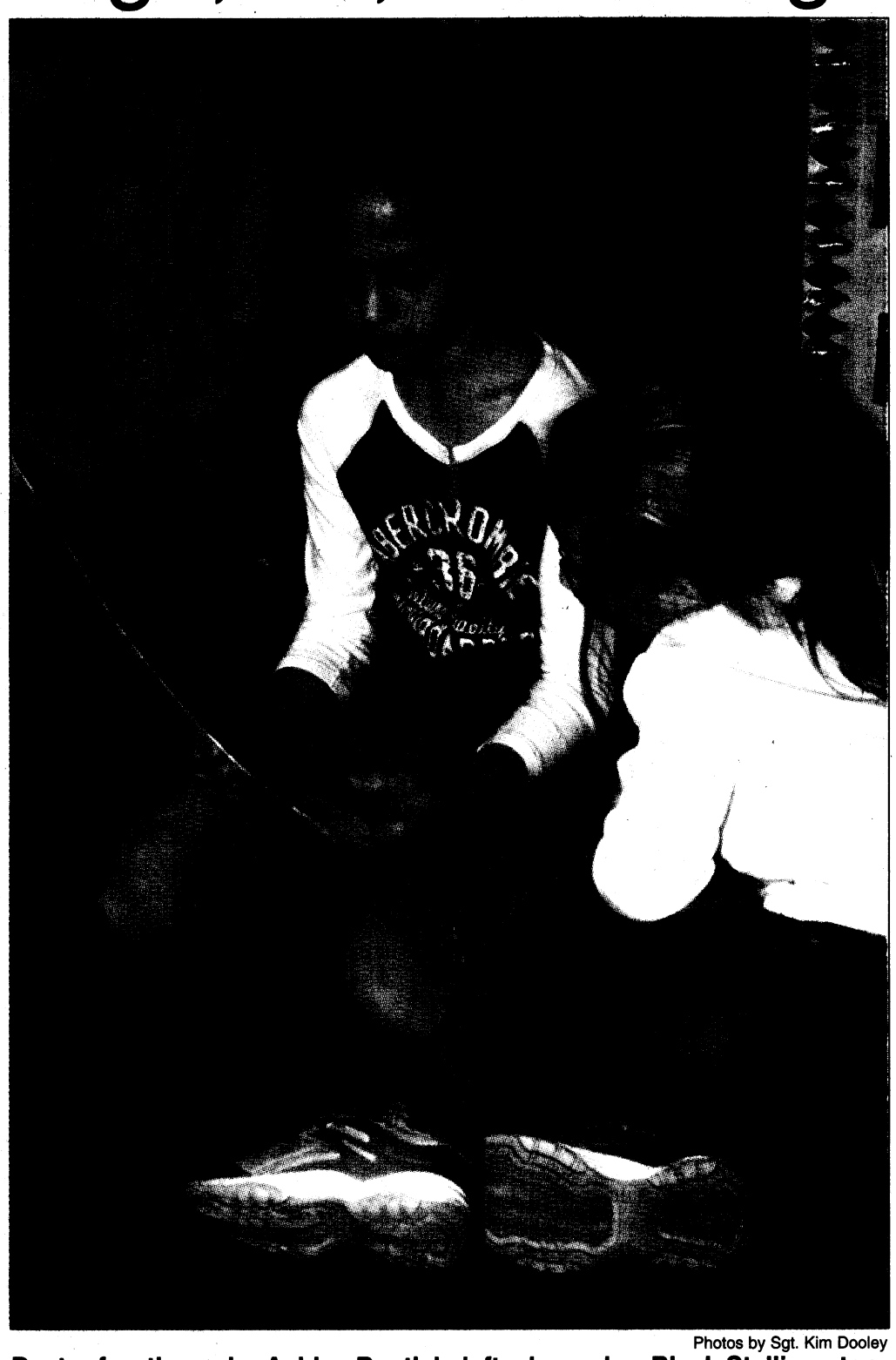
He said their fellowship with their junior classmates is important.

"When they start studying certain things, we can make sure they actually get it," Brito said. "We help them learn how to read and write and how to cut and glue."

The students will have another opportunity to share their knowledge with fellow classmates Friday. All of Dexter's classes will rotate through Reynold's class for story wheel presentations.



Jimmy Risberg, Dexter Elementary School fourth-grader, shows his *Black Stallion* story wheel.



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Dexter fourth-grader Ashley Bostick, left, shares her Black Stallion story wheel with her "preK buddy," Sydney Caldewell, Wednesday morning.

Dress right, dress



Cell phones were the most popular accessory for guys and gals, and many used them to locate friends on the crowded dance floor.

Cadets shine at annual ball

Bridgett Siter
Staff writer

More than 1,200 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets and their dates turned out for the annual Military Ball at the Columbus Convention & Trade Center Feb. 7.

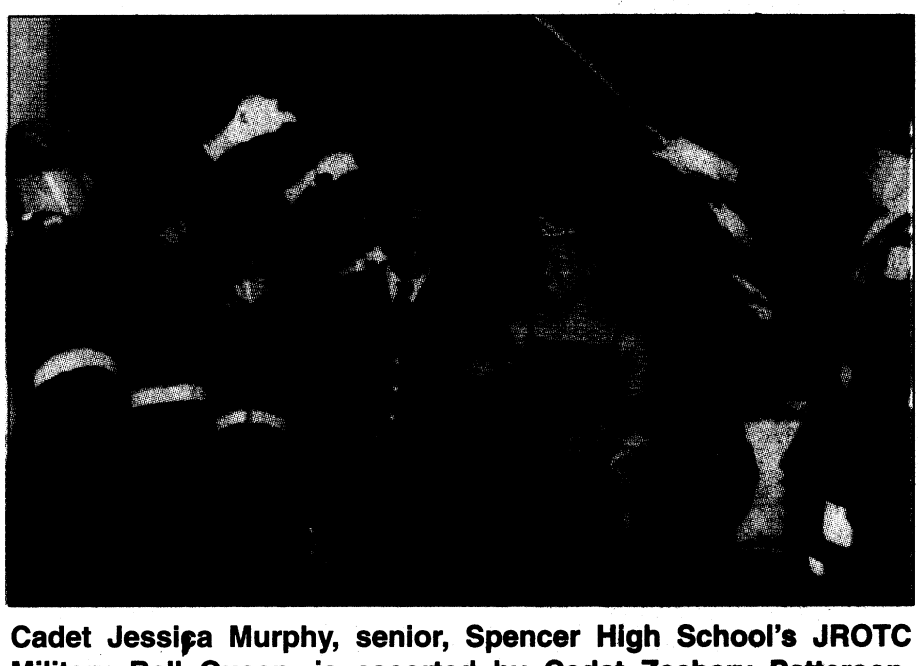
Eight JROTC programs from Muscogee County high schools, Central of Talbotton, Central of Phenix City, Russell County and Randolph–Clay high schools participated in the event, which is designed to train cadets in a social setting.

Eleven queens representing their high school JROTC programs were crowned.



Photos by Bridgett Siter

Cadet James Raymond, a sophomore at Columbus High School, dances with his date, Erin Hamilton, a Columbus junior, during the annual military ball.



Cadet Jessica Murphy, senior, Spencer High School's JROTC Military Ball Queen, is escorted by Cadet Zachary Patterson, Spencer senior, at the Columbus Convention & Trade Center.





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Paul wrote in I Corinthians 12:12, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ."

Paul is explaining that although the parts of the body have their own unique functions, they work as a team to keep the body going.

Within the workplace we are all different with our own views and opinions, but we must come together as one body to accomplish the mission.

We must realize God has made us in his image, and we are all equal in his sight. Differences come out when we begin to put labels on each other.

Every person has a past full of both happiness and pain. As adults, we spend a lifetime trying to overcome the past.

Too often, people look at life only through their own eyes and experiences. Problems arise in the workplace when we are not willing to see or try to understand the other person's point of view.

Someone told me a long time ago, "Never judge a person unless you have walked in his or her shoes." Many misunderstandings could be worked out if we would take the time to listen and understand the other person.

Lack of respect is another reason for unrest in the workplace. As adults, we must be willing to respect everyone we come into contact with.

Often people are judged by their skin color and not given a chance to prove themselves. People judge others without getting to know the inner person that makes them who they are.

We should never judge a book by its cover. Open it and read it's content. We just might discover that this person is just like us with similar likes and dislikes.

Paul said in Romans 12:18, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." This can happen only if we loosen the chains of racism, sexism and all those deep-rooted principles that have divided our nation for years.

Peace in the workplace can exist. The only person stopping it is you. Let your prejudices go and be free!

CHURCH NOTES

Gospel singing — The Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church will feature gospel singing at 6 p.m. Saturday in Harris Hall, at 222 5th Street in Columbus. Featured singers include Kendrick and The Evanettes, The Raspberry Gospel Singers. Admission is free. For more information, call 571-8473.

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Whoa! Choose your valentine wisely

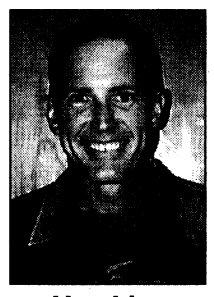
Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Family Life Ministries Center

Do you know what the difference is, in military terms, between "strategic" and "tactical"?

Well, it's about as simple as this: tactical decisions determine the outcome of a battle, but strategic decisions determine the outcome of the entire war.

So what's that got to do with the month of February and that little guy in the diaper with the love missiles, Cupid? Well just like you can "win the battle, but lose the war" as a country, so too, you can either win big or lose big in the game of love.

How do you make sure that you're a strategic success — how do you choose a valentine that will last a lifetime? Just as in a critical military operation, it's all about proper planning through strategic questions and wise decisions.



Hawkins

With that in mind, here are Hawkins' six questions for choosing the right valentine!

Q. Is the person I'm considering marrying a happy person?

Q. Am I a better person, or am I worse for having this person in my life?

Q. Does he or she encourage me to be closer to or further away from my family and its values?

Q. Am I most often praised or criticized by my valentine in private or in public?

Q. How do those who love me most feel about him or her (parents, family, friends who know me well)?

Q. Am I closer to or further away from God and my values, and my convictions since I started seeing this person?

Want to know a little valentine secret? Happy, good, secure, positive people build happy, good, secure, positive relationships. If you are headed to the altar thinking, "Oh yeah, I'll alter him or her ...," you're making a strategic error that could cost you the whole enchilada! To a great extent, "what you see is what you get."

Just like we say in a military operation, "hope is not a method." The reality is that there is no more important decision that will affect your happiness this side of heaven than whom you marry. So choose your valentine very carefully and enjoy the success that comes with making a great strategic decision!

Want coaching on being or finding the right valentine? Come see us at The Chaplain Family Life Center, Building 2606 Soldier's Plaza, or pick up the phone and give us a call at 545-1760. We look forward to serving you!

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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- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

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Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, Classroom 2, Building 3305

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3951
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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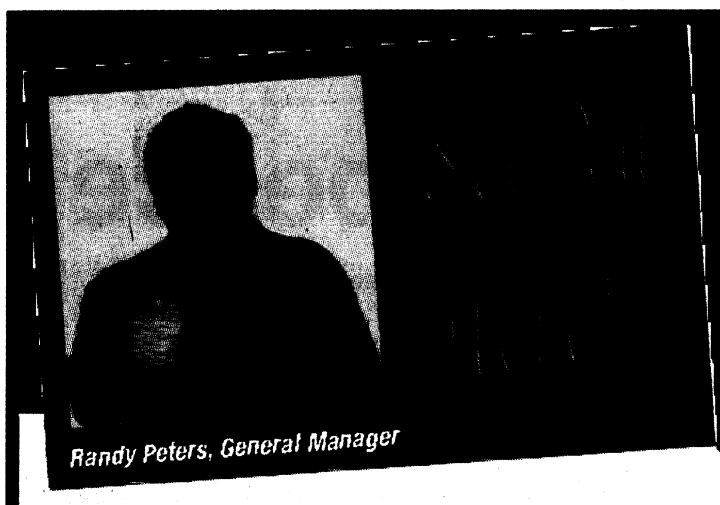

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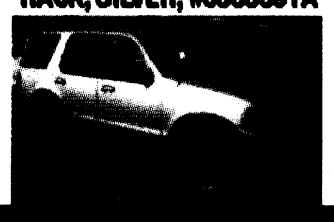

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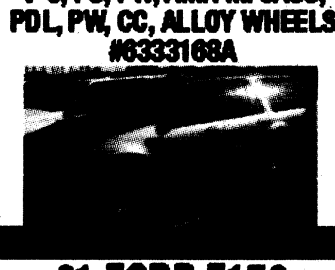

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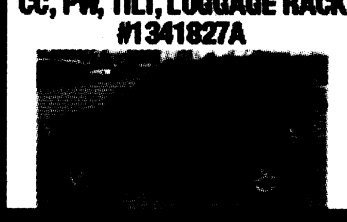

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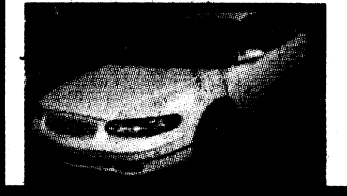

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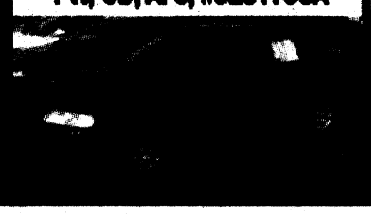

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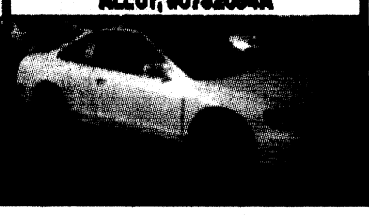

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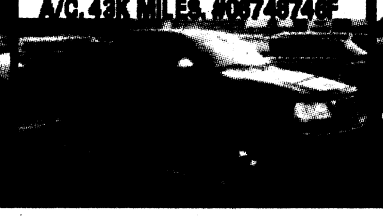

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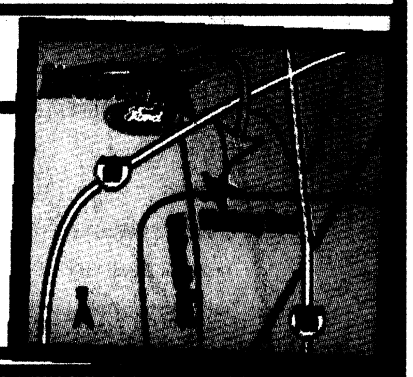

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THE BAYONET
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SPORTS

Former Benning student in driver's seat

Columbus senior headed to Tuskegee

Bridgett Siter
Staff writer

Columbus High School senior Anthony Driver, the son of retired Col. Christopher and Carolyn Driver, is large and in charge. The 17-year-old, 6-foot-1-inch, 325-pound offensive lineman took control of his weight and his life last summer and wrote his ticket to Tuskegee University.

Driver, a 4-year varsity Blue Devils football player, dropped 40 pounds "by eating right and hitting the gym" before the start of the 2003 season.

In doing so, he increased his speed and caught the eye of recruiters from Tuskegee, Morehouse, Jacksonville State, Georgia Southern and Fort Valley.

Driver signed with the Tigers last week, a decision he said was easy after a January visit to Tuskegee, his mother's alma mater.

"They have a very good engineering program, it's close to home, and they have coaches you can get along with," he said. "Cool coaches."

Though Carolyn urged her son to choose Tuskegee early on, she changed her tactics last fall.



Driver

"She just told me to make the best decision for me," Driver said. "She left it all up to me."

Driver, with a 3.0 grade point average, made the All-Bi-City football team last year, played in the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association's North-South game and was listed among the *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer*'s Dandy Dozen.

Columbus offensive line coach Jim Wamble credits Driver with much of the success of the Blue Devils' offense.

"Our offense improved a lot, and Anthony was really instrumental in that," Wamble said. "He's a good player and a good student and an all-around good kid. But he's a leader, too, a team leader. And he did it the right way, I think. He led by example, and he worked hard."

Though Driver calls football his greatest passion, he's a standout on the Blue Devils track team, placing ninth in the state last year in discus.



Anthony Driver also competes in track and field discus events.

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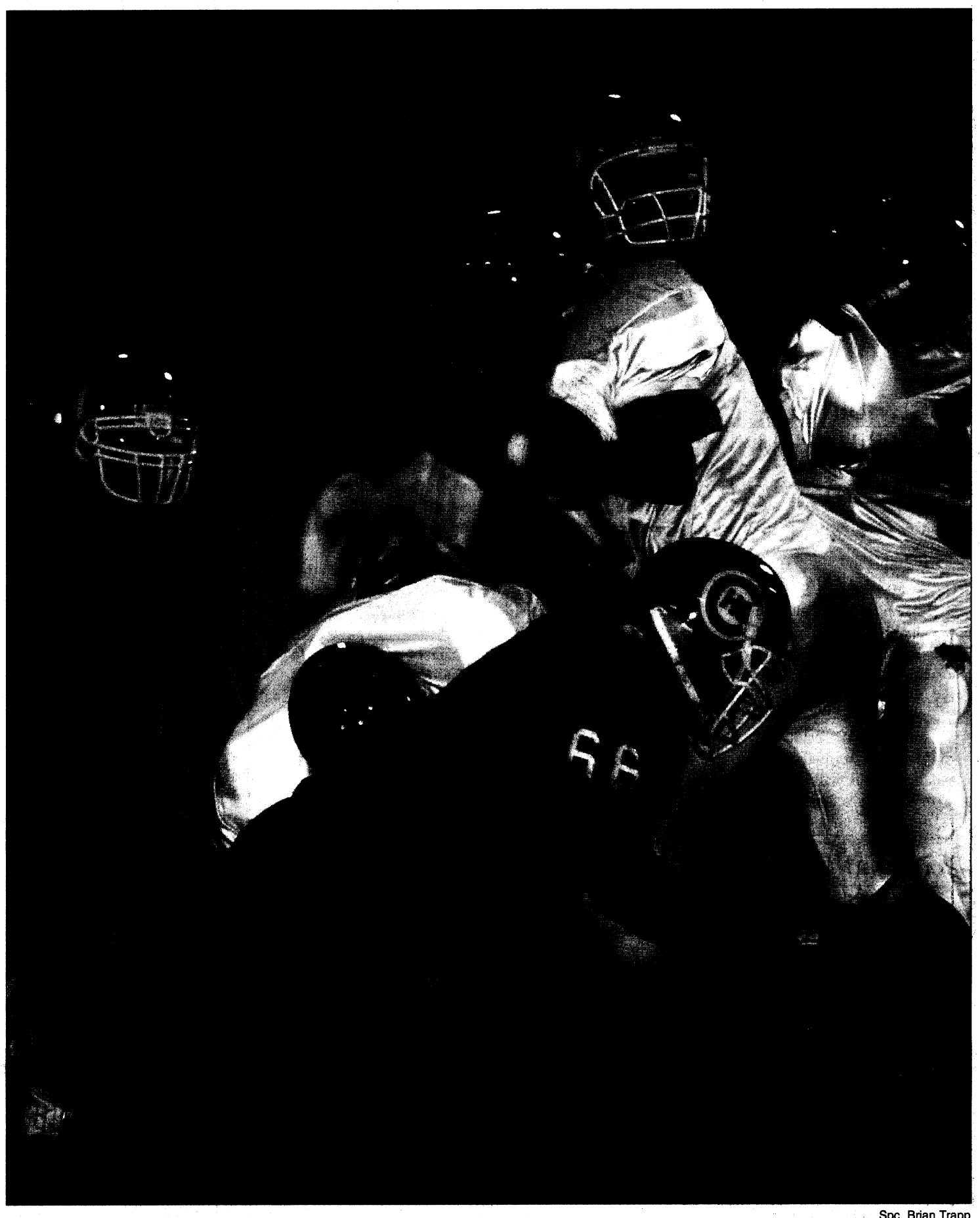
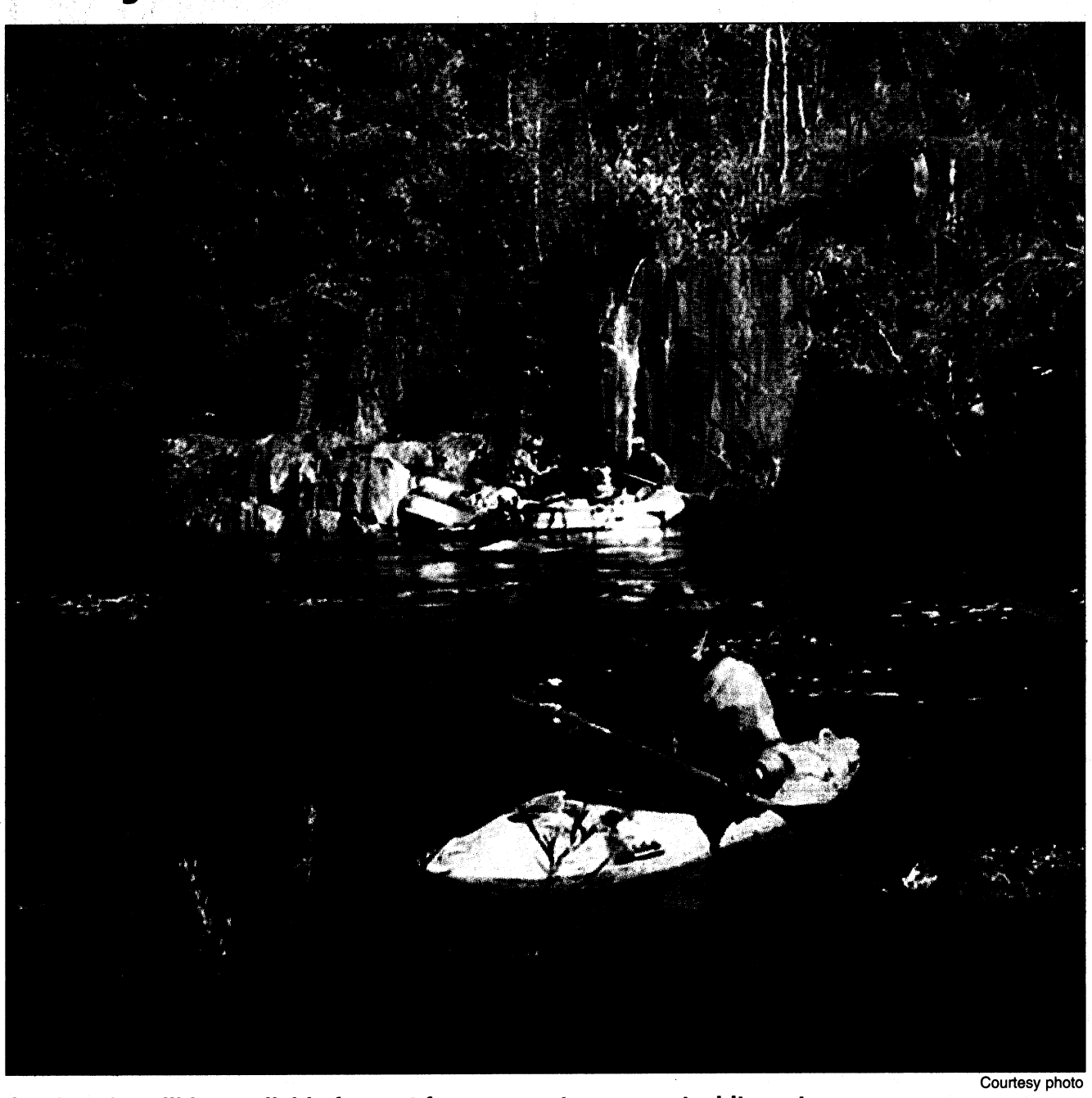


Spc. Brian Trapp

Anthony Driver, center, tackles a Spencer player during their August football game. The 17-year-old Driver, a Columbus High School senior and the son of retired Col. Christopher and Carolyn Driver, signed with the Tuskegee University Golden Tigers last week, turning down offers from Morehouse, Jacksonville State, Georgia Southern and Fort Valley.

Kayaks available soon at Outdoor Rec



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Sea kayaks will be available for rent for open water use, not white-water.

Post buys watercraft for family fun

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's Outdoor Recreation Center purchased two two-person and two single-person sea kayaks for use by Soldiers and their families. They'll be available in the spring.

"We've always had canoes and johnboats available for rent," said Cliff Hughes, recreation program director. "Now, we've got something new and exciting, and something I believe all of the Soldiers and their families will enjoy. It brings something new to the table."

Rental prices, which will include all equipment, have not been decided, but will be lower than the average retail cost for rental, Hughes said.

All profits will go to the MWR fund.

The sea kayaks, which cost nearly $1,500 each, are designed for open water, not white water, and will be available for use on the Chattahoochee River and the various lakes around west Georgia and east Alabama.

"These kayaks are awesome," Hughes said. "They are really easy to paddle and don't tip over as easily as the canoe."

The rec center will get life vests and a training video on kayaks, so people understand the hazards and know how to safely operate a kayak.

According to boatwashington.org, more than 80 percent of all kayaking accidents between 2000 and 2002 involved people who had never taken a kayak safety course.

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>
> **Cliff Hughes**
> Recreation program director

"Safety can't be taken for granted," Hughes said.

"It's a very serious issue, and we want to make sure that everyone knows that."

The kayaks aren't the only things available for rent at the rec center. Canopies, canoes, johnboats, barbecue grills, sports packages and vehicle storage are also available for rent at the center, building 1707.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays.

For a complete list of rental prices or for more information on items for rent, call the outdoor recreation center at 545-7978.

College coaches to hold soccer clinic

Four-team tournament afterwards

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation will sponsor a soccer clinic for players and coaches from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Feb. 21 at Doughboy Stadium.

The clinic, which will be held prior to a four-team tournament, will be led by coaches and players from the College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C.

"We wanted to get out here and help the youth players learn how to play the game," said Ralph Lundy, Charleston's head soccer coach. "We want to teach them what it takes to be successful on the soccer field."

"What it takes," Lundy said, are basic skills, such as dribbling, passing and receiving.

"We want to teach them to have a good attitude when they go out onto the soccer field," Lundy said. "That and teamwork are the two most important things someone needs to know."

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>
> **Ralph Lundy**
> College of Charleston's head soccer coach

Lundy, a former Marine officer, said that doing clinics on military installations means a lot to him.

"The military was good to me," Lundy said. "But once I got out, I knew I wanted to coach. So, for me to help out military children is a real honor."

Linda Laine, the youth sports and fitness director, said she jumped at the opportunity of having a clinic before the tournament.

"This will be a great opportunity for the children to learn about the game from a very experienced coach," Laine said. "He's going to teach them the skills he teaches at his weeklong academy, and it won't cost the participants anything."

The participants will also get one-on-one instruction from Lundy's players.

"I always teach my players about the importance of giving back to the community," Lundy said. "It's a lesson they need to know, not just while they're in college, but also when they get out. It's always great to teach skills you know to those who don't."

After the clinic, the College of Charleston will join Georgia Southern University, Lander University and Emory University in an all-day tournament.

"We're looking forward to the tournament," Lundy said, "especially since it's on a military installation. Some of my players have never been on a military installation, and this will be a great opportunity to see one."

The tournament will start after the clinic at 10 a.m. at Doughboy Stadium and is free to the public. For more information, call 545-3582.

Army women's softball team preps for local tourney

West Point cadets to play U.S. team

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Army Women's Softball team received an invitation to the National Fastpitch Coaches' Association Leadoff Classic to kick off the 2004 softball season.

The tournament, which begins Feb. 27, will be at the South Commons softball fields in Columbus and will feature some of the top teams in the nation.

"We were very proud of our invitation to the tournament," said Army head coach Jim Flowers. "It shows that the association took notice of the efforts our team has put out the last couple of years and wanted to reward us with a spot in this year's tournament."

West Point's team will open the tournament against fifth-ranked Washington Huskies, and will also play the 10th-ranked Texas Longhorns and the 19th-ranked Florida State Seminoles in pool play.

"I'm very excited to be playing in this tournament and honored to play against some of the best teams in the nation," said junior first baseman Lisa Huntington. "Playing in the tournament will provide our team with the confidence in ourselves that we can play and compete with some of the top teams in the nation. This confidence will carry us through our season, and hopefully, we will face some of these teams again in the the NCAA tournament."

Teams included in this year's field are the third-ranked California Bears, the fourth-ranked Oklahoma Sooners, the seventh-ranked Georgia Bulldogs, the eighth-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers and last years classic champions, the University of Massachusetts Minutemen.

"This tournament will put the Army softball team above and beyond the competition on the East Coast," said junior second baseman Lindsay March. "No other team that we play in our league will have the experience against teams of this high caliber, so I know we'll be far ahead of the other teams in the Patriot League."

Since the team received their invitation to the tournament, the players have focused on what it will take to win a tournament of this magnitude.

"It will take confidence and teamwork for us to come out on top," said senior pitcher Ashlie Christian. "We can easily compete with any of the teams in the tournament. It's just a matter of us believing that we can do it and not getting down on ourselves if we make a mistake."

In addition to playing some of the top college teams, the Army women's softball team also has a game against the U.S. National team at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28 on the Stadium Field at South Commons.

"Every athlete dreams of playing in the Olympics, and I am no different," Christian said. "I would have to say that playing against the Olympic team is the next best thing to actually playing on the team. It's a real honor to be able to play them, and we plan on giving them a tough game."

The opening ceremony for the competition begins at 11 a.m. Feb. 27. The games are scheduled to start at noon. Adult tournament passes are $20, $12 for a tournament pass for children 12 and younger, $8 for an adult day ticket, $5 for a day ticket for children 12 and younger and $4 for each ticket for youth groups of 10 or more.

For more information on the tournament, call the Columbus Sports Council at 660-1996.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Youth Soccer coaches needed — Child and Youth Services is in need of 19 coaches for the spring soccer season.

Anyone interested in coaching in one of the five age groups should call 545-3582.

Soccer tournament — There will be a soccer tournament from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 21 at Doughboy Stadium. The tournament will feature teams from Lander University, Georgia Southern University, Emory University and the College of Charleston.

The tournament is free to the public.

For more information, call 545-3582.

Basketball tournaments — The Kelley Hill EO office will sponsor the African American, Black History Month Basketball Tournaments for the following battalions: 1st Bn., 15th Infantry Regiment; 1st Bn., 30th Inf. Regt.; 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt., 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt.; 203rd Forward Support Bn.; 317th Engineer Bn.; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade and D Troop, 10th Cavalry.

Battalion EO representatives must turn in rosters no later than Feb. 23 to Sgt. 1st Class Joyce V. Garrett, 3rd Bde. EO advisor.

The tournaments will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 26 at Kefurt Gym, Building 9001. There will be food and entertainment.

For more information, call Garrett at 544-2130.

All-Army Small Arms Championships sign-ups — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will host the All-Army Small Arms Championships in conjunction with the U.S. Army Infantry Center March 14 to 25. Soldiers and units will compete with the M-16 rifle or M-4 carbine, M-9 pistol and M-24 or M-14 rifles against counterparts from the regular Army, Reserve, National Guard and Cadet Command.

Soldiers who excel in the All-Army Championships may be selected to compete on the Army, Army Reserve or National Guard Rifle and Pistol Teams in the Interservice and National Championship competitions.

Winners of designated matches and classifications may be awarded Secretary of the Army Trophy rifles. Rifle matches will be shot at ranges from 200 to 500 yards. Pistol matches will be fired under combat time standards at seven to 25 yards. All firing will be done with helmet and individual combat gear (minus body armor and mask).

Long-range matches will be fired at ranges of 600 to 1,000 yards.

Aerobics instructor needed — Briant Wells Field House is looking for certified exercise instructors for a wide variety of classes.

Saturday bike rides — Saturday bike rides are in full gear.

Riders meet at 10 a.m. Saturdays at Briant Wells Field House and can choose from 10, 15- or 20-mile rides. Additional miles can be added on demand. All you need is a bike, helmet, water and plenty of energy.

For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

Hunting regulations — There have been many changes to the Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing regulations this year. Changes include:

- People authorized to hunt or fish on Fort Benning have been expanded to include all DoD civilian employees working full-time or the equivalent, regardless of where they work, and all active national guardsmen and reservists who are in a paid drill status, regardless of where they are assigned.
- The numbers of guests that can be sponsored per day has increased from two to three.
- Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1961, must now show evidence of the successful completion of a hunter safety course in order to hunt on either the Georgia or Alabama sides of the installation.
- Guest permits can now be purchased as daily passes, monthly weekend passes, or in periods of time up to 30 consecutive days.

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Columbus' new baseball team — Columbus will reveal it's new baseball team at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at historic Golden Park, located in the South Commons, 100 4th Street.

Cost is $5 with a reservation or $7 at the door. Reservations must be received by today.

Bring your family, gloves and balls and play catch on the field under the lights. The new name and logo of Columbus' new baseball team will be unveiled.

To RSVP, call Randi Johnson at 327-1566, fax 327-7512 or e-mail rjohnson@columbusgachamber.com.

TOPSoccer — TOPSoccer is a soccer training and team placement program that provides the opportunity to learn and play soccer to any boy or girl, ages 4 to 19, who has a mental or physical disability.

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All inquiries can be directed to the Columbus TOPSoccer Club.

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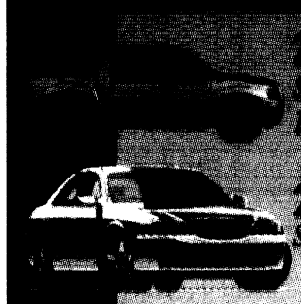

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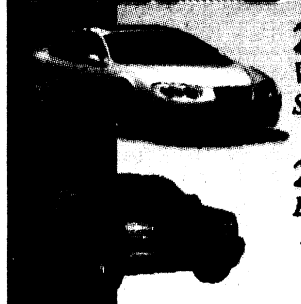

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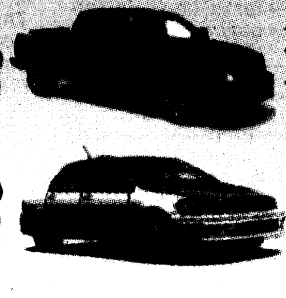

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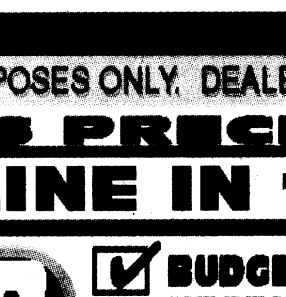

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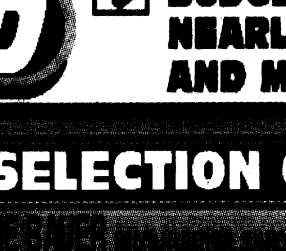

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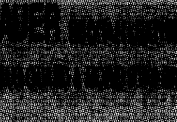

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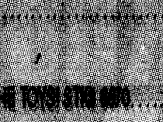

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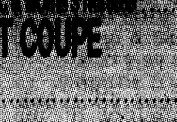

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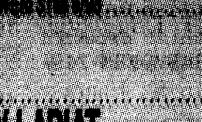

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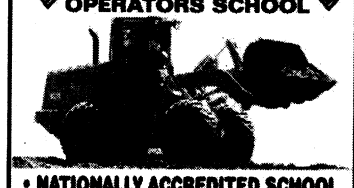

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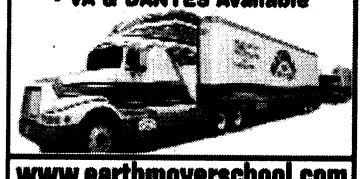

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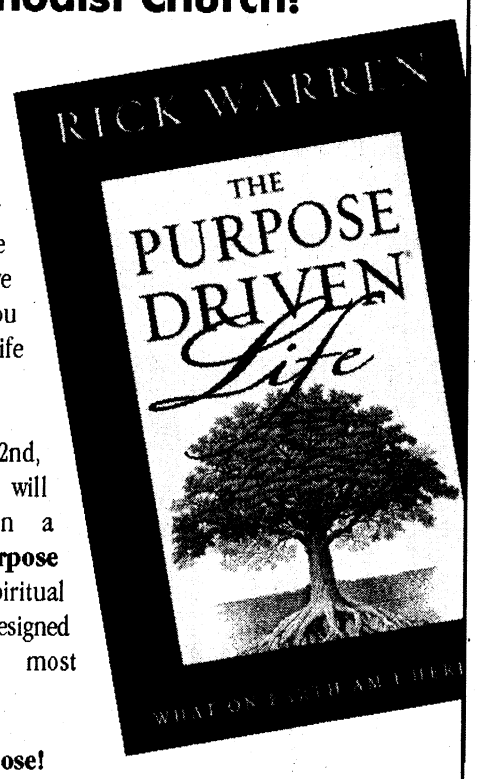

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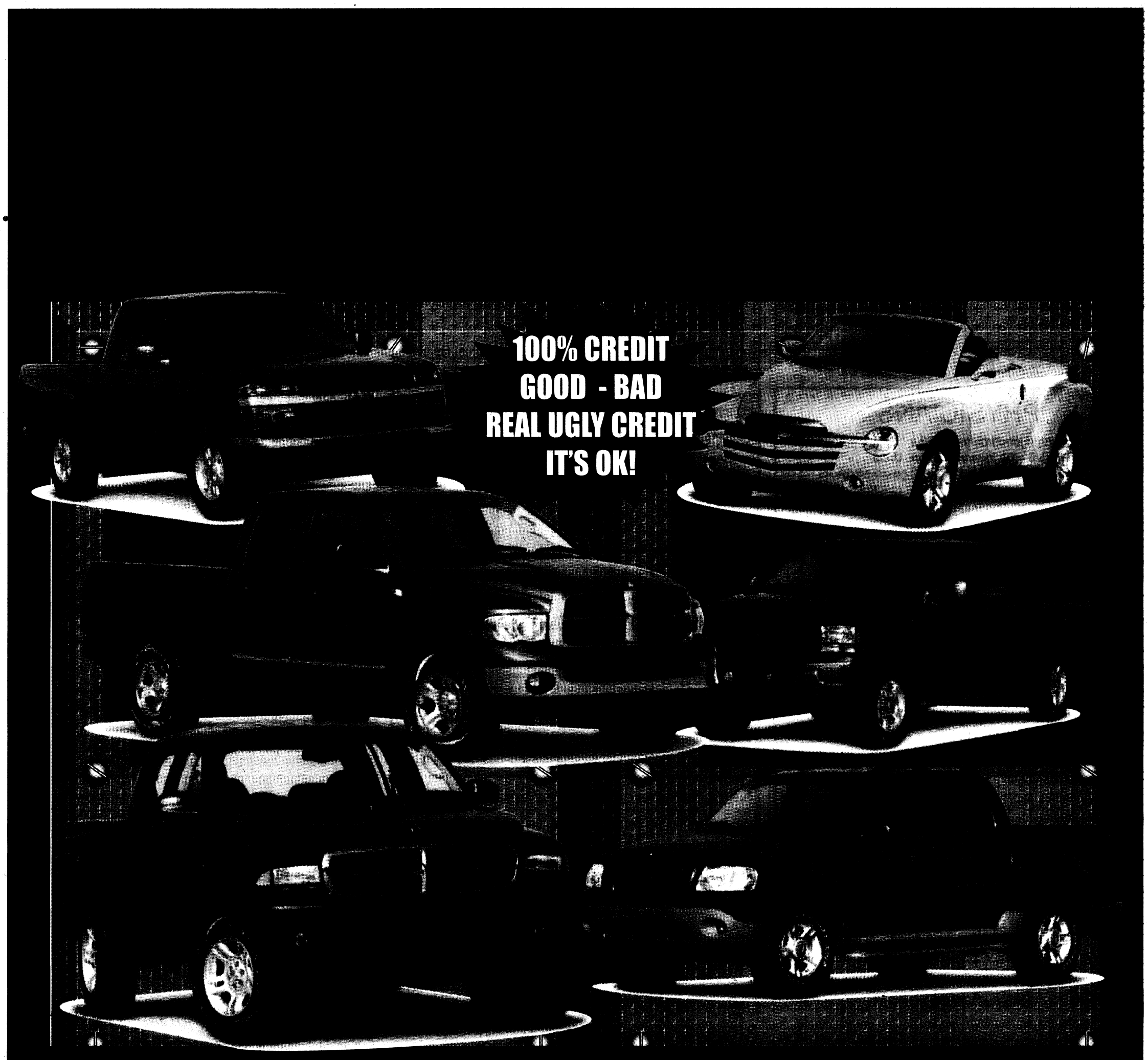

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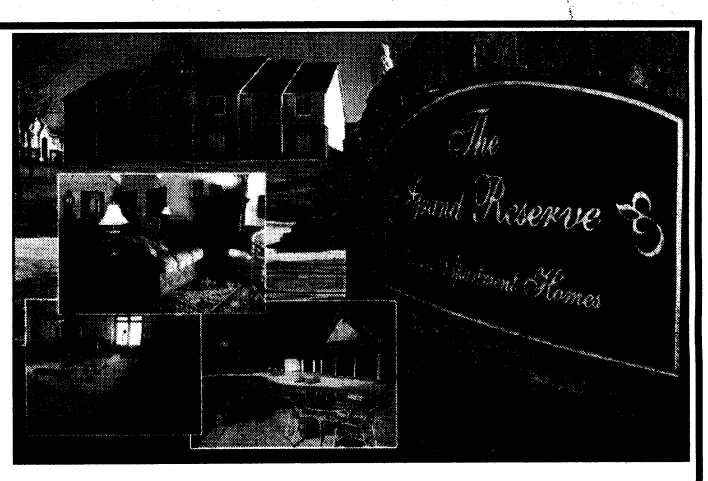

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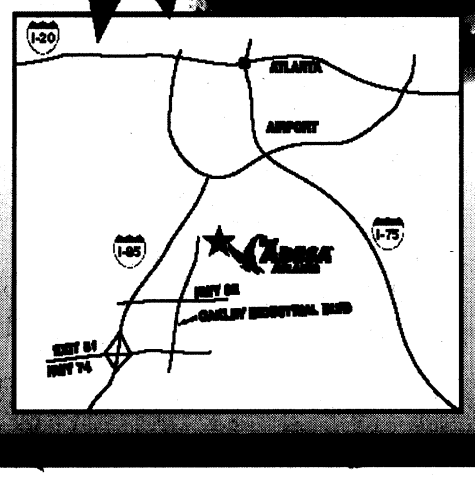

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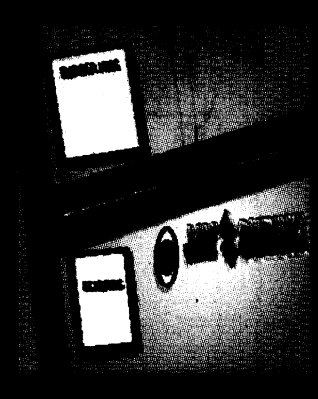

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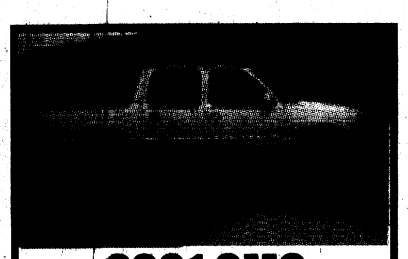

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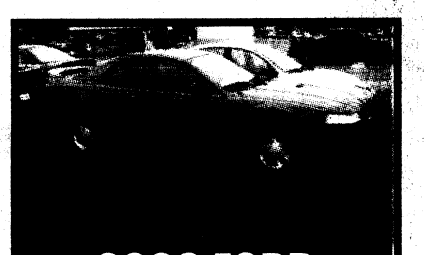

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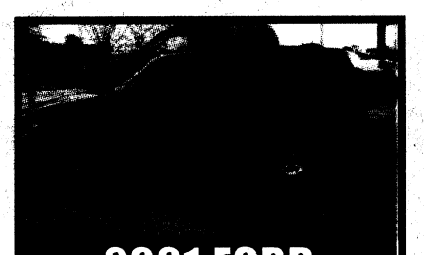

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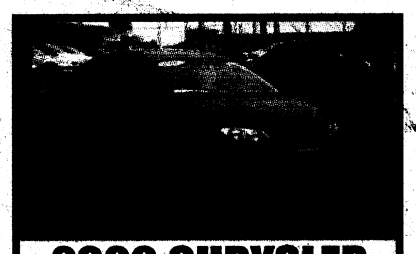

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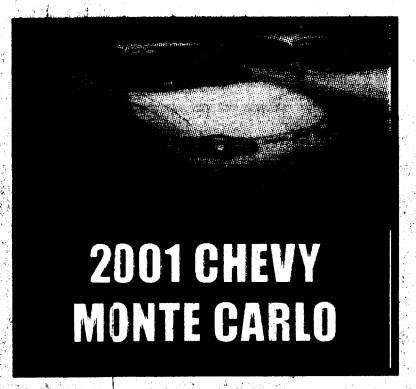

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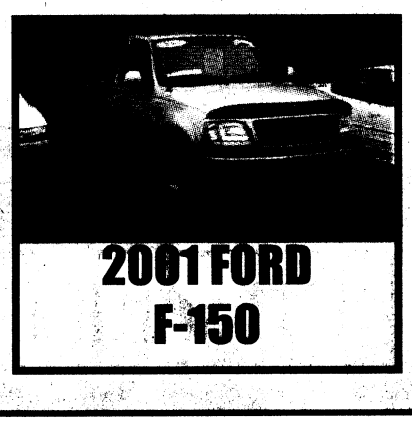

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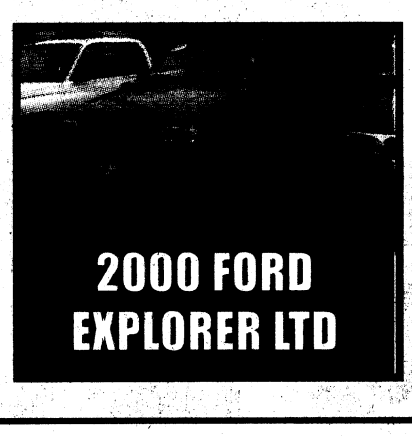

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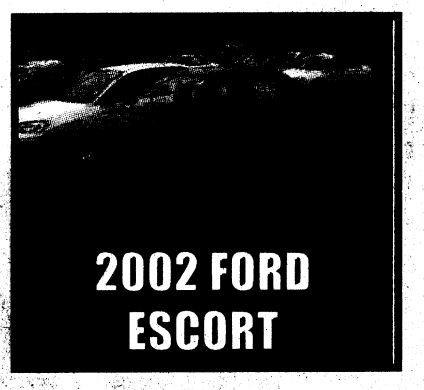

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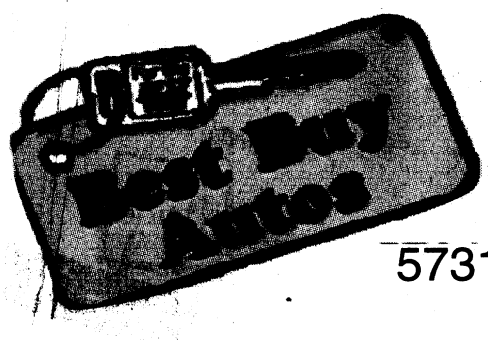

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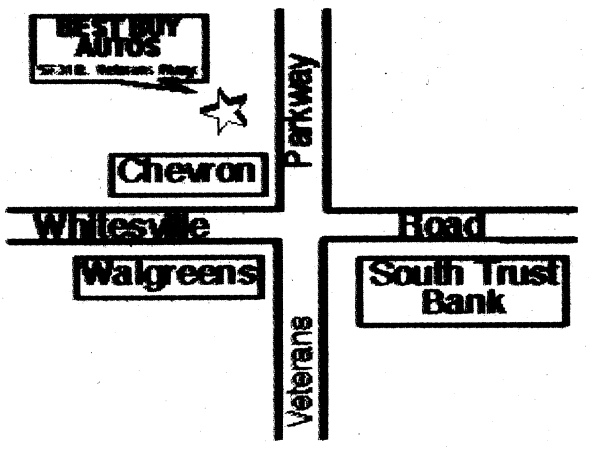

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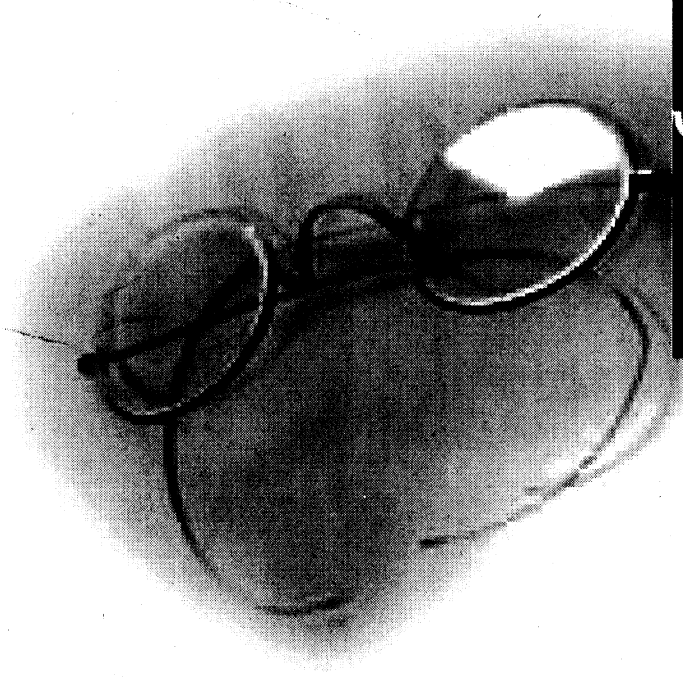

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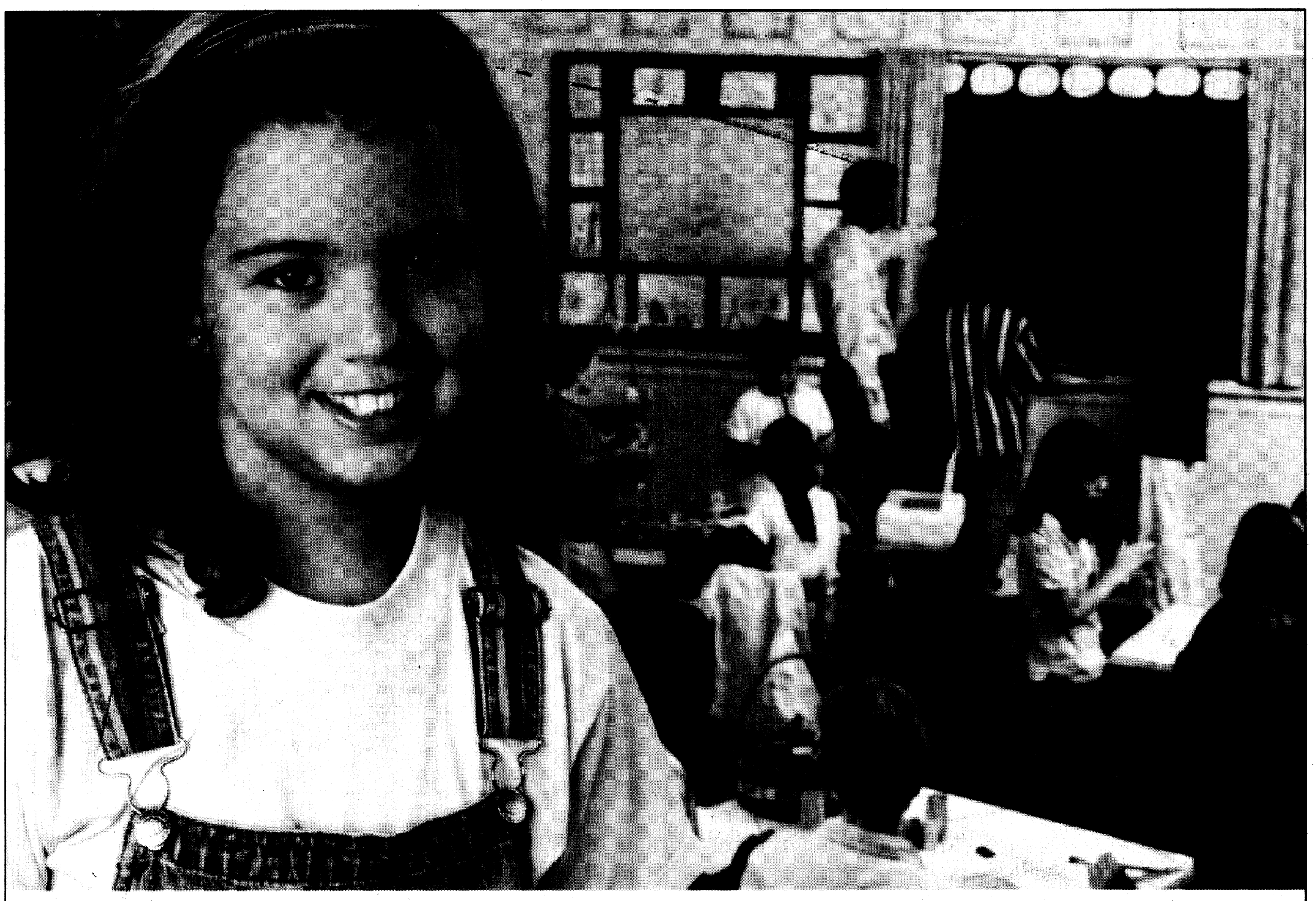

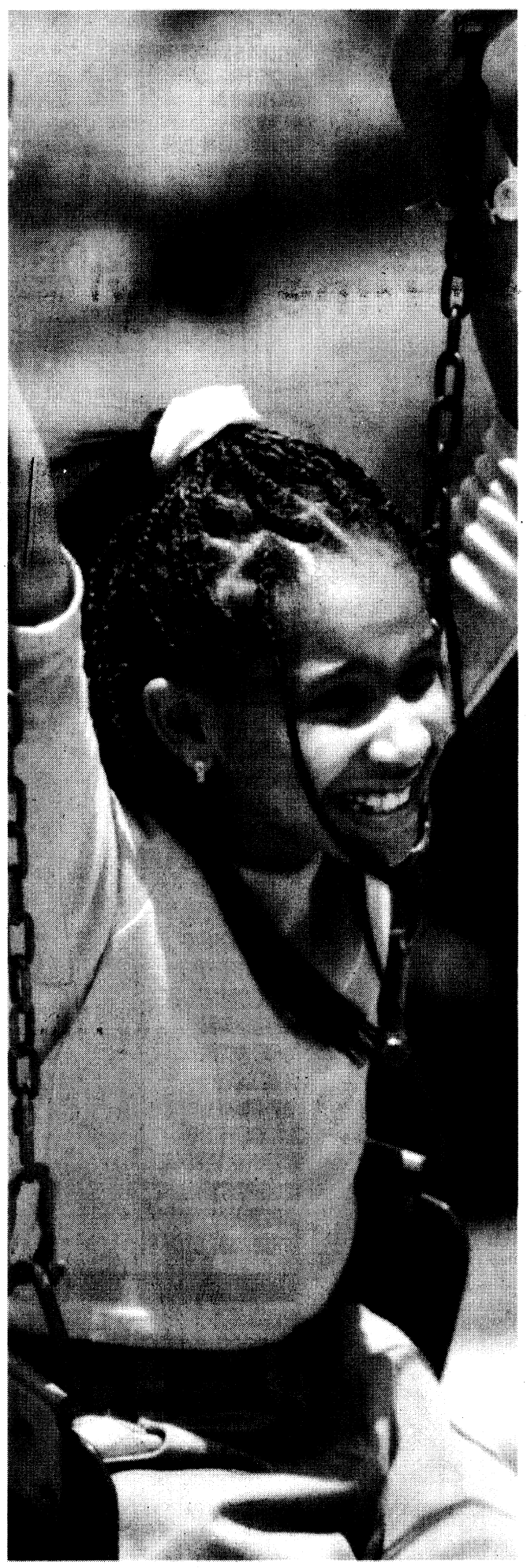

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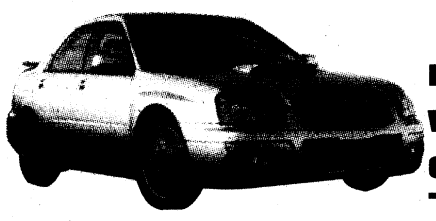

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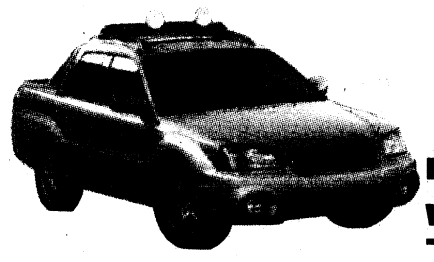

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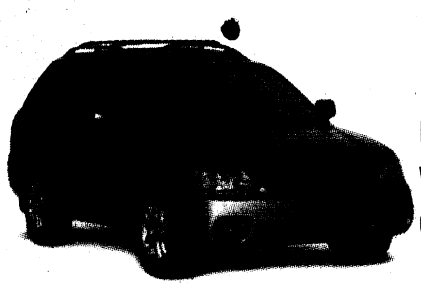

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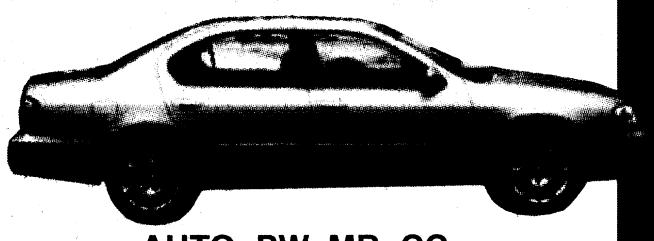

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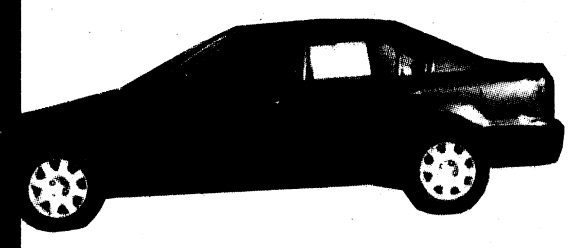

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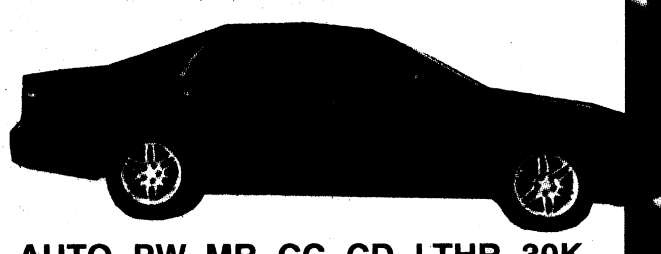

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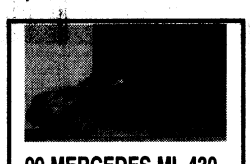
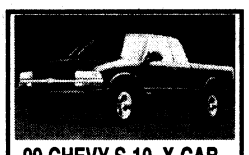
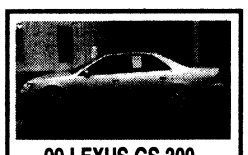
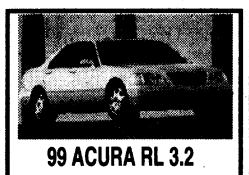
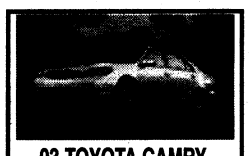
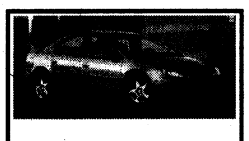
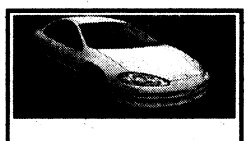
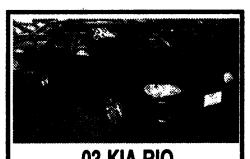
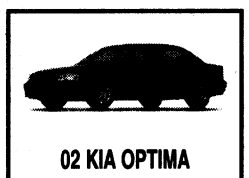
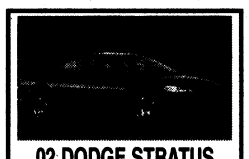
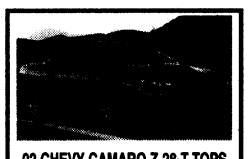
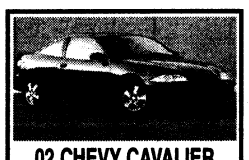
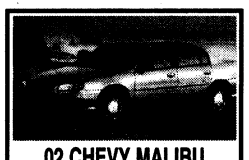
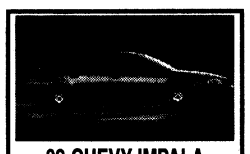
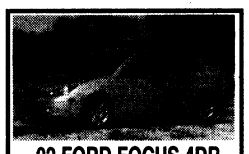
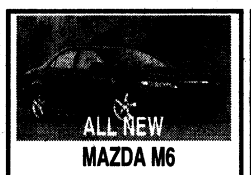
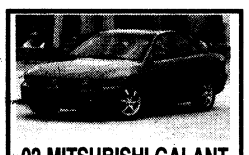
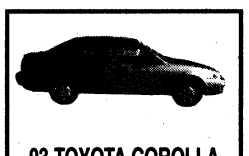
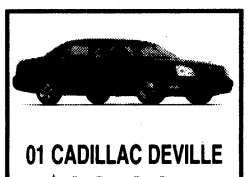
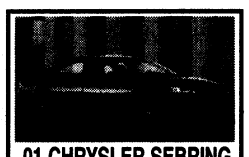
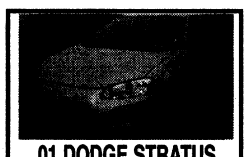
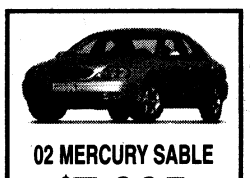
 99 MERCEDES ML 430 $16,995	 99 CHEVY S-10, X-CAB $6,995	 99 LEXUS GS 300 $18,995	 99 ACURA RL 3.2 $9,995	 00 JAGUAR S-TYPE 4.08 $20,995	 00 VW JETTA $8,995	 03 TOYOTA CAMRY $14,995	 03 NISSIAN ALTIMA S $14,995
 04 NISSAN MAXIMA $24,995	 02 DAEWOO NUBIRA $5,995	 02 HONDA ACCORD EX 2DR $13,995	 03 HYUNDAI SONATA GLS $10,995	 03 HYUNDAI ACCENT 4DR $7,495	 03 HYUNDAI ELANTRA GLS $8,995	 02 DODGE NEON 4DR $6,995	 02 DODGE INTREPID $8,995
 03 KIA RIO $6,995	 02 KIA SPECTRA $5,995	 02 KIA OPTIMA $8,995	 02 PONTIAC GRAND AM $8,995	 02 DODGE STRATUS $7,995	 02 CHEVY CAMARO Z-28 T-TOPS $14,995	 02 CHEVY CAVALIER $6,995	 02 CHEVY MALIBU $8,995
 02 CHEVY IMPALA $10,995	 02 FORD FOCUS 4DR $7,995	 02 FORD ESCORT T 2X2 $6,995	 MAZDA M6 $13,995	 02 MITSUBISHI GALANT $8,995	 02 MITSUBISHI LANCER 4DR $7,995	 03 MAZDA PROTEGE $8,995	 03 TOYOTA COROLLA $8,995
 01 CADILLAC DEVILLE $16,995	 01 KIA OPTIMA $7,995	 01 CHRYSLER SEBRING $6,995	 01 DODGE INTERPID $7,995	 01 DODGE STRATUS $7,995	 02 MERCURY SABLE $7,995	01 OLDSMOBILE ALERO $7,995	02 SATURN SL2 $7,995
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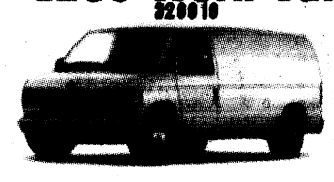

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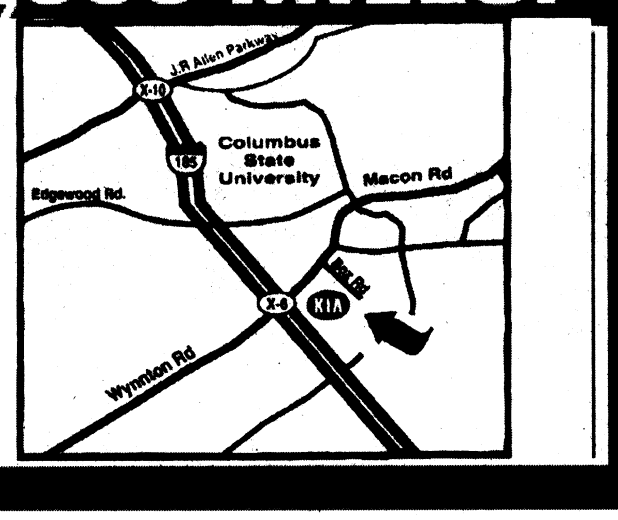

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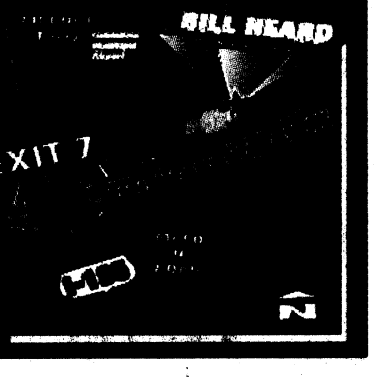

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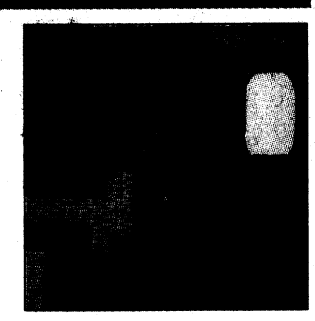

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Soldiers wear flag on uniforms



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

U.S. flag patches will be worn on the right shoulder of every Soldier's uniform once funding is provided.

Patch shows Soldiers in fight together

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The battle dress uniform is about to get a new look.

A new uniform policy message approved by the chief of staff of the Army expands the wear of the reverse-side, full-color U.S. flag on the right shoulder of all utility uniforms.

The message, dated Saturday, states that Soldiers' commitment to fight and win is best exemplified by permanently wearing the U.S. flag, regardless of deployment status.

Soldiers will have until Oct.1, 2005, to have the insignia sewn on all utility uniforms, including BDUs, desert camouflage uniforms, maternity BDUs, field jackets, aircrew BDUs and combat vehicle crewman uniforms.

Some Soldiers in Infantry Hall are already sporting the new full-color patch, which is sewn an inch below the right shoulder seam or 1/8 of an inch below a combat patch.

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Drill sergeants get lesson in new PT

Standardized PT implemented for IET Soldiers

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The Army Physical Fitness School hosted a four-day course to train Fort Benning's drill sergeants on the Training and Doctrine Command Standard Physical Training Program for initial entry Soldiers at Doughboy Stadium this week.

The training, which provided instruction to roughly 94 NCOs, is part of the school's ongoing mission to teach Accession Command's drill sergeants how to conduct PT for Soldiers in training, said Lt. Col. William Rieger, APFS commandant.

About five years ago, the APFS was tasked to evaluate PT in the training base and develop a systematic approach to initial entry training PT to strengthen Soldiers physically while controlling injuries, incorporating the most up-to-date knowledge and expertise in physical fitness and exercise physiology.

"Our hypothesis was that if we trained Soldiers in a more prescriptive, standardized manner during PT and we created that PT program as providing a foundation for all the other things that you do in basic training during the day, then the Soldier going through basic training would be stronger physically and not get hurt during ... things like the bayonet assault course or the obstacle course," Rieger said.

At the time, the IET Soldiers' PT was geared toward their success on the Army Physical Fitness Test rather than the physical stress of their Soldier tasks, Rieger said.

The standardized PT reduces the emphasis on APFT preparation and focuses instead on building Soldiers' fitness to reduce injuries and improve

See **APFS,** A-9



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Staff Sgt. Nathan Haynes, a drill sergeant with D Co., 2nd Bn., 19th Inf. Regt., participates in standardized PT training Thursday morning at Doughboy Stadium.

Drunken driver tells story, consequences

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It's no secret — America has a serious problem with drunken driving, and Soldiers are no exception.

Last weekend alone, Fort Benning military policemen cited six Soldiers for driving under the influence — two of them underage. But those were just the drivers who were caught. How many more got away with it?

A few guilty parties may think twice before trying to pull it off again if they were in Marshall Auditorium Wednesday afternoon for *Just Call Me Crash ... The Denise Wagoner Story*.

Wagoner, a former model from Wisconsin, traveled to Fort Benning to share her experiences as a drunk driving accident victim with more than a thousand Soldiers and civilians.

The program included her video, which shows graphic images of her injuries — injuries so gruesome, the emergency room nurse who tended to Wagoner quit after that night.

The accident put Wagoner in a coma with a 3-percent chance of living. When she awoke, she was brain-damaged, blind and horribly disfigured.

After 15 surgeries, including seven on her face, and more than $4 million in medical expenses, Wagoner considers herself a "medical miracle."

"I broke every bone in my upper body but had no internal injuries — that's impossible," she said. "I broke every bone in my face but didn't even chip a tooth — that's impossible."



Courtesy photo

Denise Wagoner, a reformed drunken driver spent a week in a coma after crashing this car driving with a BAC 0.19.

Despite her positive outlook, Wagoner is haunted daily by the fate of the driver — a life sentence to live in pain and darkness. She was the driver.

Nine years ago Thursday, Wagoner climbed behind the wheel of her car with a blood alcohol content of 0.19. Within 15 minutes, her car left the road and rolled five times, throwing her 75 feet from the

See **CRASH,** A-8

Tag, we're it

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Maybe it does take a village to raise a child.

The other day, at the Relay for Life kick-off ceremony, Bubba Green talked about his family's fight with cancer. His daughter, 4-year-old Hailey Green, is the honorary chairperson of this year's relay.

Hailey was diagnosed with cancer a year ago — a Wilms tumor, the fourth most common cancer in children. Her left kidney was removed last March, followed by a series of chemotherapy and radiation. Now her future looks bright.



Hailey's dad thanked God for preserving her life, and he credited the many people who enveloped his family with love and support during their battle with cancer.

To call cancer an individual problem is naive. To call it a national problem is impersonal.

Cancer is a community problem — a village problem, if you will. It affects families and friends and coworkers and neighbors. And so on and so on.

That's why the folks at the American Cancer Society sponsor the annual Relay for Life in communities around the country. Call it a neighborhood watch, of sorts.

The relay is the American Cancer Society's biggest fund raiser. Last year alone, Columbus raked in $236,550 for cancer research and treatment. At first glance, that sounds pretty impressive. But wait. The way I figure, per capita, that figures to about $1.27 for the entire population of Muscogee County.

Or put it this way: If 4-year-old Hailey Green came knocking on your door for help, you gave her the loose change from your couch.

I think we can do better, and I do mean *we,* starting with me.

The local cancer society has set its goal to raise $300,000 this year. To do that, they will need at least 150 teams to participate in the event, May 14-15.

I'll go on record to say my team will raise its share, at least $1,650. Will yours?

What's that? No team?

Come on over and join mine, or contact the local American Cancer Society at 324-4573 to find out how you can start a team of your own.

Together, we can help put an end to cancer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Photo mislabeled

The photo on page A-6 of last week's paper is not a photo of a P-47 aircraft as the caption says. It's an early version of the P-51 aircraft. It's definitely not a P-47, since the P-47 had a radial engine and not the inline engine shown in the photo.

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas G. Hunt
283rd Army Band

Hugs to Kuwait Web site receives support

We've had a wonderful experience with "Hugs to Kuwait — Adopt A Soldier."

This organization was founded by Pam Bates in January 2003 to show support for her husband and members of his unit. Word spread, and soon Hugs was supporting many units in Operation Iraqi Freedom and other theaters around the world. Mrs. Bates' leadership has spread to the members and it's evident in the camaraderie shown by all those involved. Not only has this Web site supported our military heroes and their families, but it has supported each other.

We became members in March 2003, and it has made a major impact in our lives. My sister Monica is disabled and before joining Hugs, she felt out of touch. Since adopting a Soldier and getting involved with Hugs, Monica's health has improved.

The primary focus of Hugs is to let our military know we support them and their families. Because of this Web site, thousands of Soldiers get mail or a care package, and as we all know, morale is key to success for these men and women. The support members give each other and our heroes has made an impact that rivals anything we've ever been involved with. Writing our adopted Soldiers and going through the ups and downs with them and their families has proven to be a Godsend.

Support comes in many forms and Mrs. Bates and her organization have given Americans the forum to stand together, united, to do our part to fight terrorism on the home front. We help each other by loving, supporting and praying for our troops. Our lives have changed, and we're privileged to be a part of Hugs to Kuwait. It's an honor we shall cherish always.

Heidi and Monica Narr
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Our two eldest sons and son-in-law serve in the U.S. military — Logan in the Army, Derek in the Air Force and Adrian, my son-in-law, in the Seabees Construction Battalion. Logan served two tours in Kuwait — the last tour led his unit into Iraq at the beginning of the war. Adrian's unit built a bridge across the Tigris River during the war. Derek is about to deploy to Iraq. I want you to know how this mother copes.

Last March, my family and I spent many sleepless nights — as did others who had family members deployed. I spent hours glued to the television, hoping to catch a glimpse of Logan or Adrian. One morning, I saw an interview with Pamela Bates, the founder of Hugs To Kuwait — Adopt A Soldier.

I was deeply touched as Pam told the reporter that she and her husband were concerned for Soldiers who didn't have family members to send letters of support. My heart broke, as I know my son, Logan, had said the same thing.

I logged on to Hugs to Kuwait in March 2003 and joined a wonderful support group. This site has not only been informative, but it has protected the integrity of our Soldiers and their families. I'm so thankful for the folks at Hugs for their support, their insights and prayer when I needed it. (Boy, did I need prayer!)

The Soldiers and families who benefitted will forever be grateful. We have had members who have lost loved ones, members who still have family deployed, and a few of us who have family that have returned and are coping — one day at a time. I'm thankful for folks like Pamela Bates who so graciously gives of herself to promote the well-being of our American Soldiers and their families! I think this woman deserves a big HOOAH! and more!

Kathleen V. Sibert
Southern California

The Hugs-To-Kuwait — Adopt A Soldier Web site has brought together cyber patriots from all over the world. Through it, I have come to know so many wonderful people. Being a New Yorker, it is important for me to show support for our military, especially those who are deployed. Our wonderful troops have volunteered to ... eliminate the possibility that such devastation could ever again visit my city or any other.

When the events of 9-11 occurred, I felt so alone. Since joining Hugs, I have met Soldiers, their families, friends and other citizens who react as though those airliners crashed right into their own backyards. Through the good folks I've met, I have come to fully understand exactly how "united" these United States really are.

The site has done such wonderful things in connecting the citizens with the Soldiers and their families. It allows me to be there for Soldiers. I've spent time in the chat room comforting the moms of fallen heroes. The first night of the march into Baghdad, I had the privilege of "virtually" holding the hand of a young wife who was terrified for the safety of her husband. We stayed in the chat room until 3 a.m. I knew it was more than idle chatter and the role I played was appreciated. I feel I cannot do enough for those who defend what Americans cherish most — our freedoms. We must be active in the War on Terrorism, because patriotism is not a spectator sport. May God bless these UNITED States of America. HOOAH!!!

Pat Shoukry
New York City

I joined Hugs To Kuwait in March 2003, right before our Soldiers rolled into Iraq. We adopted a Soldier who was not receiving much support from home. My husband and I felt privileged to send letters, care packages and e-mails. These young men and women are so brave ... and HTK made it possible for us to show our appreciation.

I've listened to military spouses and friends worry and grieve for their loved ones. It is wonderful they have a place to talk, vent and laugh.

Pamela Bates has (made) sure no one feels left alone and unappreciated. HTK is a wonderful community, where people of all ages (children included) come together to support our troops and one another.

I believe Pam is an angel sent from God. Her only intention is to bring people together to support our military.

Debby Llewelyn
Utah

My only daughter, the oldest of six children, is an Air Force cop preparing for deployment.

When she signed up, I saw an article in *Parade* magazine about a woman who began a site to support our troops. For the year I've been a member, I've felt truly blessed by what I read and hear daily. It is a wonderful way to show support for one another.

Daily, the media attempts to bombard us with negativity. Daily, someone mentions their "opinion" of what our troops are doing. Not everyone agrees with what they do, but we must care enough to support them. They serve our country, and they go where they are told. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of our support.

To those who would be negative and hurtful to Pamela Bates, I say, please stop. This woman has done a service to this country and deserves respect and appreciation. Her husband (who is a hero to us all) is back on our soil and she STILL works hard at what she began last year.

To all of those who support our troops, I say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart. I ask that we all continue to lift up in prayer those who've lost loved ones and to be constantly mindful of the sacrifices Soldiers and their families make.

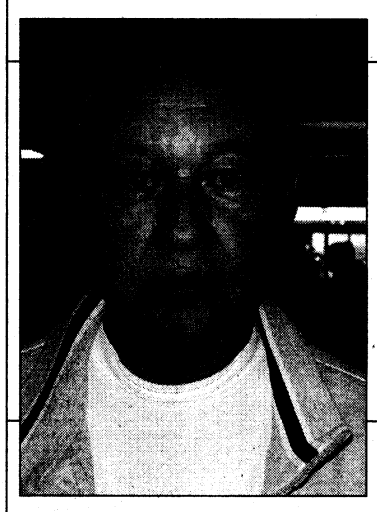
Kimberly Cleveland
Via e-mail

CORRECTION

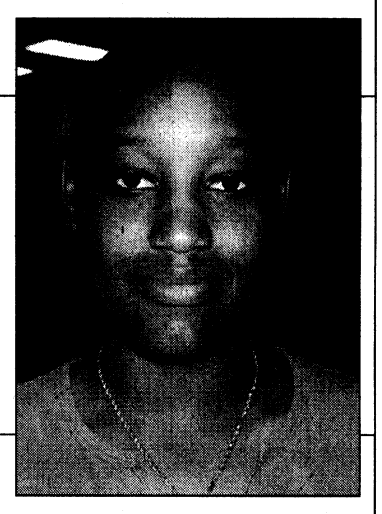
It was reported in the Jan. 30 edition of the Bayonet that members of the staff at the Fort Benning Tax Center are certified H&R Block tax preparers. They are, in fact, trained and certified by the IRS.

VARIOUS VOICES

Why is it important to support our troops while they are overseas?



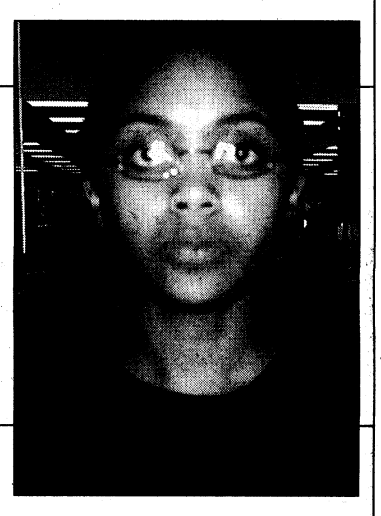
Retired Staff Sgt. Bobby Saffold, Smith Station, Ala. — "It's important to support our troops, because they're overseas protecting us so we don't have to be fighting those people here."



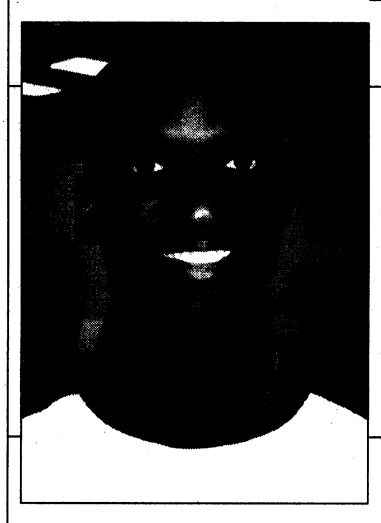
Jaime C. Jackson, family member — "To show them that we're still thinking about them and that we do care."



Staff Sgt. Al Herrera, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "For Morale. Those guys need as much morale as possible. They need to know we are behind them 110 percent."



Shatanna J. Cassidy, family member — "If Soldiers know they have family and friends standing behind them it will help them perform better and return home safely."



Staff Sgt. Adrian L. Gadsen, 1st Battalion, 118th Infantry Regiment, S.C. National Guard — "They are supporting us. That's my final answer."



Margarita Reyes, family member — "While my husband was overseas, I gave him my support and told him to keep his faith. It's important to help them keep their faith in God so they all stay strong come home safely."

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MPs make a difference in post schools

Proactive program helps deter problems

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Some military police officers spend their days standing in the cold checking vehicle after vehicle at any one of Fort Benning's access points. Some prowl the streets of the post performing security checks, traffic stops and responding to calls for assistance.

But a lucky few of Fort Benning's finest get to pass their days actively protecting and nurturing the roughly 2,800 students of the post's seven Department of Defense schools.

The MPs — better known as school resource officers — serve multiple purposes both for the schools they support and the military community as a whole.

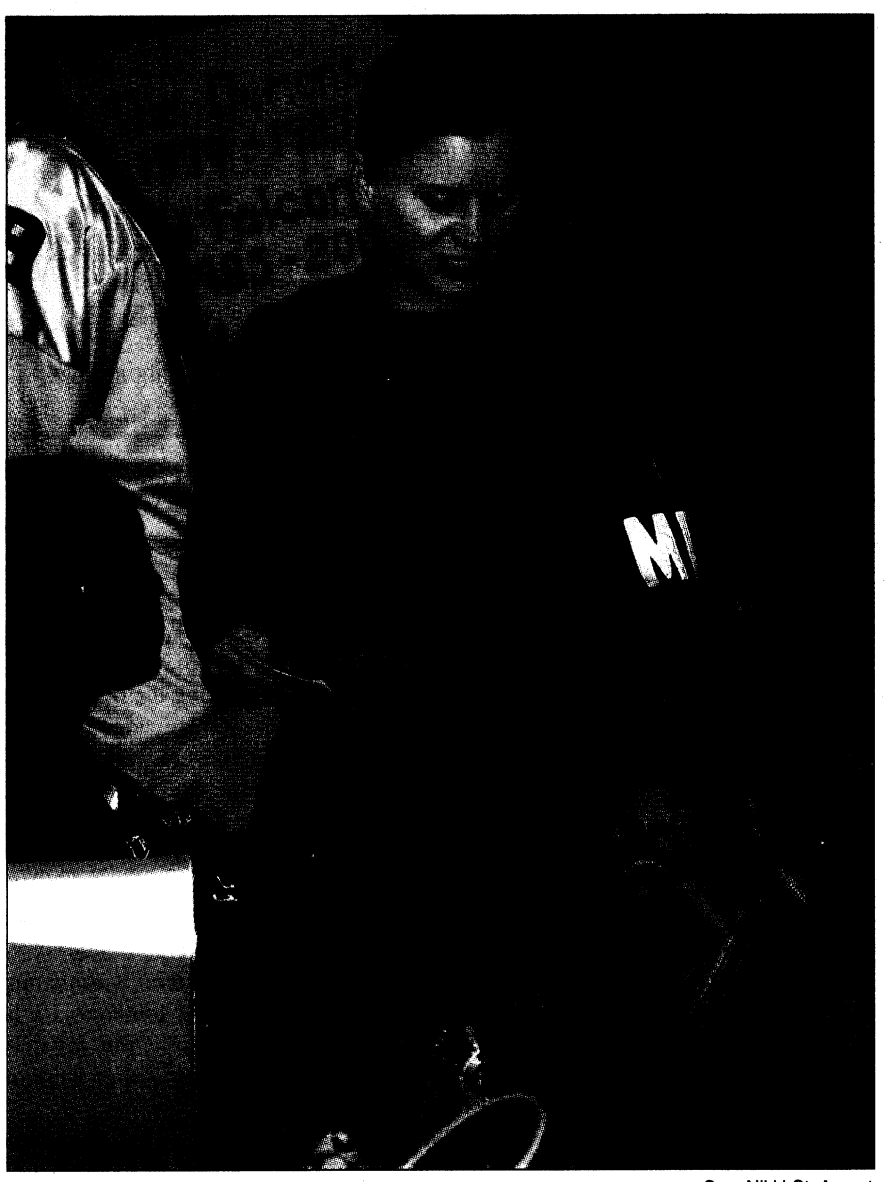
The provost marshal "believes strongly that the schools here on post are very important," said Dr. Gregg Mowen, Faith Middle School's principal.

Mowen said the officers are involved in everything from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program to a student community service program.

Once a month, officers escort students selected by their teachers to the provost marshal's office and give them an all-access tour of the facility.

The students then try their hands at some community service by either helping clean the facility or helping maintain the police cruisers.

The officers also help students get to and from schools, occasionally take part in home visits for students who are having personal problems and serve as part of the security net that keeps post schools safe, Mowen said.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Spc. Jessica Mitchell stops and speaks to students during lunch time at Faith Middle School. She was trying to locate students selected to participate in a field trip she supervises.

Spc. Jessica Mitchell, the school resource officer assigned to Faith Middle School, said she was excited when she learned of the mission to support Fort Benning schools.

"I love kids, so it was right up my alley," Mitchell said.

Mitchell has been working at the school since October 2003 and said that she feels her time at the school has made a difference.

Mitchell said one of the ways her duties have made an impact is by familiarizing the students with the presence of law enforcement officials.

By wearing different uniforms and levels of equipment on different days, Mitchell said, the students get used to all the different gear associated with police.

The more comfortable the kids feel, the more they will trust law enforcement officials and respect them, she said.

"A lot of the kids come to me to talk about things they really don't want to talk about to anyone else," said Mitchell.

> "They are not there as guards, but they do guard the students just by their presence. The better the children understand that police are approachable, the better we become a part of the community and are able to act quickly to correct problems we find out about."
>
> **Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan**
> Provost marshal

Mitchell enjoys rubbing elbows with the kids, but she knows when to draw the line between pal and supervisory figure. The kids can tell the difference, as well.

When Mitchell is performing the serious portions of her job, like enforcing safety guidelines, dealing with truancy issues and talking about the dangers of drug abuse, she said her charges call her "Specialist Mitchell."

But when it's time to bond with those she is entrusted to protect, the serious face comes off, and the kids call her "Officer Friendly".

That is just the kind of officer-student interaction that the provost marshal, Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan, was hoping for when the program was launched this school year.

"They are not there as guards, but they do guard the students just by their presence. The better the children understand that police are approachable, the better we become a part of the community and are able to act quickly to correct problems we find out about," Finnegan said.

The recognition of MPs as not only law enforcement agents, but also valuable members of the community who can often avert problems before they occur, is a critical goal of the program, Finnegan said.

"An immediate benefit has been the interaction between the police officers and the students. Last year, when MPs went into a school, it caused some anxiety, because the students were not used to seeing police in the schools. This year, we are just part of the environment, so when we have needed to send a patrol to the school, it does not seem out of the ordinary for the students," Finnegan said.

"Our goal is to be part of the school system, not a security guard or law enforcer in the school," he said. "This effort has caused the students to understand that the police are approachable to discuss issues and problems the students are confronted with. It has also significantly reduced the juvenile misconduct not just in the schools, but also in our community."

The program's first-year success will be further bolstered with training in the near future, which will give the officers even more tools with which to make a difference.

"This year, the Georgia State Police are providing DARE instructor training, and the Federal Law Enforcement Academy is providing gang awareness and combating gang violence training," said Finnegan.

"This is the first year. We are learning along with the schools how to best be a part of the program," Finnegan said. "Hopefully, every year we are able to improve on the program."

"If you want it all, we've got it all."

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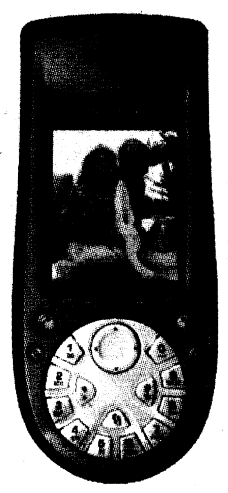

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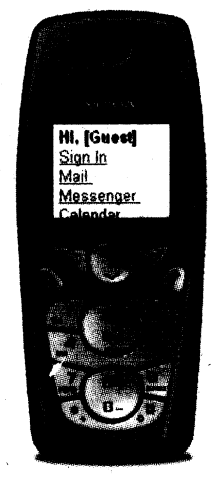

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AAFES employees deploy with troops

Workers 'live like Soldiers' with Soldiers

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

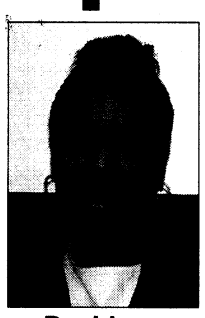
When she signed up two years ago, Trisha Davidson never dreamed she would wake up in the desert halfway around the world, living out of a tent, working 16-hour days, separated from her family and friends.

That isn't exactly the job description most people associate with an AAFES employee.

But Davidson, an office clerk at Fort Benning's Main Mall Post Exchange, deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom right along with the Soldiers — and she loved every minute of her six-month tenure there.

"I enjoyed every moment from the preparation to the time I left there — I have no complaints," said Davidson, who volunteered for the deployment. "I made the most of it, I helped out and I had a ball."

Davidson left for Camp Spearhead, Kuwait, in May 2003. After a weeklong pit stop in Germany, she arrived with four duffle bags jam-packed with uniforms, boots, protective equipment, NBC protective gear — the works.


Davidson

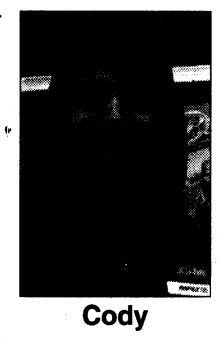
The make-shift PX she would be working at had just been set up among the tents and CONEXs of the desert camp. Her first mission was to "whip it into shape."

Once the store was Soldier-friendly, she spent her days trekking back and forth between the store and its CONEX to maintain it and conduct inventories, training the locals to work the cash registers and escorting them to and from work, supervising the souvenir and greeting card aisles and performing accounting duties after the store had closed.

"The job is never done," she said, laughing.

Despite the infamous desert heat and long hours on the job, Davidson's experience was a "beautiful" one, she said.

"I got to see another culture, and I met so many beautiful people," she said. "I saw beautiful places ... in downtown Kuwait City. I walked along the shores of the Gulf. I learned so much and was able to grow with other people."


Cody

Some of those people were Soldiers, who "brightened our spirits and lifted us up every day," Davidson said.

"They were very appreciative," she said. "We were a family."

Davidson also grew close with her Camp Spearhead church family and constantly invited military personnel to attend its weekly services. Some came, and a few were even baptized in that church and asked her to be there with them.

So what was the hardest part for her?

"Getting used to being back," said Davidson, who is now back to work at the Main Mall PX.

"I fell in love with it over there. I would go back to Kuwait; I would go anywhere," she said. "It's just an adventure to me. Getting to know other people, other cultures and sceneries — it's always been part of my life. It's what makes me tick."

But Davidson's main mission was to help out the OIF cause, a mission that other AAFES employees share.

JoAnn Cody, a sales associate in the Power Zone of the Main Mall PX, volunteered, too. She said goodbye to two teen-age sons and a college-bound daughter and headed to Kuwait in June 2003.

After a week on the ground, though, she decided it was "too hot" there and headed to Mosul, Iraq, on a tip that it was cooler there. Sure, it was more dangerous, but it was a small price to pay.

"There were times when we heard the missiles go off, and we'd have to get on our flak vests and go down into the bunkers," she recalled, adding that the missile activity picked up significantly after October. "But it didn't really bother me. I was never nervous or anything like that."

Instead, Cody was busy working 12- to 14-hour days supervising the electronics section of Mosul's makeshift PX, running the cash registers, helping Soldiers and training Iraqi employees to take over her job when she left. And when she wasn't at work, she was "living just like the Soldiers."

"We were out there in tents, eating MREs and in DFACs, using outhouses and washing our clothes by hand," she said.

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> **Trisha Davidson**
> Office clerk with the Main Mall Post Exchange

Despite the somewhat harsh conditions, Cody said her experience was a good one.

"It was great to see how well we got along with the locals, how well we worked with them," she said, explaining the only challenge was the language barrier. "They were friendly, nice people who really appreciated their jobs."

It was also a chance to help the Soldiers.

"I went there to help provide service to the Soldiers," Cody said. "If there's something I can do for someone, I'll help them. And it was my duty to help them — they were in need."

After six months in Iraq, Cody arrived back home on the morning of Christmas Eve.

Davidson and Cody are just two of 16 AAFES employees from Fort Benning who volunteered to deploy for six months to a year in support of OIF and Operation Enduring Freedom, said Glenn Schubert, the post's AAFES general manager.

"That's our motto — 'We go where you go,'" Schubert said. "We get there pretty much right after Soldiers hit the ground, wherever they deploy.

"We go in right behind them to give them a touch of home," he said.

AAFES' mission is to provide Soldiers the comfort items they might take for granted in their homeland but miss terribly on a deployment, Schubert said.

Something as small as having the kind of deodorant or razor you're use to, or being able to snag a soda or potato chips can make all the difference.

"It gives them something to feel a little more normal," he said.

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Program offers answers for Soldiers

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

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The Army One Source is a telephonic information and referral service that answers questions from parenting and finances to preparing for deployment and mental health.

"We have many family members at remote sites who don't have easy access to military installations," said Cheryl Goliday, mobilization deployment outreach coordinator with Army Community Service. "(With AOS), they can make a connection by picking up the phone. Army One Source is not taking anything away from ACS, but it's a supplement.

AOS is not an automated system, Goliday said. There is a human answering questions — consultants trained to a master's degree level in social work, education, finance or psychology.

"If one of the consultants didn't have an immediate answer, they have researchers there to find out the information, and it's at no cost," Goliday said.

"I toured the facility and saw the operation in action," Goliday said. "They had 70 consultants working per shift ready to answer calls. It was pretty impressive."

Goliday has tried calling AOS a number of times and each time met "no wait."

For those who don't like using the telephone, they can use the Web site and send questions through e-mail.

"There is no phone tree, no menu. The phones are answered by people," said Carla Cary, Family Advocacy Program specialist at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

From the U.S., callers can dial (800) 464-8107, and from outside the U.S., dial the appropriate access code to reach a U.S. number and then (800) 464-8107. Hearing impaired callers should use (800) 364-9188, and Spanish speakers can dial (888) 732-9020.

The Web site is www.army onesource.com, to enter the site employ the user ID: army, password: onesource.

The Army One Source team will be coming to Fort Benning, March 23 through 25 to provide information about the services offered.

For more information, call 545-2449.



Spc. Brian Trapp

The Army One Source is available to Soldiers and their families for information and help 24 hours a day.

New vehicles help protect troops from IEDs in Iraq

Weapons fight threat from explosive devices

Cpl. Joe Niesen
Army News Service

FOB RIDGWAY, Iraq — The U.S. Army has a few new weapons to use in its war against the threat of improvised explosive devices on Iraq's roadways.

The Husky, Meerkat, Buffalo and RG-31 armored car are now being used by Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division's Task Force Pathfinder. The unit comprises Soldiers from a number of active Army, Reserve and National Guard units attached to the 82nd.

The Soldiers, many of whom had never seen the equipment prior to the training they received in theater, have quickly grown fond of the vehicles which were designed both in the United States and South Africa.

"All of our training has been off-the-cuff," said Capt. Michael Biankowski, commander, A Company, 27th Engineers and Task Force Pathfinder.

The Soldiers of Pathfinder had to learn everything about the vehicles in theater. The mechanics had to learn how to repair them, the operators how to drive them and commanders how to use them. For operators, the driving is the easy part; it's learning to operate and interpret the data collected by the sensors while driving that is the challenge.

"Probably the hardest part is the multitasking involved. You have to drive, listen and watch both the screen and the road around you as you drive," said Cpl. Robert Scott, a vehicle operator on the Husky detection vehicle.

The vehicles, primarily designed to detect buried mines, have been searching the roadways for IEDs and other threats to Soldiers on convoys and patrols. So far, the equipment has proven effective for a number of reasons, chiefly the detection abilities of the Husky and Meerkat vehicles.

"We've found at least six IEDs in the short time that we have had the vehicles," said 1st Lt. David Moore, a platoon leader with A Co., 27th Engineers, assigned to the Task Force.

Another reason the Soldiers in Task Force Pathfinder have taken to the vehicles is the fact that each is heavily armored and designed to resist blasts from both mines and IEDs.

"These vehicles are designed to take a blast," said Pfc. Lester Rhodes, a combat engineer and operator of the RG-31 armored car. "The safety given by these vehicles allows us to focus more energy on finding the rounds. Plus, (the RG-31) is comfortable, like riding in an armored Cadillac."

The Task Force, since acquiring the equipment, has attempted to support the entire division's area of responsibility. The vehicles will be handed over to replacing units and remain in theater as long as the threat of IEDs exists.

However, many of the Soldiers assigned to Pathfinder said they are hopeful that the equipment will be standard issue for engineering units.

"At first, I thought that it was just another Army toy," said Scott. "After taking them out on missions and finding IEDs, they definitely do the job. They are the best pieces of equipment out there."



Cpl. Joe Niesen

Pfc. Lester Rhodes, an Rg-31 armored car operator with Taskforce 'Pathfinder,' compares the vehicle to an 'Armored Cadillac.' The Rg-31 serves as a security and medical vehicle.

A few of the vehicles have already been sent to the combat engineer school at Fort Leonardwood, Mo., where Soldiers are now being trained, according to Biankowski.

The team will continue to provide support to units in the area and prepare to train its replacements. The awkward-looking vehicles will visit various bases and attempt to ensure that at least the routes they cover will be free of IEDs, and Soldiers can feel a little safer as they continue to traverse and patrol Iraq's dangerous roads.

"Every round we find is one less that could injure or kill a Soldier," said Sgt. 1st Class Martin Humphreys, a Pathfinder platoon sergeant. "So I'm glad we have this equipment."

Editor's note: *Cpl. Joe Niesen is a member of the 350th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment at Forward Operating Base Ridgway.*

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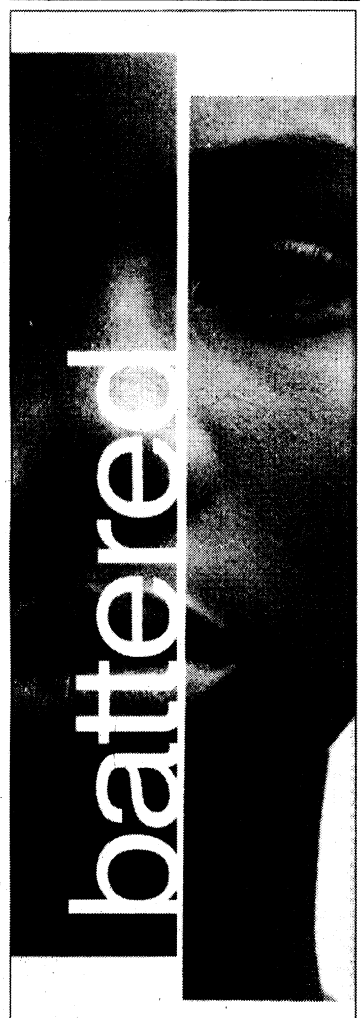

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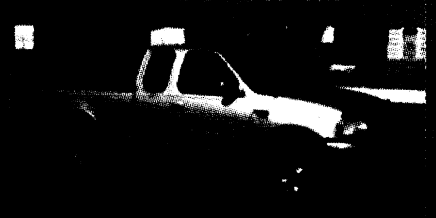
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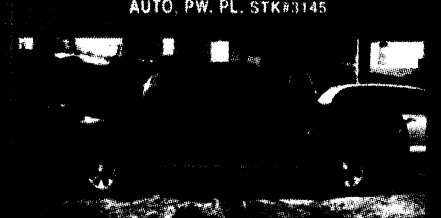
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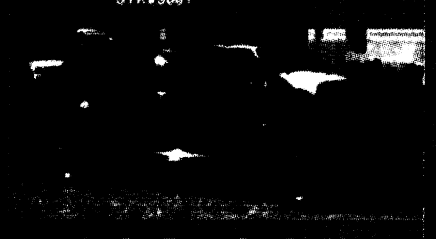
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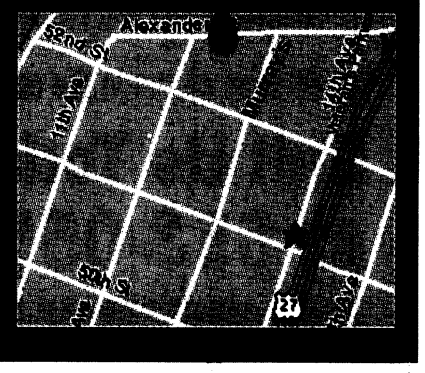

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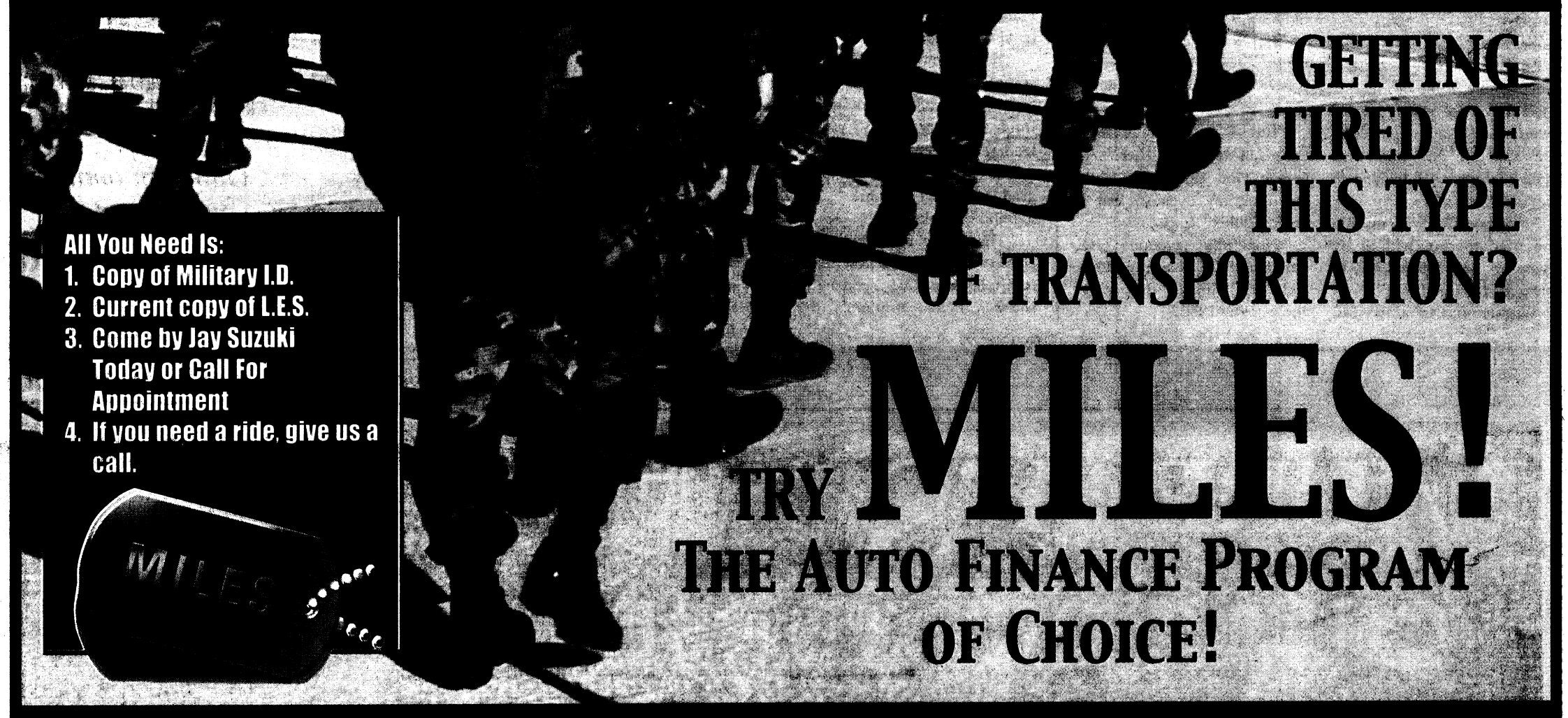

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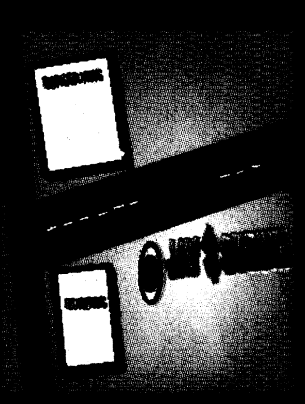

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New health benefits for reservists

Temporary program covers some families

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The Department of Defense announced that it will implement the 2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program for certain eligible reserve component sponsors and their family members.

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act and the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2004 authorized new health benefits, some permanent and some temporary.

The program includes three temporary Tricare benefit provisions — some were effective as of Nov. 6, 2003, and all expire Dec. 31, 2004.

Total expenditures for these new provisions may not exceed the $400 million limit established by Congress for fiscal 2004. Tricare Management Activity will implement the new provisions in phases starting in the spring.

"These new temporary provisions were designed by Congress to improve readiness and enhance access to care for reserve service members and their families," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. "We are implementing these new provisions as soon as possible."

One provision temporarily authorizes Tricare medical and dental coverage for reserve component sponsors activated for more than 30 days and their family members. Eligibility begins either on the day the sponsor receives delayed effective date active-duty orders or 90 days prior to the date the active-duty period begins, whichever is later.

A second provision temporarily extends eligibility for Tricare benefits to 180 days under the Transitional Assistance Management Program for reserve component sponsors who separate from active-duty status during the period Nov. 6, 2003 through Dec. 31, 2004, and their eligible family members.

The third provision temporarily extends Tricare medical benefits to reserve component sponsors and family members who are either unemployed or employed but not eligible for employer-provided health coverage. These temporary provisions end Dec. 31.

"We encourage Reserve component sponsors and family members to save health care receipts, claims and explanation of benefits for dates of service from Nov. 6, 2003, through Dec. 31, 2004," Winkenwerder said. This is necessary in the event the sponsor is determined to be eligible and the care qualifies for retroactive Tricare reimbursement once the program begins, he said.

The three permanent health benefit provisions of the NDAA include benefit counselors for the reserve component in each Tricare region, authorization for medical and dental screening and care for members alerted for mobilization and Tricare eligibility for reserve officers pending orders to active duty following commissioning.

Additional information for reserve component families who have questions regarding the Tricare benefit, or need assistance processing Tricare claims, is available on the Tricare Web site at http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ and the Reserve Affairs Web site at http://www.defenselink.mil/ra.

Each Tricare region will soon have a designated beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator available to assist members and families with understanding and using their enhanced Tricare benefits.

Crash: Teaches

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car and changing her life forever.

"I gave up the rest of my life, my freedom, when I picked the keys up off that bar," Wagoner told the audience of her decision to drive that night. "It was a big price to pay.

"It probably would have been easier if I had passed away," Wagoner said quietly. "But there has to be a reason I'm alive."

Wagoner believes that reason is so that she can save other people from her fate.

"I have to make people aware of the consequences," she said. "No one ever thought this would happen to me, including me.

"I've gone on with my life and tried to deal with it by trying to help others not to make the choices I did."

Wagoner has spent the past eight years telling anyone who will listen her story.

Whether through her 1998 video, *Just Call Me Crash ... The Denise Wagoner Story*, television interviews or public speaking, Wagoner has reached millions of people across the country.

And although she considers her blindness one of the greatest aspects of her "ample punishment," she also considers it a bittersweet blessing.

"If I wasn't blind, I could never get up here in front of people (the way I look now)," she said.

"But I have to believe there's a reason. There's a reason God saved my teeth and took my eyes so that I could do this.

"Hopefully, someone else out there will hear my story and won't make the same choices that I did."

Northern Iraq graduates 11 new platoon leaders

Sgt. Jeremy Heckler
Army News Service

MOSUL, Iraq — The next step in building a stronger Iraqi army began as the first officers graduated from the Northern Iraq Regional Training Center Platoon Leader's Basic Course in Al Qayyarah Feb. 9.

The ceremony marked the completion of two weeks of training designed to provide the Iraqi military with strong leaders. Eleven officers of various ranks received their graduation diploma as dignitaries looked on.

"This is the first graduating class of officers and now these future leaders have a chance to show their soldiers the knowledge they have learned," said Col. Mohammed Ahmed Abdullah, NIRTC commandant.

Soldiers from 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), under the operational control of Task Force Olympia, provided advisors and other assistance to help ensure the training mission was successful.

"We are very glad to be partners with you to make this training a success," said Brig. Gen. Carter F. Ham, commander, Task Force Olympia.

The NIRTC opened in mid-January and was the inspiration of Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). The new training center instructs non-commissioned officers, lieutenants, and new recruits in areas such as leadership, job proficiency, and professionalism. Twenty-two NCOs from the Hamam Al Alil Iraqi Civil Defense Corps company made up the first graduating class of NIRTC on Jan. 31.

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> Northern Iraq Regional Training Center commandant

Editor's note: *Information was provided by Task Force Olympia public affairs and the Multi-National Brigade North.*



APFS: Trains drill sergeants on PT for IET Soldiers

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performance in the physical aspects of their training, he said.

Once developed, the standardized PT was studied and approved by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine independent of the APFS, Rieger said.

"We've made sure we're doing the right thing," he said. "This is a modified PT program that is very well thought-out and researched.

"It's a great conditioning program that toughens the body not only in the right places, but with the proper progression so that (Soldiers) don't get hurt and are better prepared to do their jobs," he said.

The program has been in place in many initial training units for as long as two years, including Fort Benning's Infantry Training Brigade, Rieger said. However, TRADOC has directed the standardized PT be implemented at all IET locations by April 1.

To that end, Rieger and APFS instructors have been on the road, teaching drill sergeants at the Army's five training centers and at other specified locations. All in all, the instructors spend 38 weeks a year traveling and teaching, a pace he anticipates will keep up for the next few years.

The drill sergeants' training includes step-by-step instruction in how to correctly perform each exercise and how to conduct PT sessions for initial entry Soldiers.



Sgt. Kim Dooley

About 94 drill sergeants participated in an Army Physical Fitness School standardized PT program course this week. The PT, which is used at initial entry training locations, shifts focus from preparation for the PT test to preparation for performing Soldier tasks.

"We also spend a lot of time educating the drill sergeants on how to assess the individual Soldiers' fitness level — seeing where their weak points may be," Rieger said. "By teaching the drill sergeants that, they can (potentially) recognize when an injury is going to happen, and then this program is also somewhat preventative in nature.

"Drill sergeants are key to the success of this program," he said.

Staff Sgt. Nathan Haynes, a drill sergeant with D Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, said his unit has already been using the standardized PT to train their Soldiers for quite some time.

"It's more combat-related," said Haynes, who has been training Soldiers for six months. "It definitely gives the privates more mobility and coordination."

The only thing the standardized PT program doesn't do is help the Soldiers with the PT test, Haynes said, but that's not a problem.

The drill sergeants still make sure the Soldiers are trained and ready for the APFT.

"We have them doing push-ups and sit-ups every chance we have so they'll be ready," he said.

While the program is approved doctrine only for initial entry training units, Rieger said the benefits of the program extend to Soldiers in any unit.

"We'll train at Fort Benning whenever we're asked to," he said.

Rieger said Soldiers interested in improving their physical fitness and performance are also welcome to join the APFS' PT sessions from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at Building 468 Ingersoll Avenue.

For more information, call 545-6339.

Flag: Appears on uniforms

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Officers will be required to purchase and have the patch sewn on at their own expense.

Enlisted Soldiers are free to wait until the patch is available at government expense through their unit supply system.

"The commanding general's guidance is that there is no pressure for enlisted Soldiers to conform until funding comes," said Col. Bob Brown, Directorate of Operations and Training. "And right now, there is no funding support from Department of the Army."

Brown said funds should be available to purchase the insignia in October — the beginning of the next fiscal year.

In an Army News Service interview, Sgt. Maj. Walter Morales, the uniform policy chief from the Army Personnel Office, said the Army needs approximately 30 million flags, and deploying personnel will have priority for getting them.

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According to the message, the new policy only comes into effect according to when a commander can procure the insignia and implement it based on the operational tempo.

"I was at the Pentagon," Brown said, "and their duty uniform is now the BDU. No more Class As.

"We are a nation at war, and sometimes at peace," he said.

"That's what the (Chief of Staff of the Army) message is."

And that's what the DA message said — that as a nation at war and as an expeditionary Army, Soldiers' commitment to fight and win in the nation's war is best exemplified by permanently wearing the U.S. flag insignia on uniforms.

AROUND POST

Black History Month Luncheon

The Black History Month Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Officers' Club.

The theme of this year is "African-Americans and Education: The 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education," with guest speaker, Deborah Grant. Luncheon tickets are $7.50.

For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-3198.

Tuskegee trip

The Fort Benning Equal Opportunity Office presents the fourth annual cultural awareness field trip to Tuskegee University, Thursday.

Buses will depart from Building 2509 (located off Indianhead Road) at 8 a.m. and return around 6 p.m.

The trip is free, but lunch will cost $4.50 at the university's cafeteria or lunches can be brought.

The trip is open to all Soldiers and DoD civilians.

If interested, see your unit's EO advisor. Registration cut-off date is Monday.

For more information, contact your EOA or the post Equal Opportunity Office at 545-6665.

Antiterrorism course set for March 1-5

A unit antiterrorism advisor course is required by regulation and being offered by a Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., mobile training team March 1-5 in Infantry Hall. Major subordinate commands have received notification of the course and seats have been allocated.

For more information, call 545-4484.

U.S. Military Academy Founders Day Celebration

Graduates and friends of the U.S. Military Academy are invited to attend a Founders Day celebration at 6 p.m. March 6 in the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

Guest Speaker is Brig. Gen. Leo A. Brooks, commandant of cadets. For more information, call Capt. Ali Palmer at 544-8826 or 544-9222.

Ranger School graduation

The next Ranger Training Brigade graduation is Feb. 27.

Before graduation is Rangers in Action, a demonstration of the skills Soldiers learn during training. Rangers in Action starts at 11 a.m. For more information, call 544-6417.

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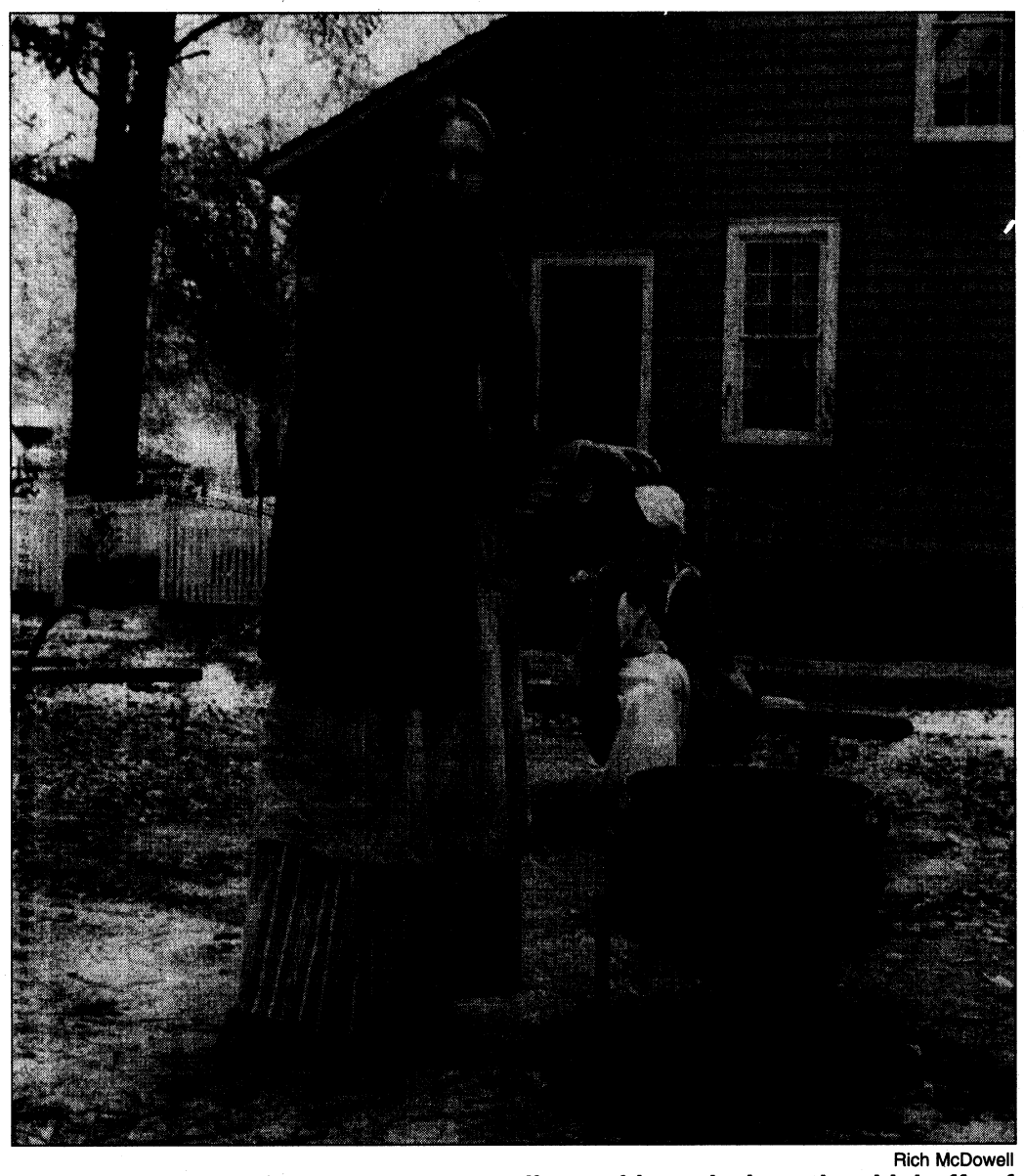

Rich McDowell

Nea Permenter demonstrates candle making during the kickoff of Chattahoochee County's 150th anniversary. It takes 100 dips into the tallow to make a candle. Nea is wearing a year-round period dress that is layered to protect early settlers from the cold, but also the heat.

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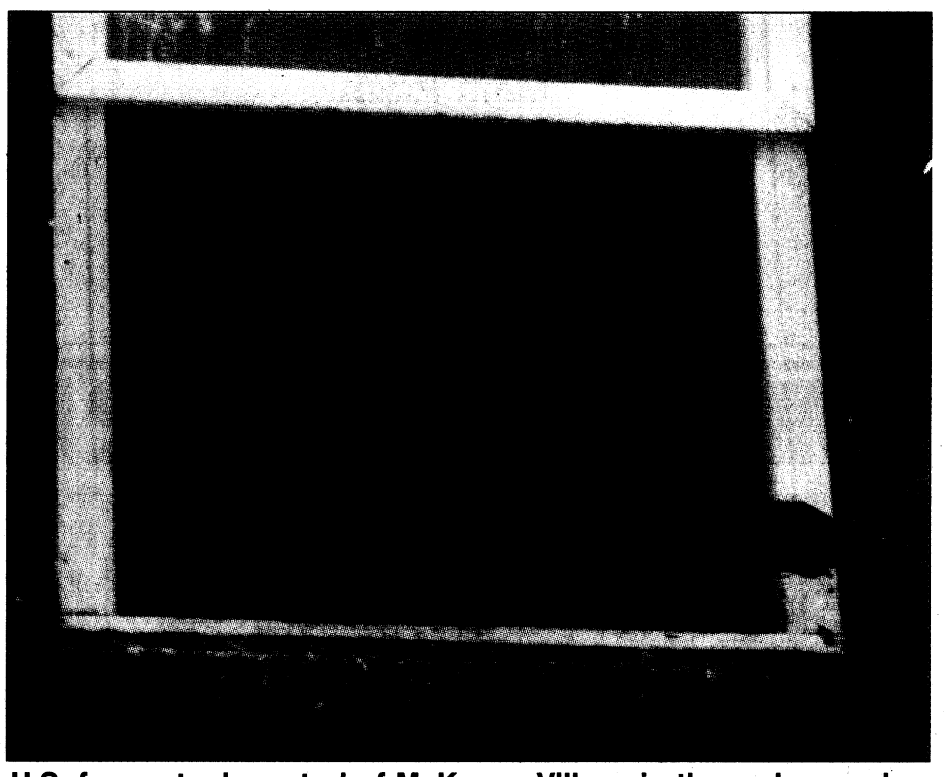
More than 200 students in Infantry Officer Basic Course Class 01-04 participated in a SASO — support and stability operation — drill Feb. 10 at Fort Benning's McKenna MOUT Site, a mock village designed for training in urban warfare.
The students role-played angry villagers and the occupying forces were tasked with maintaining control.
Here, a Soldier checks for weapons on 2nd Lt. John Wells, an IOBC student playing an insurgent. The exercise was the culmination of weeks of training in what the first sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Joe Hughes, called "real world stuff — the kinds of situations they'll find themselves in in Iraq."

Students face contempt of McKenna villagers



An angry villager, played by 2nd Lt. Randall Taylor, confronts 2nd Lt. John Salazar, a moderator trying to keep peace between U.S. occupying forces and McKenna villagers. Some of the villagers were loyal to the cult leader ousted by the Soldiers and others were simply impatient with the presence of foreign forces, a situation much like U.S. Soldiers are facing in Iraq.



U.S. forces took control of McKenna Village in the early morning hours Feb. 10 and spent several hours trying to control disgruntled villagers. Here, 2nd Lt. Aaron Leveritt peers from a window overlooking the woods surrounding the village.

SASO exercise challenges peacekeepers

Nowhere, it could be argued, is the phrase "familiarity breeds contempt" more evident than Iraq, where the citizens who once hailed Americans as heroes are growing more and more impatient with their presence.

When 200 students — many guardsmen — in Infantry Officers Basic Course Class 01-04 graduate next week, more than half of them are expected to deploy soon after to conduct peacekeeping missions in Iraq, where they'll see firsthand how quickly tension can escalate into violence.

"They'll be doing what we call support and stability operations — SASO. It's what's going on in the world today," said Sgt. 1st Class Joe Hughes, the first sergeant of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment.

Hughes and the A Company cadre put their students to the test Feb. 10 to see if they're prepared to handle the highly volatile environment they'll encounter in Iraq, where more U.S. Soldiers have been killed since President Bush declared an end to combat operations than during the war.

"It's not always going to be easy to tell who the enemy is. They don't advertise," Hughes said. "These (Soldiers) will have to know what to look for, how to take precautions to keep a situation from getting out of hand, and how to react if it does."

That was the scenario Feb. 10 at the McKenna Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Site, designed to simulate the kind of war-torn city Soldiers might encounter in modern urban warfare.

The IOBC students attacked the village in the early morning hours, wrestling it from the clutches of an enemy the 1st platoon trainer called "a kind of Branch Dividian cult on steroids — a really nasty bunch."

"We didn't want to zero in on any one cult or enemy they're familiar with," said Capt. Andrew Cyckowski, who scripted the scenario. "They don't need to have any preconceived ideas about what the enemy looks like or acts like. That's the point."

In fact, the line between enemy and grateful citizen became blurred when cadre and students, role-playing irate storekeepers and rebel sympathizers, challenged the authority of U.S. troops. Students were forced to "put out fires" all over town, Cyckowski said, while keeping an eye on the outskirts of the village, where the rebels lurked.

At one point, a mob of villagers shouted obscenities and shoved the Soldiers, and a car bomb was detonated at a checkpoint.

The cadre, in what Hughes called "the coach-mentor mode," met with the students periodically "to regroup and see just what's working and what's not."

IOBC, a 16-week course, includes instruction on urban tactics, marksmanship, land navigation, troop-leading tactics, weapons, offensive and defensive operations, individual readiness and demolitions. The McKenna exercise was "a culmination of all we've taught them," Hughes said.

"Now it's 'let's see what you know' time. Let's see how long it takes for them to get it under control, so they can ultimately turn it back over to the villagers," he said.

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> A Company, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

2nd Lt. Eivind Forseth was an enlisted Soldier in 1995, when he served with the 1st Brigade Combat Team in Bosnia. He realized, perhaps more than most of his classmates, the importance of the McKenna exercise.

"I've been there, done that. I'd say not even 10 percent of this class has been deployed," Forseth said. "I know how scary these situations can be."

Hughes deemed the exercise a success, though the students didn't always react as he would have hoped.

"That's why we have these things," he said. "To see just how much they don't know. Better to find out here than out there where it's real.

"They did pretty good, but most importantly, they learned from their mistakes."



A hostile villager, played by 2nd Lt. Albert Walsh, reacts to being restrained by an American Soldier.

Story and photos by Bridgett Siter

14th FH combines with infantry for FTX

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The 14th Field Hospital made a first in recent history when it worked together with B Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, during its field training exercise so both units would benefit.

The field hospital trained on their warrior skills and the infantry unit trained on their medical skills.

"It was a great opportunity to certify ourselves in warrior tasks to train NCOs and instructors," said 1st Sgt. Jeffery Curry, B Co., 1st Bn., 29th Infantry Regt. first sergeant.

"First Sergeant Sanchez, First Sergeant Curry and I got together and decided it was time to do something," said Sgt. 1st Class Josephine Williams, 14th Field Hospital training and supply sergeant.

The field hospital Soldiers set up tents, made a perimeter fence and posted a guard. They received classes from 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt. instructors on giving SALUTE reports, calling for fire, filling out range cards, hand-to-hand combatives, individual tactical movements and an introduction to the Bradley.

Learning about the Bradley Fighting Vehicle can help the Soldiers, because some of them haven't seen the inside of a Bradley, Williams said. If at some point they need to go into a Bradley to get a patient, they will be more familiar with it.

"The Soldiers know their medical tasks but (some of them) don't know basic Soldier (skills)," Williams said. "They need it, because if they're dead, they're no good. So they have to learn basic Soldier skills."

"(The tactical training) is important. Although doing a hospital job, we're also securing the area and brushing up on our Soldier skills, which we also need to be proficient in," said Sgt. Janna Gaddy, a licensed practical nurse with 14th FH. This was the first time for a lot of training on warrior tasks for her. The training she experienced made her more prepared for the future, she said.

"Now that I'm an LPN, I thought I would go to a fixed facility and be indoors," Gaddy said. "Now I'm doing more as an LPN in a (combat support hospital) than I was as a medic before. When I went to LPN, I thought I would get away from the field. But I enjoy it, getting out here and doing this stuff. I'm a nurse and I get to do hand-to-hand combat so I'll be a (better) nurse."

While the members of the 14th FH were benefiting from their tactical training, B Co., 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt. was in turn receiving medical training.

"We only have certain times to get combat life saver qualified," said Staff Sgt. Francisco Diaz, B Co., 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt., platoon sergeant. "(The 14th FH) will provide the company with that training to help us out. It works out pretty good because we only have certain number of slots on the medic side of the house."

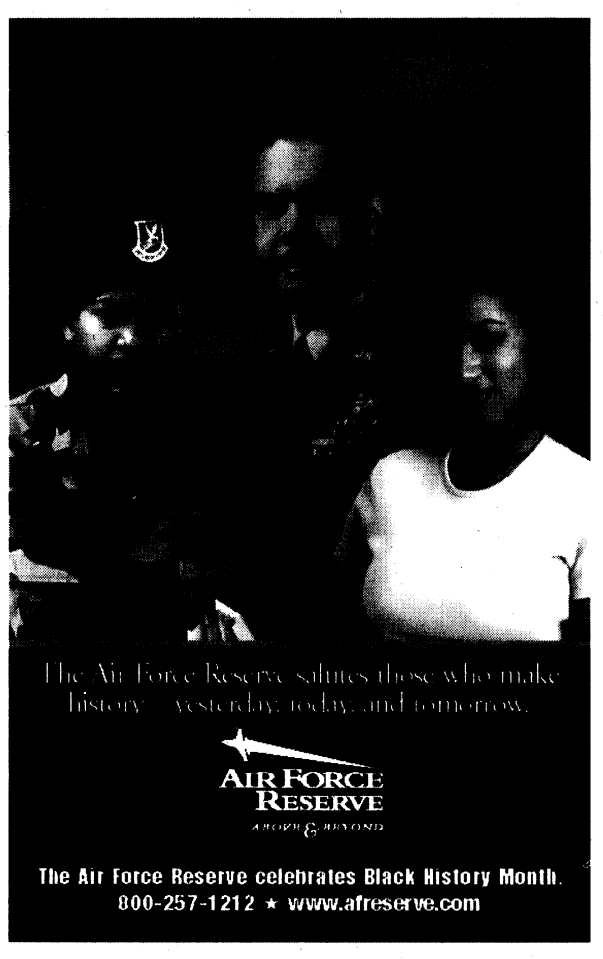


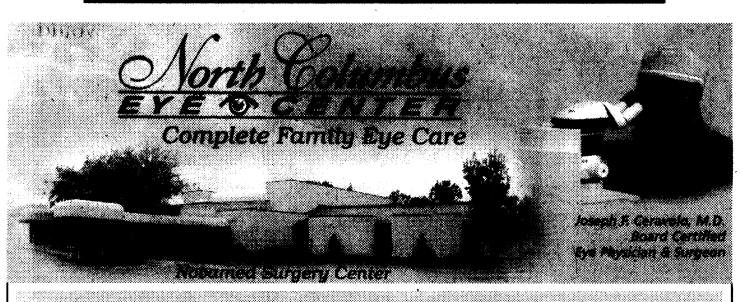
Photos by Spc. Brian Trapp

1st Sgt. Ruben Sanchez, 14th Field Hospital, bottom, practices hand-to-hand combat.



Sgt. Clinton Tompkins has five minutes to give his SALUTE report





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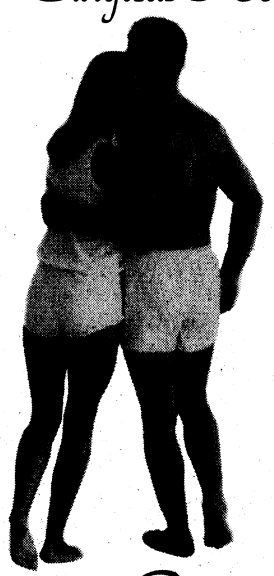

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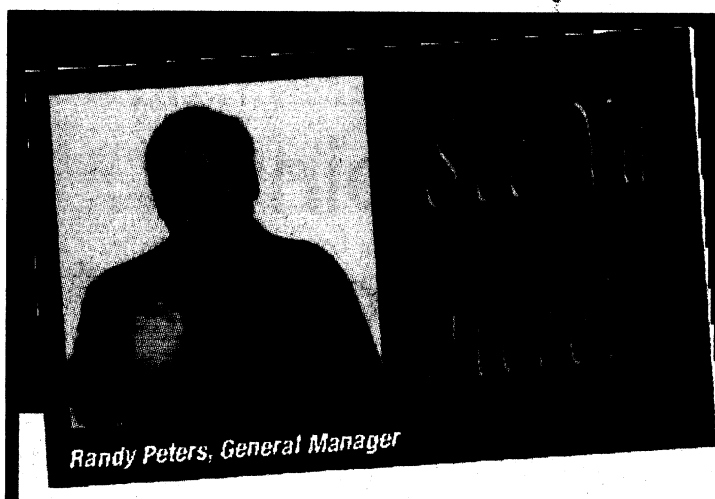

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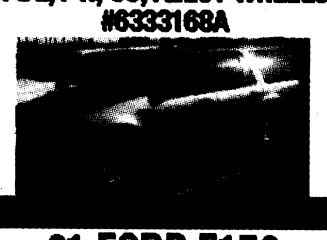

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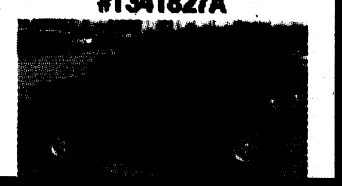

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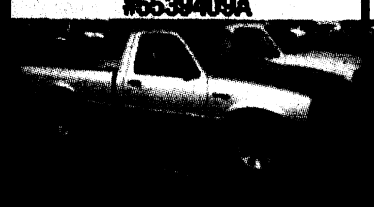

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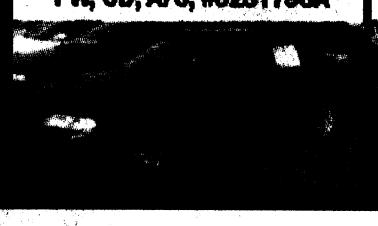

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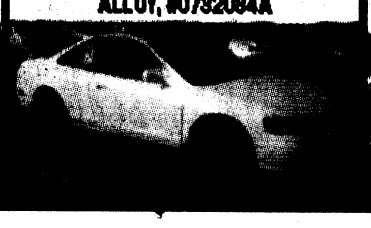

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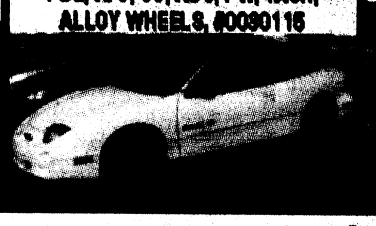

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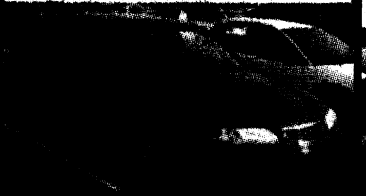

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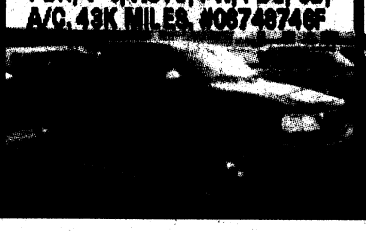

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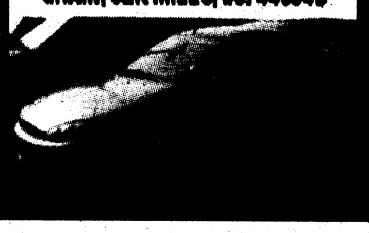



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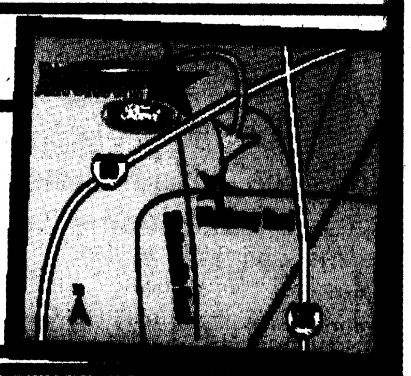

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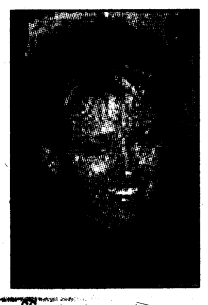

Some people insist on calling that fellow perched — *most* of the time — in front of Infantry Hall Iron Mike, and persistent efforts to set them straight have proved futile. I'm OK with that.

The big man, dubbed "the Infantryman," is away for some long over-due cleaning and corrective surgery at a spa in Colorado. There he'll be used to cast a bronze clone, which will replace the original in front of Infantry Hall. Vintage Mike will likely be housed in the new National Infantry Museum when it's built.

So with Mike away for R&R, seems like as good a time as any to educate his fans about his history.

The Follow Me Statue is the official name given to the one and a half ton, 22-foot structure in its entirety, but when it was dedicated May 3, 1960, it was simply called the Infantryman, for the 12-foot figure on top.

At the behest of Maj. Gen. Paul Freeman Jr., the commanding general of the Infantry Center from 1958-60, the Infantryman was designed by two enlisted Soldiers, whose sole job back in 1959 was to create a larger-than-life tribute to the combat infantryman. Spcs. 4th Class Karl Von Krog and Manfred Bass designed, sculpted, molded and cast the figure, using an officer candidate, Eugene Wyles, as their model, dressed in a World War II- and Korean War-era uniform, in what was called "the typical pose of the infantry squad leader."

Von Krog and Bass used steel for the frame, a polyester resin compound for the base, and —

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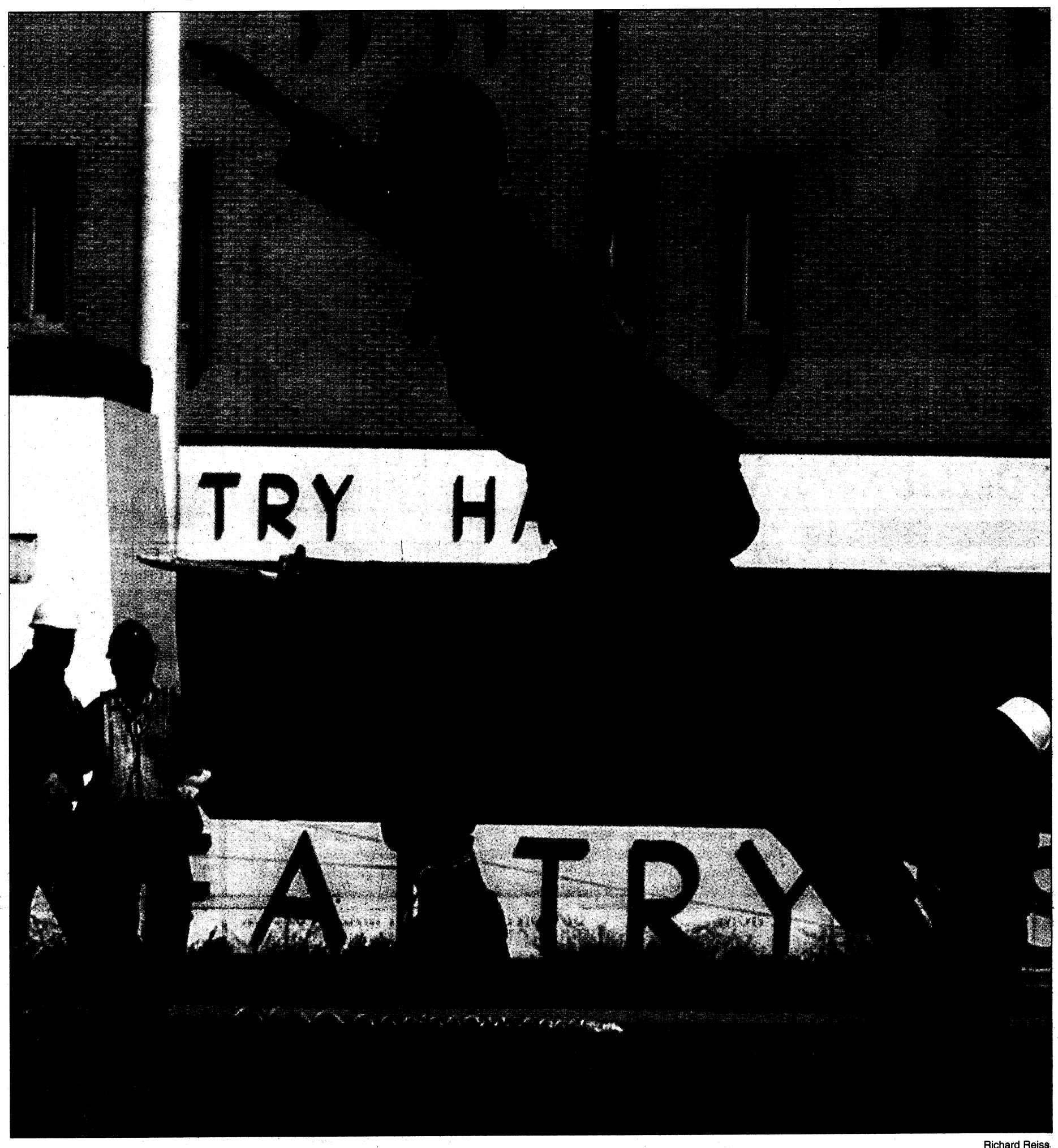

Richard Reiss

The Infantryman is hoisted from his perch in front of Infantry Hall Feb. 13. The 12-foot tall figure of a World War II era- infantry Soldier will spend nearly six months in Loveland, Colo., where it'll be restored and cast into a bronze clone. The bronze statue will replace the original, which was created by two enlisted Soldiers in 1960. The statue pictured here, often referred to as 'Iron Mike,' will likely find a home at the new National Infantry Museum when it is constructed.

License renewal program saves time

Georgia DMV

You can renew your driver's license from the comfort of your home. The Department of Motor Vehicle Safety mails applications to those who wish to renew their Georgia license or identification card by mail, Internet or telephone. The license looks exactly like one issued from a Customer Service Center. DMVS uses the last photo taken plus fingerprints and signature on file.

The fees have not increased — $15 for a regular renewal and $8 if the applicant is an organ donor. There is no additional charge for the automated options.

For those without Internet access, the license can be renewed by phone using a major credit card. Also, public librarys provide Internet access.

The renewal application provides an identification number that is required to renew your license or ID on the Internet or telephone. All applicants are instructed to destroy their old license immediately upon receipt of the replacement.

Qualified drivers receive the application about 60 days before their birthdays. Applicants must have no infractions on their driving record and have a photo, fingerprint and signature on file.

To renew by mail, simply fill out the application, enclose a check or money order and mail it. Or access the DMVS Web site: www.dmvs.ga.gov, and use information provided on the application to renew online using a major credit card. A toll-free telephone number is provided.

Each transaction takes about four minutes. There can be no changes made via the automated renewal program.

A critical factor in the success of this program is the ability to mail the application to the customer's correct address. State law dictates that drivers provide a change of address at a CSC within 60 days of moving. The postal service cannot forward the undeliverable applications.

For more information, contact the DVMS at 678-413-8657.

Benning offers home-school families resources, activities

Post aims to provide more services

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Fort Benning school liaison officer DeWayne Baldwin is the first to admit it — there hasn't been much in the way of organized resources for post home-schoolers in the past.

Sure, services and resources have been available upon request, but despite a few minor efforts, the bulk of the home-school community has never been properly introduced to the agencies that could best help them.

It's time to change that, Baldwin said.

To that end, he will host an orientation for home-school families March 4 to give them a guided tour of facilities and resources they can take advantage of right here on Fort Benning.

Child and Youth Services will offer up its gym and physical education instruction, and plans are underway with Briant Wells Field House to reserve pool time for home-school families and possibly offer swimming lessons or water aerobics.

Meanwhile, although School Age Services already sets aside special hours for home-schoolers to take advantage of its computer lab, Baldwin said computer instruction will be available.

"Most home-school families have computers at their homes that they use, but this would give them the opportunity to do things they might not be able to in the home — like taking a computer apart and seeing the inside of it, then putting it back together and making it work again," he said.

Baldwin has other ideas, too — things like coordinated field trips and college visits.

But before he makes further plans, he wants to hear from the home-school parents, and the orientation will provide the perfect opportunity.

"Our programs (for home-schoolers) can grow if we know what their needs are," he said.

"We've let the ball slip with the (home-school community) before, but we don't want them to feel like no one is willing to reach out to them, like no one has their interests in mind."

The orientation will be from to 10 to 11:30 a.m. March 4 in Building 359. Baldwin does request that anyone planning to attend call him to RSVP at 545-6811.

CLOSER

Here's a look at what Fort Benning already offers home-school families:

- Child and Youth Services has special hours for home-school families to use their gym and will soon offer organized educational activities for interested families.
- School Age Services reserves special hours in its computer lab for home-school children. An computer technician will be available to provide some computer instruction and activities like dismantling and reconstructing a computer.
- Plans are underway with Briant Wells Field House to reserve hours in the pool for home-school families and possibly provide swim instruction or water aerobics.
- An orientation for home-school parents will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. March 4 in Building 359. The orientation will introduce parents to available services and seek their input for more programs.

BIRTHS

Boys

Efrain Thomas Collazo Jr. — born Jan. 30 to Sherrie and Staff Sgt. Efrain Collazo.

Adam Mitchell Felten — born Jan. 31 to Lori and Staff Sgt. Kent Felten.

Seth Clayton Davis — born Feb. 4 to Jennifer and Capt. Edmond Davis.

Girls

Sanai Katelyn Young — born Jan. 30 to Shana and Staff Sgt. Stanley Young Jr.

Alana Diane Oden — born Jan. 31 to Dargina and Sgt. Eric Oden.

Holley Rae Johnson — born Feb. 3 to Felicia and Capt. Raymond Johnson Jr.

Quinn Margaret Scholtes — born Feb. 5 to Margaret and 1st Lt. Jeremy Scholtes.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Pfc. David Foley

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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School board meeting — The next meeting of the Fort Benning School board will be at 1 p.m. Monday in the conference room of the Fort Benning Schools Administrative Building, located at 7201 Custer Road.

For more information, call 545-7276.

Military Citizenship Day — The Atlanta District Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services will host Military Citizenship Day Feb. 27.

The ceremony will be at 1 p.m. in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall.

Military personnel who have applied for citizenship before Aug. 1, 2003 are encouraged to contact their personnel officers and request that their name be submitted for consideration. Family member who have applied before January 2003 are requested to fax their Notice of Action Form I-797C to (404) 331-6031, also for consideration to Community Liaison Officer, Bill Castro.

Town Hall Meeting — East Main Post will hold a Town Hall Meeting at 7 p.m. March 2 at White Elementary School.

For more information, call the Community Life Office at 545-2830, 545-1526 or 545-3069.

Lifeguard training — The American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5-8; April 17 and 18; and April 24-25. Classes are $125 and are held at Briant Wells Indoor Pool and American Red Cross Office.

For more information, call 545-5194.

OSC Scholarship information — The Fort Benning Officers' Spouses' Club scholarship is open to family members with a valid military ID card residing in the tricommunity or whose sponsor is assigned or attached to Fort Benning.

Applications must be postmarked by March 20.

The scholarship Applications are available at the OSC Thrift Shop, Officers' Club, Sayers Library, from high school guidance counselors. Questions can be directed to the scholarship chairman by calling 687-6111.

Commissary changes — The Department of Defense has announced the following members and their dependents will be permitted access to commissary stores: members of the Ready Reserve and members of the Retired Reserve with a uniformed services ID card; former members eligible for retired pay at age 60 but who are not yet 60 with a DoD civilian ID card; and dependents of the members described above who have a uniformed services ID card or who have a distinct ID card used as an authorization card for benefits and privileges administered by the uniformed services.

For more information, visit www.commissaries.com.

Free English classes — Free English as a second language instruction is being offered for adults from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at E.A. White Elementary School.

The instruction is designed for those who need help with grammar, vocabulary, civic and naturalization issues and conversational fluency.

For more information, call Myrtle L. Chalkley at 545-4562 or 545-7742.

Open Recreation Program — The Open Recreation Program is designed for occasional use of the School Age Services program and includes participation in regularly scheduled SAS activities offered each day. Children will be picked up from school and dropped off at their designated program, which last from 2 to 6:30 p.m. There is no fee for the program.

For more information, call 545-3605.

YS supports home-schoolers — There are educational programs to support home-school curriculums and instructional support from Child and Youth Services staff for Fort Benning home-schoolers.

Child and Youth Services is making sure home-schoolers have access to all the support services, including "Open Recreation" and "Home-School Computer Lab." From 9 a.m. until noon Tuesdays, the YS gym will be available for home-school families. From 9 a.m. until noon Thursdays, the computer lab in the School-Age Services building will be open for home-school families.

For more information, call 545-3062.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The AA meetings support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

OSC Welfare Funds — The OSC Welfare Committee is accepting applications for Welfare Fund disbursements. Non-profit groups and organizations on Fort Benning and Columbus and national military organizations are eligible to request funds. Organizations should be as specific as possible in describing how the funds will be used, and should also solicit funds from other sources as well.

The application deadline is April 1.

For more information, e-mail oscwelfare04@hotmail.com.

Beacon College — Beacon College and Graduate School offers undergraduate degrees in psychology, business and biblical studies and graduate degrees in biblical studies, pastoral ministry, counseling ministry and divinity. Full financial aid, including veterans' assistance, is available. A Beacon College representative is on post every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. in Building 2602, Soldiers' Plaza. For more information, call 323-5634.

HOPE Grant Program — The HOPE Grant Program will pay all tuition and fees for diploma and certificate programs at Columbus Technical College and up to $100 per quarter for textbooks for all active-duty military and their family members. Civilian employees are also eligible if they are Georgia residents and have a Georgia driver's license. For more information, call Clovie Quick at 545-9848 or 545-9864 or e-mail him, quick2325@aol.com or clovie.c.quick@us.army.mil

ACS Lending Closet — The purpose of the Army Community Service Lending Closet is to lend household goods to soldiers and their families who are awaiting receipt of their household goods or preparing to PCS. For more information, call 545-4485.

Student rewards — Students in sixth through eighth grades wishing to participate in the "You Made the Grade" program can bring B-average or better report cards into the Main Mall Post Exchange for a coupon book with savings of more than $50 on items such as shoes, fragrances or fast food. Entry forms for U.S. savings bonds drawings are included.

AAFES awards savings bonds totaling $10,000 to three students each quarter.

For more information, call the PX at 682-0826.

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3rd Armored Division reunion — The 3rd Armored Division (Spearhead) will hold its fourth annual reunion July 14-18 in Columbus, Ohio.

This will be the first join reunion with World War II 3rd Armored Div. veterans.

For more information, call Carl Erickson at (301) 520-3275 or visit www.3AD.org.

547th reunion — The 547th Engineer Battalion (Combat) Association and its attached units (552d and 1328th) will hold its 18th annual reunion July 29-Aug. 1 in Pensacola, Fla.

For more information, call George McDonald at (850) 994-1063 or e-mail animcdona@aol.com.

Study tour — Join Dr. Jim Medcap, professor of horticulture at The University of Georgia, for an English Gardens Study Tour Certificate Program June 15-24.

For more information, call Joanne Cavis at 653-4200 or visit www.gactr.uga.edu/is/gardentour.

Infantry Band concerts — The Infantry Band chamber music series continues with concerts at 7 p.m. March 2 at Smiths Station Baptist Church, 9 a.m. April 4 at Fort Benning's Main Post Chapel, and 12:15 p.m. April 6 at St. Luke United Methodist Church.

For more information, call 545-5313.

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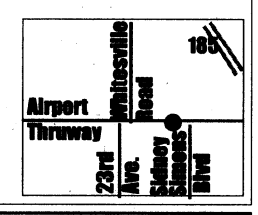



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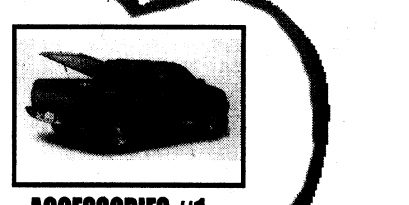

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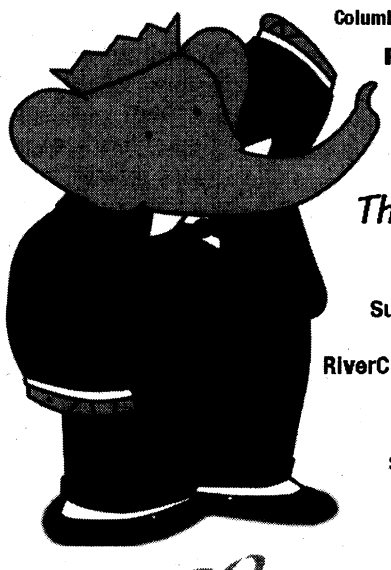

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Scouts, Soldiers' sons, earn eagle wings

Four teens awarded Eagle Scout badges

Donna Budjenska
Bayonet correspondent

Fort Benning is home to many achievers, from those who ace airborne training to those who rock on as rangers.

But Soldiers aren't the only ones who've earned prestigious titles and awards.

Four Boy Scouts with ties to Fort Benning have done what it takes to earn their Eagle Scout badge, an achievement only 4 percent of all Boy Scouts attain. That's no small feat.

Chris Anest, Matthew Charlton, Kelts Green and Chris Herold, all sons of service members, have been involved in scouting for years and have assumed leadership roles in Troop 24.

"I'm very proud of these four boys," said Carl "Bud" Paepcke, scoutmaster for Troop 24. "It takes a lot of work."

Keep in mind that working to obtain the Eagle Scout rank was not a full-time occupation for these young men. They attend high school, participate in sports, involve themselves in community and religious activities and stay busy just being teen-agers.

But to become Eagle Scouts, each of them had to complete the tasks and meet the requirements set forth for attaining the rank.

They had to earn 21 merit badges, take an active role in the troop, attend meetings and campouts and complete a project.

All of these tasks had to be finished before they turned 18.

The project is the most involved aspect of the Eagle trail, said Paepcke. He had to approve all the ideas the boys proposed to undertake, and then the boys had to present their detailed plans to a review board made up of adult Scout leaders.

Each Scout spearheads his own project, organizing and overseeing it. Younger troop members who have their own community service requirements to fulfill assist them. Any equipment or supplies needed are provided by the organization benefiting from the Scouts' labor.

The Scouts were recognized during a Court of Honor ceremony Feb. 15 at Columbus' First Presbyterian Church, which sponsors Troop 24.

Christopher Anest

Anest is a 16-year-old junior in Hardaway High School's International Baccalaureate program. For his Eagle Scout project, he built an extension to Edgewood Baptist Church's youth group room.

It took about 120 hours for Anest and the other volunteers to complete the construction, working under the guidance of the church's construction foreman.

Striving to attain Eagle Scout is "a big sign that you support the values of scouting," said his mother, Deanna Anest.

Anest twice outlined different projects, but as he was planning each they fell through for one reason or another. Now that he's finished, she said, he has gained confidence that he can plan an extensive project and lead people so the project is successfully completed.

Anest's father, Lt. Col. Peri Anest, is in 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment.

Matthew Charlton

Charlton is a 17-year-old Columbus High School junior. His Eagle Scout project involved renovating the Fort Benning Hunt Club's farrier stand and quarantine area.

It took 230 hours' worth of work. Following completion, Charlton had to go back to the review board to give a presentation documenting his project (a requirement all Eagle Scouts must fulfill).

"He feels a great sense of accomplishment," said his mother, Heidi Charlton.

She explained that the Hunt Club project was actually his third board-approved plan: His first two project ideas were overcome by the burning of the Main Post Catholic chapel (which negated his idea of painting and repair work there) and the Iraqi War, which required the 36th Engineer Group to deploy (thus robbing Charlton of his allies in his plans to build an outdoor volleyball court at Club Beyond).

His father is Lt. Col. John Charlton of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry.

Kelts Green

Green is a 17-year-old senior at Columbus High School.

He renovated four classrooms at Temple Israel as his Eagle Scout project.

After working with the rabbi to assess the project scope, Green had to figure out how much he'd need in the way of supplies to paint, replace ceiling tiles and perform other repair work.

Then he had to present that list to the temple board, which chose to support and fund the project.

One twist in Green's experience is that he actually completed his project in the summer of 2002.

What kept him from earning his Eagle Scout rank at that time was that he still had to get merit badges, a task delayed by school and other obligations.

Still, the rewards of having worked hard to complete the project aren't lost on Green, even though he had to wait to pin on the Eagle Scout badge.

"Every Sunday he sees the results of his work," said his father, Col. Lawrence Green with DENTAC.

Green's mother is Gitta Meyer-Green.

Christopher Herold

Herold is an 18-year-old Columbus High School senior.

To complete his Eagle Scout requirements, he built furnishings for the Catholic parish at Fort Benning: a small altar and storage cabinet for the Sightseeing Road Chapel and a rolling altar for use during the Spanish mass at the Main Post Chapel.

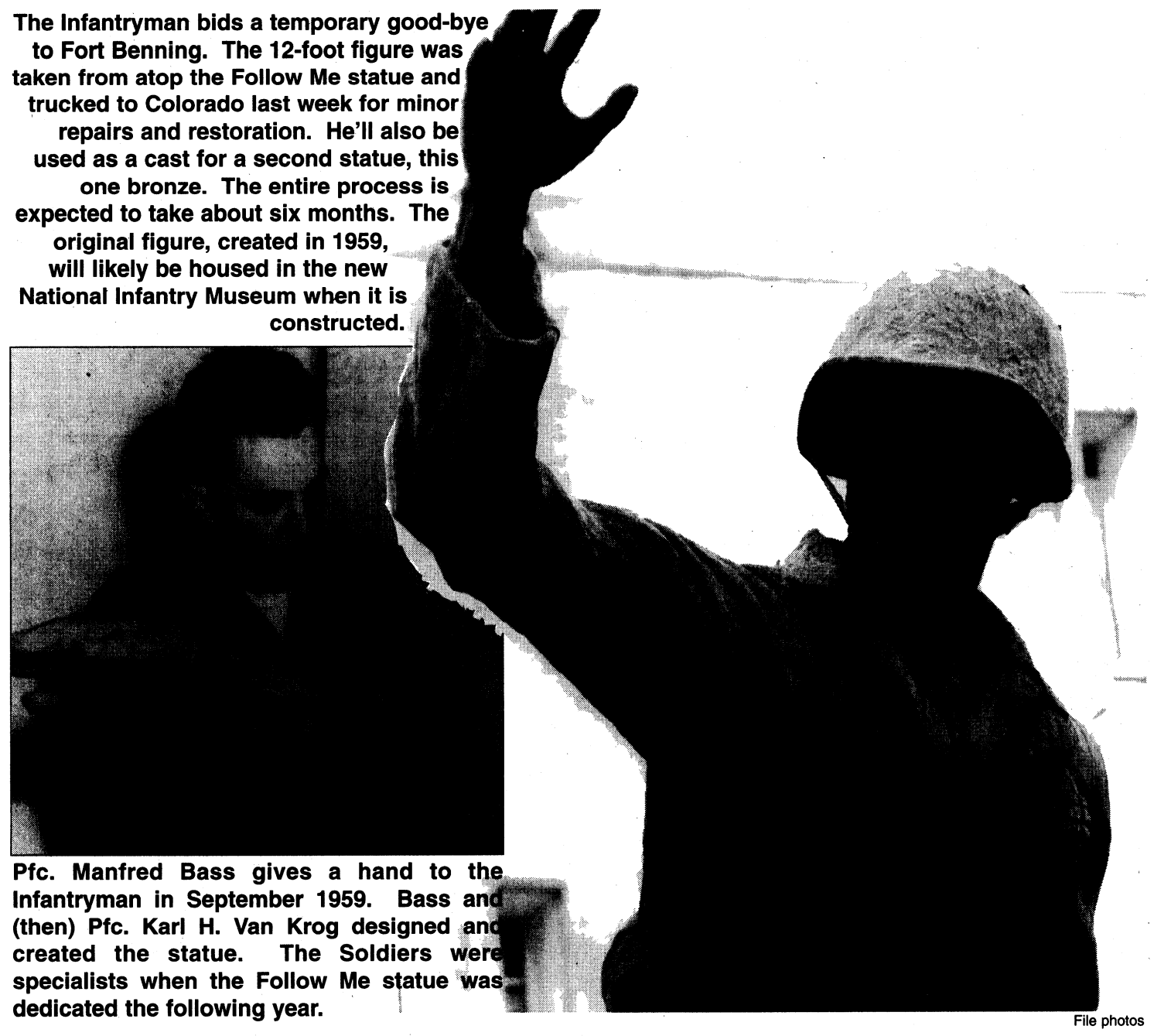
He had help with the technical aspects of the project from Ann Shaw, Faith Middle School's shop teacher.

Part of Herold's motivation to undertake the project was seeing others in the troop attain the Eagle ranking, according to his father, Col. E.J. Herold, assigned to the Air War College in Montgomery, Ala.

"It convinced him it was possible and indeed desirable," he said.

In addition to completing his Eagle Scout project and attending high school, Herold plays varsity basketball, teaches French to middle schoolers at Faith, volunteers at Donovan Research Library and participates in Beta Club and the National Honor Society.

His mother is Catherine Herold.



The Infantryman bids a temporary good-bye to Fort Benning. The 12-foot figure was taken from atop the Follow Me statue and trucked to Colorado last week for minor repairs and restoration. He'll also be used as a cast for a second statue, this one bronze. The entire process is expected to take about six months. The original figure, created in 1959, will likely be housed in the new National Infantry Museum when it is constructed.

Pfc. Manfred Bass gives a hand to the Infantryman in September 1959. Bass and (then) Pfc. Karl H. Van Krog designed and created the statue. The Soldiers were specialists when the Follow Me statue was dedicated the following year.

File photos

Follow Me: Statue off for repair

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get this — a bronze-impregnated epoxy for the outer surface which looks similar to bronze. It cost just over $2,000 to complete.

Six hundred people were present when the statue was unveiled on Eubanks Field, where it stood for four years, until Infantry Hall was completed in 1964. Except for a brief respite in 1988, when it was first carted off for a good cleaning, the Infantryman has kept watch over the comings and goings in Infantry Hall ever since.

Somewhere along the line, no one can say just when, someone called the Infantryman Iron Mike and it stuck. Now you and I know Iron Mike resides at Fort Bragg, N.C., poor fellow, at the intersection of Randolph Street and Armstead Avenue.

It's interesting that Bragg's statue was originally named the Airborne Statue, and has since been dubbed Mike, like ours, which begs the question, who is this fellow Mike? Any answers I've heard are pure speculation.

So there you have it, the story of the Follow Me Statue and the Infantryman, who is undergoing some much needed refinement. He'll be back this summer, probably in July, fit to fight and ready to lead the way.

CLOSER LOOK

26-year-old Officer Candidate Eugene Wyles modeled for the artists who created the Follow Me statue in 1959.

Now 71, retired Maj. Wyles, a resident of Olla, La., and a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, recently recalled the experience that made his the face of the U.S. Army infantryman.

"I took a lot of guff for that from the senior (officer) candidates," said Wyles, who called Fort Benning his 'Army home.'

"I wasn't supposed to shave, and they had me roll around in the dirt to make it look like I was in combat," he said. "Of course, I caught hell when those senior candidates saw me."

Although Wyles is proud of the statue, he doesn't own a replica, and he hasn't seen the real thing "in more years than I recall."

"It's always been a bigger thing to my family than to me," he said. "They get excited about it more than I do, but it sure would be something to see it again."

Wyles even recorded a song titled *Follow Me* in 1967.

"It was really just a dig at the people who were protesting the (Vietnam) war," he said.

"It really wasn't that good. It was just me talkin' to them, because they were sayin' there wasn't a reason for it, and I'd been there and seen it for myself."

The song, released by Columbia Records, made it to number 30 on the billboard charts.

Columbia predicted a hit, but the Army pulled the plug on Wyles' involvement, forcing him to release it under the name Gene Wyles, with no publicity.

"The Grand Old Opry wanted me to go on stage in my uniform, but the Army said no." he said.

"They told me I'd have to give up my career, and I couldn't do that. I only had two years till retirement."

Still, *Follow Me* led to a string of patriotic songs, including Wyles' most recent, *Soldiers' Heaven,* and the soon-to-be-released *Unknown Soldier.* Proceeds from that one will go to the children of Soldiers killed in Iraq, he said.

"Cause that's where my heart is, with them, though they don't know it," Wyles said.

Every time I see them over there on TV, I just want to be with them so bad. I'm with them in my heart."

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Drunken driver shares story at Faith

Message packs punch with students

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The expressions on the faces in the audience were horrified. Some looked away; others had to leave the room, so upsetting were the images on the screen.

But they were images with impact, and many of the Faith Middle School students who saw them will remember them for a long time to come. Those images may even save their lives one day.

The movie was *Just Call Me Crash ... The Denise Wagoner Story*, and Wagoner, the guest of honor, traveled to Fort Benning from Wisconsin to share her story.

Her visit was part of the school's celebration of Red Ribbon Week, an annual anti-substance abuse campaign.

Wagoner, who was brain damaged, blinded and disfigured in a drunken driving accident nine years ago, details her accident and the resulting injuries in the video. She surprises viewers at the end of the video when she reveals herself as the drunken driver.

The 37-year-old then took the podium before the school assembly, shared her story and opened the floor for the students' questions.

"Can you cry?" one child asked.

Wagoner, who lost both eyes during the accident, was quiet.

"Yes," she said finally.

It was a powerful moment, one of many that carry Wagoner's powerful message.

"Miss Wagoner's program has a profound impact, because of her intellect, her appearance and her story — it's so real to the students," said Debra Alexander, instructional support specialist for Fort Benning schools.

"Substance abuse is so rampant today. It's marketed as the thing to do to be cool," Alexander said. "We want to let the students know the reality of substance abuse — whether it be illegal drugs or alcohol."

Wagoner's sincerity and "to-the point" openness about her close encounter with death only add to her story, Alexander said.

"(Some of these children) are getting ready to go out into the real world," she said, referring to the school's eighth-graders who will soon venture to off-post high schools. "They need to be prepared and educated to make the best choices for their lives.

"It takes more than just saying no to fight substance abuse ... We're hoping this program will make a lasting impression on the students' hearts and minds."

And it did just that for many students, including sixth-grader Zackary Arabinko, who left the assembly after seeing images of Wagoner's face after her accident.

"It was really gross. I had to leave for the last part, because the pictures were just too much," he said.

But it was a necessary evil.

"It makes me think that drinking and driving is really bad and that people should think before they drink," Arabinko said.

Even though Arabinko's only 12 now, he said he will probably still remember those images when he is old enough to climb behind the wheel. They'll remind him not to drink and drive, not to ride along with people who want to drink and drive and not to let them drive.

"This teaches us to listen to what can happen to us if we ride with someone who is drunk or if we're driving drunk," he said.

> "Substance abuse is so rampant today ... We want the children to know the reality of substance abuse ... whether it be illegal drugs or alcohol ... It takes more than just saying no to fight substance abuse. We're hoping this program will make a lasting impression on the students hearts and minds."
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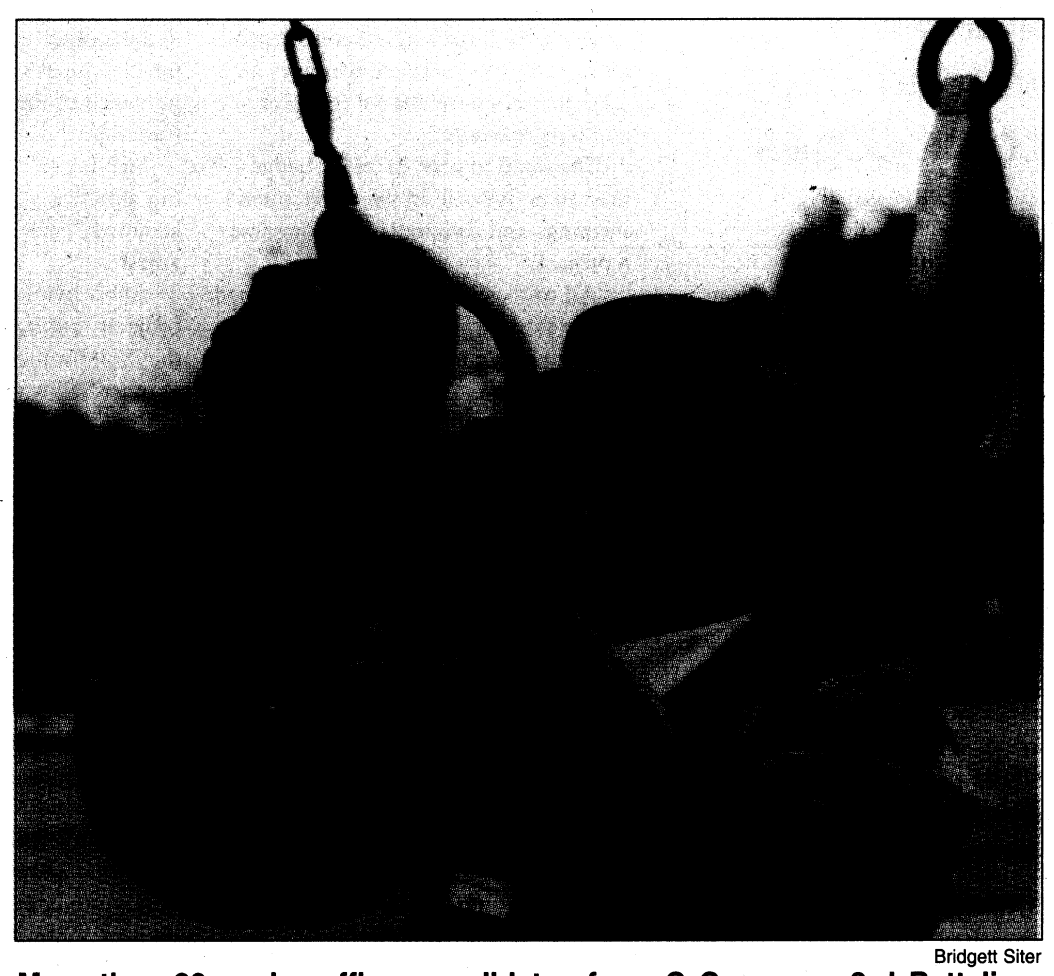
> **Debra Alexander**
> Instructional support specialist for Fort Benning schools

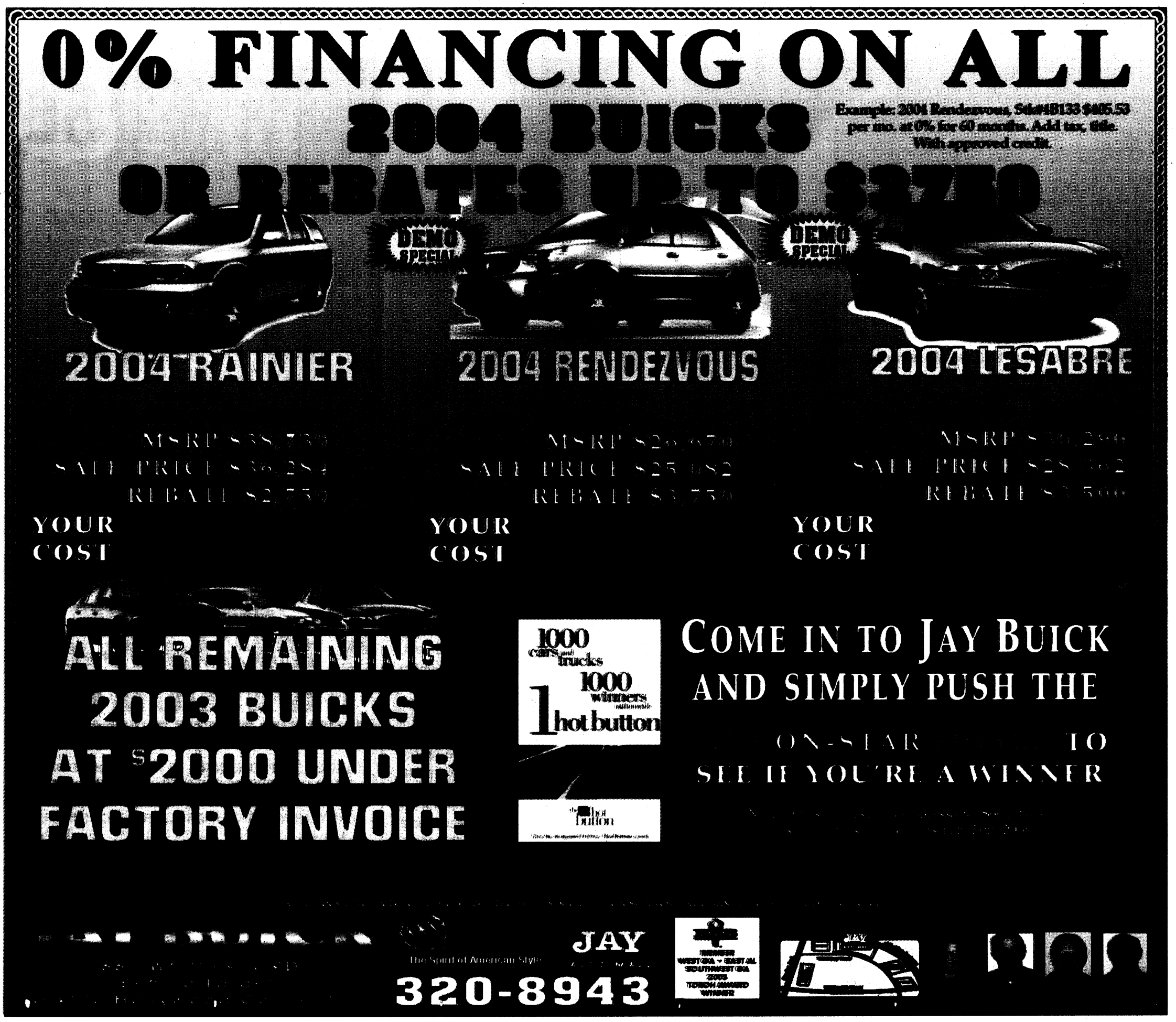
Stress is no obstacle



Bridgett Siter

More than 30 senior officer candidates from C Company, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, spruced up the obstacle course at Faith Middle School Feb. 11. Each OCS class adopts a service project, said Senior Officer Candidate Susan Bosco. The 3rd Battalion's 2nd Platoon chose to work at Faith because middle schoolers, like officer candidates, "deal with a lot of stress," said Bosco, a former middle school teacher. "And what they shouldn't have to deal with is graffiti and rust on their playground equipment," she said. "It's just a little thing, but we want to send the message that we care." Senior Officer Candidate Ngoye Dayo, pictured here, and his classmates, who graduated Thursday, spent several hours scrubbing and repairing and painting the equipment.

Briant Wells Fitness Center kick steps into aerobics classes March 1



Lent recalls Jesus' suffering for man

Chaplain (Maj.) Jimmy Ward
1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment

Lent. What do you think of? My first thought was not of something that involved my Christian walk. I did not grow up in a home or a church that observed the Lenten season and really did not become familiar with it until I came into the military.

Even after I joined the Army, I found Lent observed differently at the various posts on which I served.

The practice of Lent began in the fourth century of the church and spans the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday of Easter week. It is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter.

This season of the year is equal to Advent in importance to the church. Traditionally, it is observed by prayer, fasting and the giving of palms.

Some church members observe it by giving up meat, alcohol, sweets or other types of food. It is a time for humanity to humbly recall the suffering of Jesus for the remission of sin and the need for personal salvation.

That's some history, and now I would challenge you to think with me about some "mystory." My computer let me know that mystory is not a proper word. But it is a proper thought!

REFLECTIONS

I think most of us spend quite a bit of time working and re-working mystory. Now stay with me. Mystory is not yourstory but they intersect at "Hisstory"!

Let me say it this way, my life story is not the same as yours, yet we do have something eternal in common. Jesus. His life, suffering, death and resurrection affect each of us. The Bible says he is the author and finisher of our faith.

What does that have to do with Lent? It means that there is something bigger than my story and your story.

I joked with my wife the other night about suffering through a bowl of ice cream with no chocolate on it. I got to wondering how often I truly lift minor irritations to the realm of suffering. What I need is a little perspective. Lent offers that. Jesus truly suffered for you and me.

He suffered beating, taunting and the humiliation of a criminal's death on a Roman cross for your sin and mine. He suffered separation from the heavenly father to pay the cost of my sin.

Lent calls me not to suffer as he did but rather to remember that he did suffer for me and calls me to holiness. Not a holiness of my own making, but the holiness of a right walk with him. I give up something because he gave up everything for me.

My declaration of unworthiness and sinfulness causes me to humbly ask his forgiveness. I think I will seek to give up those things in me that would hurt, condemn or judge your story before I take my story to him.

Walk with me through Lent and meet me at Easter, at his story.

CHURCH NOTE

Book signing — Dr. Joseph Sr. of the Living in Victory Ministries will sign his new book release *The Power of Perseverance* at 2 p.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, located at 1415 Highway 85 North in Fayetteville, Ga.

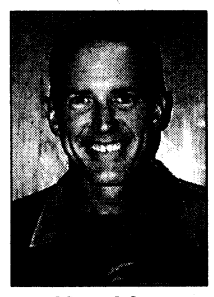
For more information, call (770) 472-4800 or visit www.boccc.org.

Speak the same language of love

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

What woman wouldn't have purred over a brand new 3.5 horsepower, air-invected, power tunnel, dual-bag, ergo-gripped vaccum cleaner for Valentine's Day? What about him? Can you believe the $15 Hallmark Extravaganza Card with Elizabeth Barrett Browning's "How do I love thee, let me count the ways" embossed in gold leaf and lace, complete with matching lovebird poem keychain, got only a single glance and grunt before being used to pick the meat from his teeth after dinner? What's the problem here? Well, the problem may have to do with the fact that in most relationships, we "no-speak-the-same-language!"

I love things with cords. Power tools are cool. Horsepower rocks. It took some time, though, for me to discover the amazing truth that my wife does not love things with cords ... especially on days that belong to Hallmark. And conversely, early on in our relationship, her idea of surprising me with a special evening had something to do with "bonding" by shopping for curtains (Sheer or textured? Pleated or patterned? What the ... ?) Go ahead, just put a gun to my head — curtain shopping is not my idea of a good time!


Hawkins

Fortunately, after 21 years of valentines, we've gotten a little bit of our act together. And part of the dance we've got down now is better knowing how to "speak-the-same-language." Rookies in relationships often make the mistake of giving what they want, not giving what their mate wants — we just don't understand our mate's "language of love." Though there are many languages of love, here are six of the more common ones. Which language does your lover speak?

- The language of time — just being together; hanging out
- The language of encouragement — specific, positive affirmation
- The language of activity — doing something together that's fun and fulfilling
- The language of gifts — thoughtfulness in the form of small romantic purchases
- The language of affection — (not sex, guys!) gentle, caring touch that doesn't demand anything
- The language of sex — (not affection, ladies!) spontaneous, passionate, unbridled physical playfulness

Again, the key is not to give what you want, but what they need! Ask your mate what his or her languages of love is, and then see if you can speak his or her language in some way, large or small, at least once a day this week.

Want some more information on how to speak your mate's language of love or how to help them speak yours? Give us a call at 545-1760.

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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, Building 2820
Monday- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, Classroom 2, Building 3305

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3951
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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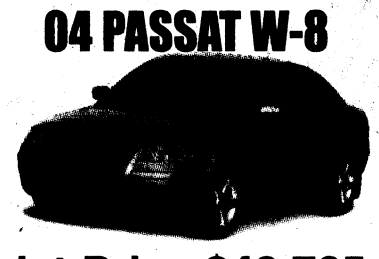

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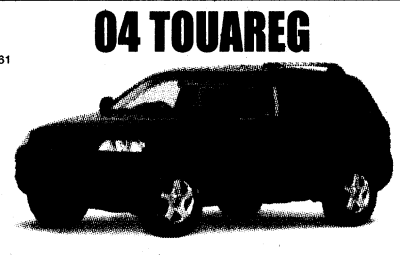

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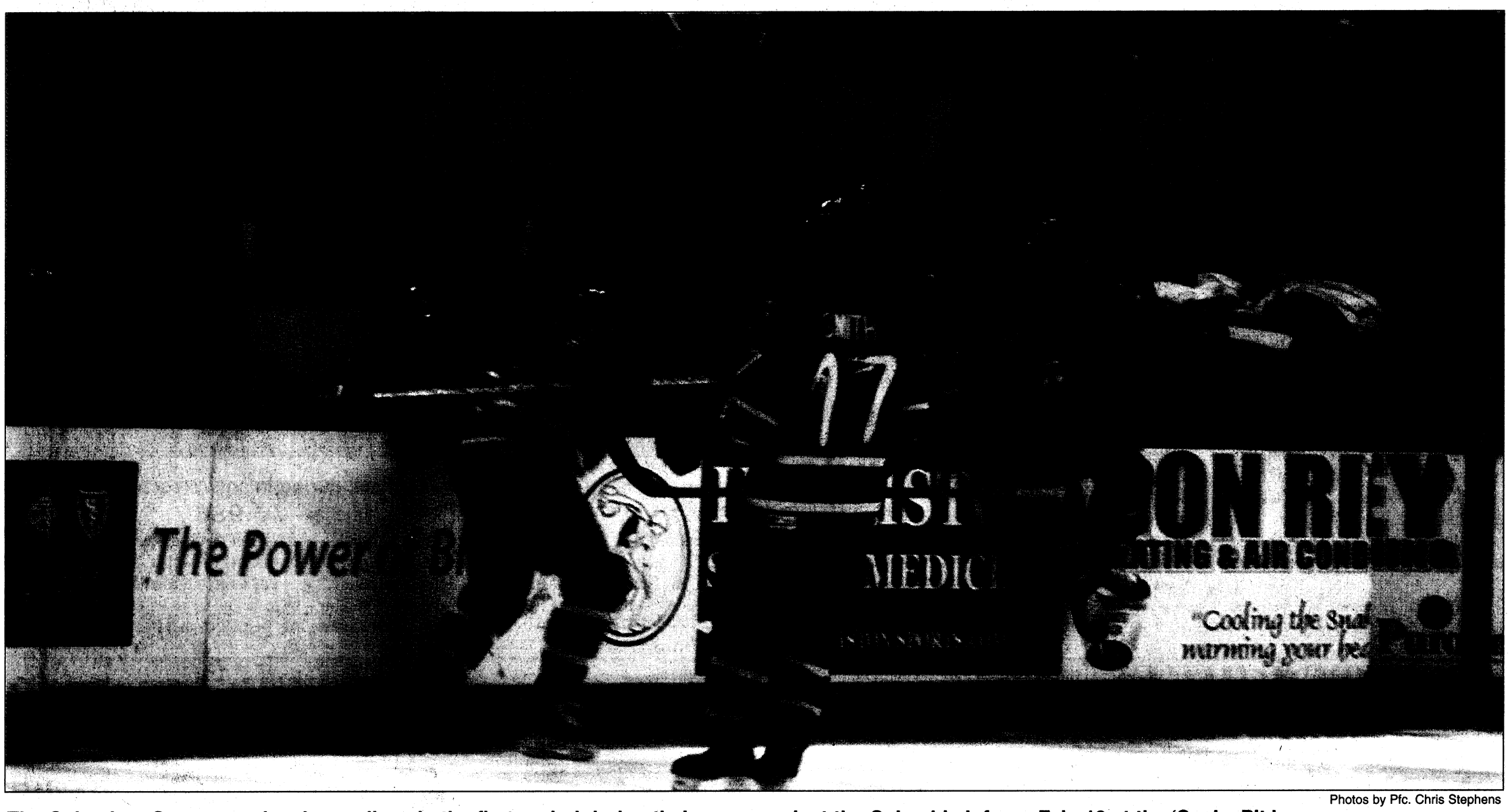

Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

The Columbus Cottonmouths change lines in the first period during their game against the Columbia Inferno Feb. 13 at the 'Snake Pit.'

Cottonmouths set playoff goal



Cottonmouths right-winger Carlyle Lewis, center, left-winger Dan Tudin, left, and center Dan Tessier, 19, try to prevent Inferno left-winger Tim Smith, from reaching the puck during the third period Feb. 13. The Cottonmouths lost the game in a heart-breaker, 3-2.

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

With a season record of 27 wins, 21 losses and four ties, the Columbus Cottonmouths are on a mission to prove they belong with the best teams in the East Coast Hockey League.

The Cottonmouths, who play at the Columbus Civic Center, known as the "Snake Pit," are now on the hunt for a playoff berth.

"We have a very young hockey club," said Brian Curran, Cottonmouths head coach. "But after starting off badly, the guys started to believe in themselves and came together as a team."

Curran said that his team really responds to the fans' enthusiasm at the games.

"These players love the fans, and when they step onto the ice, they always give everything they have," Curran said. "They want to give the fans their best effort possible."

Besides watching an action-packed hockey game, fans are treated to activities in and around the game.

"The activities we do in between the periods are a lot of fun for the fans," said Scott Middlebrooks, director of sales and marketing. "Someone is always going to leave the Snake Pit with a Cottonmouths prize."

Activities that fans can participate in are "Chuck-a-puck," in which fans chuck foam hockey pucks towards center ice for a chance to win a prize.

The Cottonmouths also offer two fans a chance to ride the Zamboni during each intermission.

"Everybody wants to ride it," Middlebrooks said. "It's something that the people who do never forget."

Middlebrooks said the Cottonmouths do their best to present a great product both on and off the ice.

"This is family entertainment at an affordable price," he said. "Tickets to the game are a great price, especially for military families."

Tickets range from $7 for upper level tickets to $13 for ice level tickets, with valid military identification card.

March 27 will be Military Appreciation Night at the Snake Pit. The Cottonmouths will wear military jerseys, which will be auctioned off after the game against the South Carolina Stingrays.

"We do all of this to show our appreciation to our military and their families," Middlebrooks said.

AFLAC will provide 2,000 tickets to Soldiers and family members for that game only.

For more information, call 571-0086.



A lucky fan and his son enjoy a ride on the Zamboni.



Carlyle Lewis, right, stops Inferno defenseman Corey Hessler, while teammate left-winger, Marc-Andre Thinel, left, moves the puck around the boards.

Red Cross offers swimming lessons

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The American Red Cross will offer preschool, Level 1, 2 and 3 swimming classes through the end of May at the Briant Wells Indoor Pool.

The classes, which will be held in the evenings, will teach children the basic skills of swimming and staying safe while in the water.

"Swimming is a necessity in life," said Michele Walton, American Red Cross health and safety director. "Everyone should know how to swim not only for their safety, but for the safety of others."

The first classes, which are Level 1 and 3 courses, will be held March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 and 25. The Level 1 course will be from 6 to 7 p.m., and the Level 3 course will be from 7 to 8 p.m.

The infant and preschool swimming class, which runs from 6 to 7 p.m., will start on March 30 and will be held on April 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 and 22.

The Level 2 course will also be held on these days, but will be from 7 to 8 p.m.

Level 1 and 2 courses will again be offered on April 27, 29, May 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 and 20. The Level 1 course will be from 6 to 7 p.m. and the Level 2 course will be from 7 to 8 p.m.

The Infant and Preschool Aquatics Program is designed to get young children adjusted to the water.

"In the preschool course, we try to get the children comfortable in the water," said Julie Tipton, swimming instructor. "We want them to learn to not be scared of the water."

Infants in the preschool class enjoyed their first class session Wednesday.

"My son, Michael, enjoyed getting in the water and splashing around," said Heather Hallows. "He's responded very well to this class, and he looks like he's having a good time."

The Level 1,2 and 3 courses will teach the children the basics of swimming.

"There are certain things that are required to be taught on each day at each level," Tipton said. "But, no matter what is being learned on any given day, respect for the water is always taught."

Cost of the class is $30 for the 10 sessions for each student, and each class is limited to 10 students.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Heather Hallows works with her 8-month old son, Michael, during Infants/Preschool Aquatics Program Wednesday at the Briant Wells Indoor Pool.

"I'm very glad that the courses are being offered here," said Georganna Rapaport. "It's a way that my son, Brennan, can get an early experience in the water."

The American Red Cross is looking for swimming instructors to help with these classes or to teach other classes.

"We need more instructors," Walton said. "We want to be able to offer more classes in the future, and we need more instructors to do that."

For more information on the classes or to volunteer to be an instructor, call the Red Cross at 545-5194.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Soccer Clinic — Fort Benning's Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation will sponsor a soccer clinic for Fort Benning players and coaches from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday at Doughboy Stadium.

The clinic will be taught by coaches and players from the College of Charleston.

For more information, call 545-3582.

Soccer tournament — There will be a soccer tournament from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Doughboy Stadium.

The tournament will feature teams from Lander University, Georgia Southern University, Emory University and the College of Charleston.

The tournament is free to the public. For more information, call 545-3582.

Aerobics classes — The Briant Wells Fitness Center Aerobics Program kicks off March 1.

The fitness center will offer box aerobics, aeromix, step combo, core crunch, yoga and aqua aerobics. The cost is $25 per month or $3 per individual class.

For more information, call Briant Wells staff at 545-4388.

All-Army Small Arms Championships sign-ups — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will host the All-Army Small Arms Championships in conjunction with the U.S. Army Infantry Center March 14 to 25. Soldiers and units will compete with the M-16 rifle or M-4 carbine, M-9 pistol and M-24 or M-14 rifles against counterparts from the regular Army, Reserve, National Guard and Cadet Command.

Soldiers who excel in the All-Army Championships may be selected to compete on the Army, Army Reserve or National Guard Rifle and Pistol Teams in the Interservice and National Championship competitions.

Winners of designated matches and classifications may be awarded Secretary of the Army Trophy rifles. Rifle matches will be shot at ranges from 200 to 500 yards.

Pistol matches will be fired under combat time standards at seven to 25 yards. All firing will be done with helmet and individual combat gear (minus body armor and mask).

Long-range matches will be fired at ranges of 600 to 1,000 yards.

For more information, call the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Public Affairs Office at 545-5436, or email paula.pagan@usarec.army.mil.

Youth Soccer coaches needed — Child and Youth Services is in need of 19 coaches for the spring soccer season.

Anyone interested in coaching in one of the five age groups should call 545-3582.

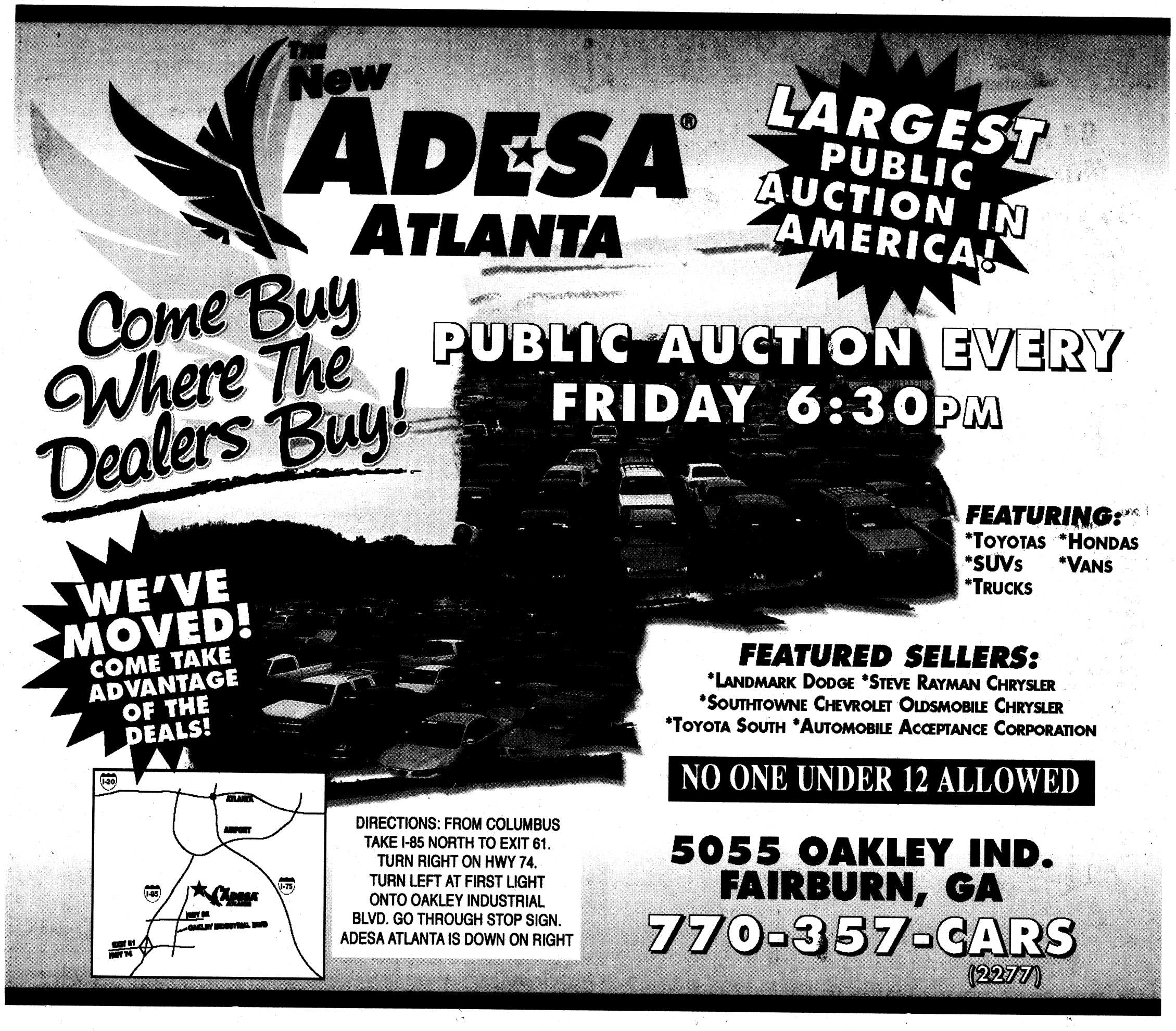
off post

Women's softball — The top 24 women's fastpitch softball teams will return to Columbus Feb. 27-29 to battle it out in the NFCA Leadoff Classic at the South Commons Softball Complex.

The opening ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Feb. 27 at Stadium Field at South Commons.

Games are scheduled to start at noon Feb. 27 with the last game scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Games begin at 10 a.m. Feb. 28 with the last game at 6:30 p.m. The games start at 9 a.m. Feb. 29 and the championship will be decided at 1 p.m. Ticket prices are $20 for an adult tournament pass, $12 for 12 and under tournament pass, $8 for adult day ticket, $5 for 12 and under daily ticket and $4 each for youth groups of 10 or more.

For more information, call the Columbus Sports Council at 660-1996.



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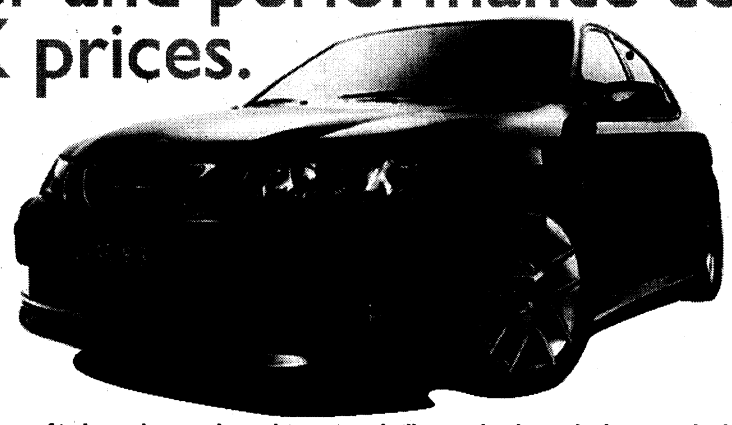

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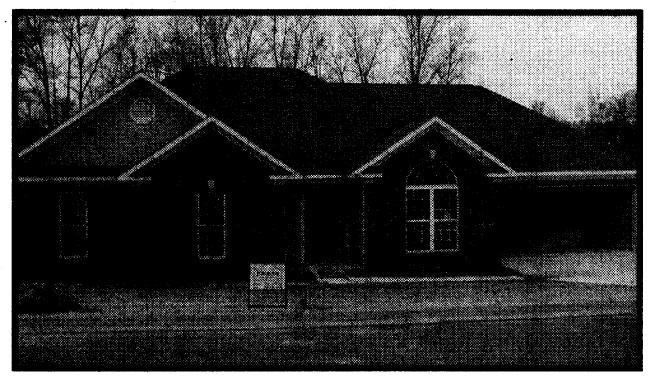

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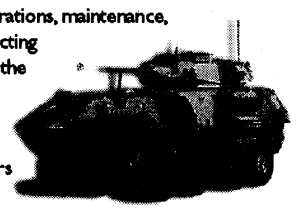

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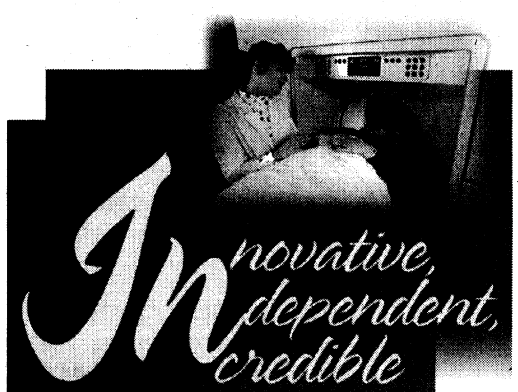

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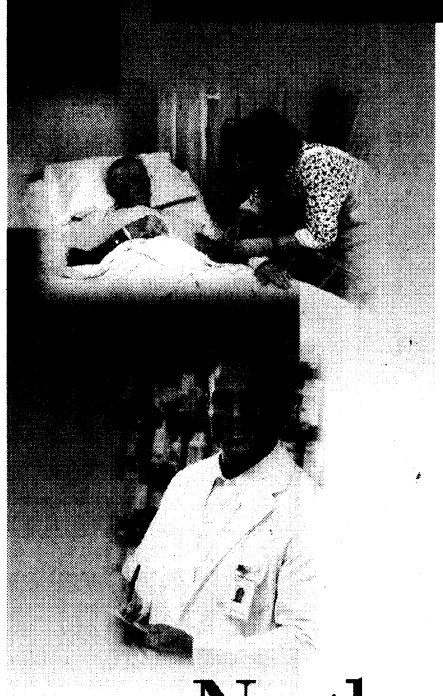

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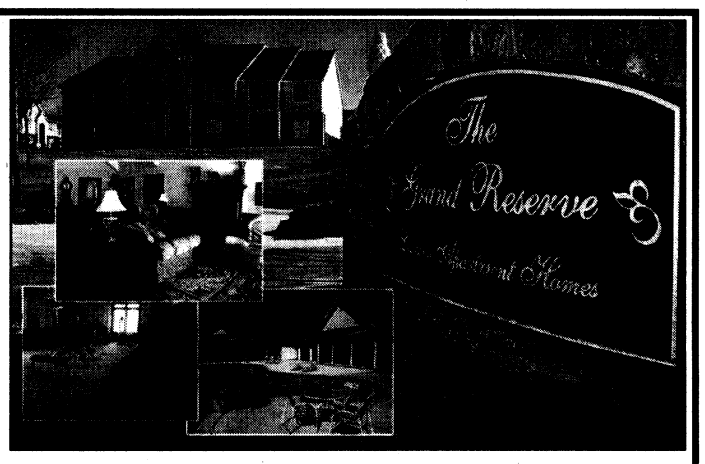

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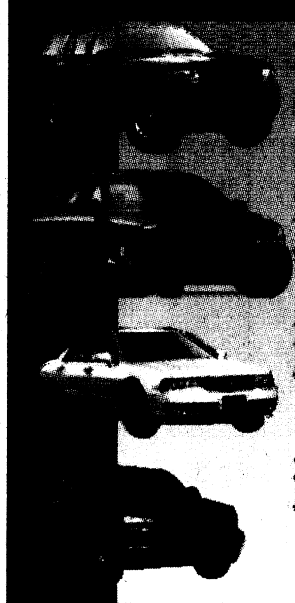

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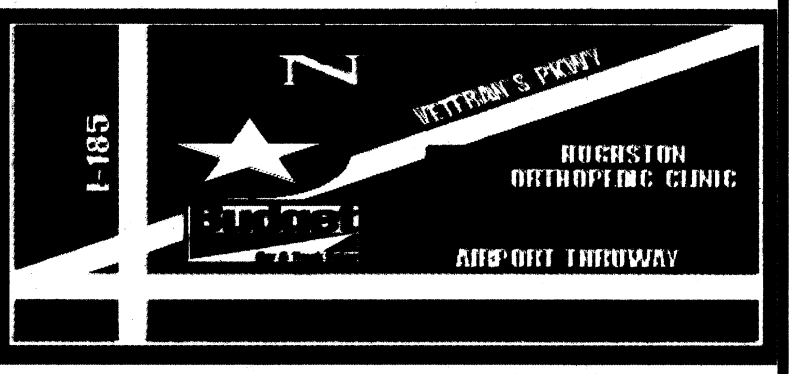

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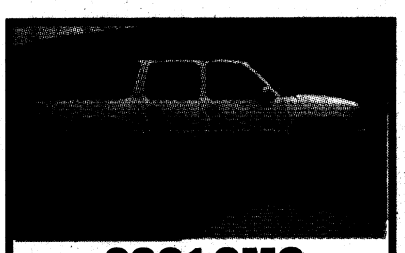

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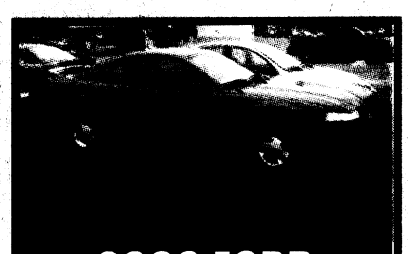

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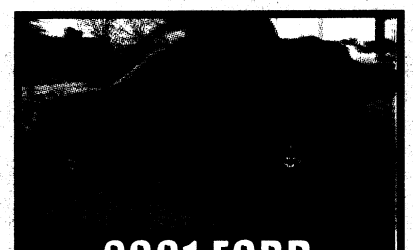

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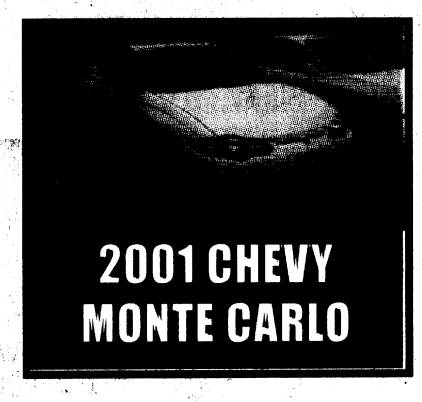

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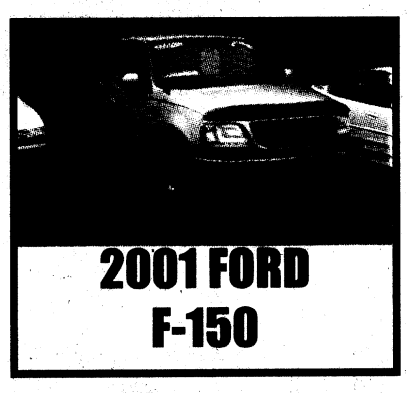

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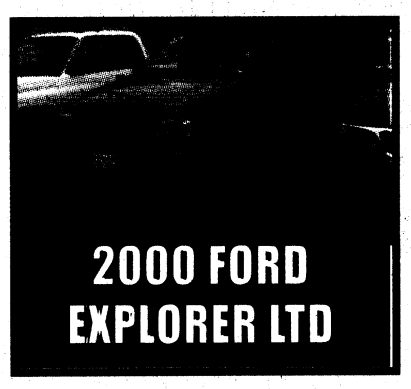

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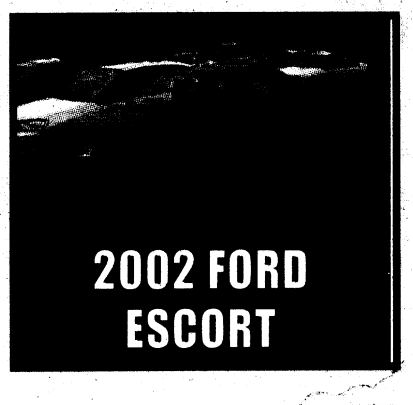

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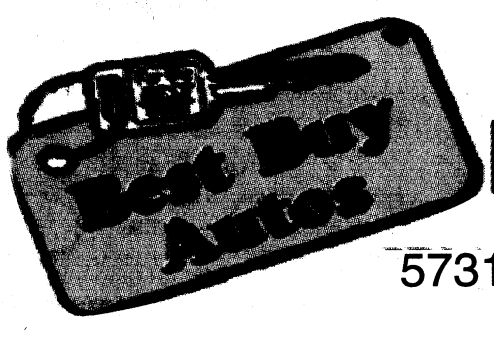

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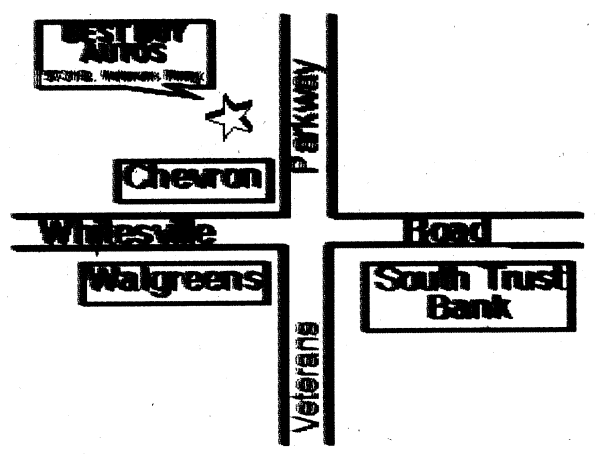

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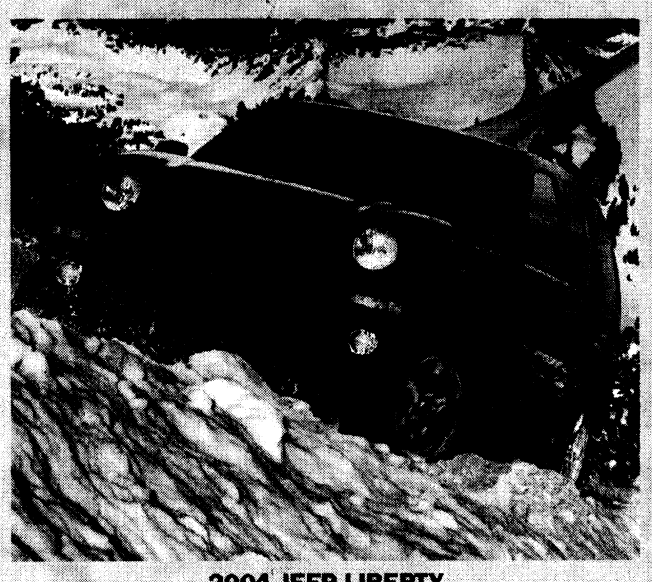

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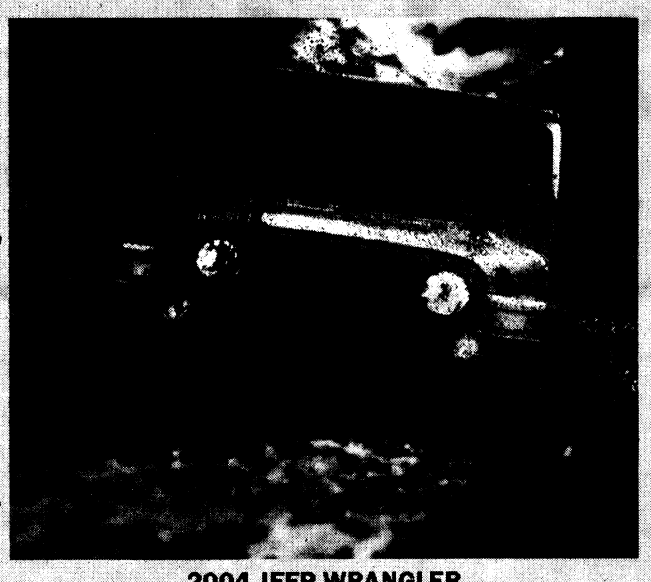

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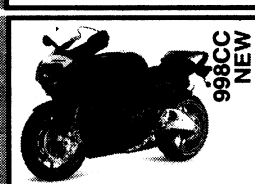
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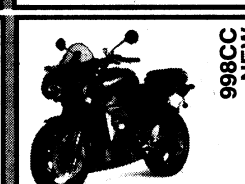
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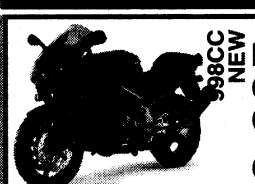
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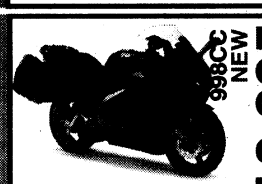
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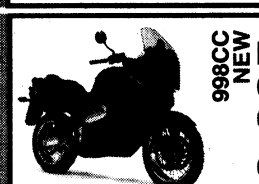
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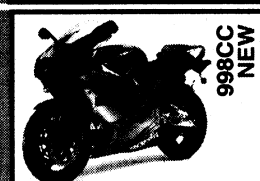
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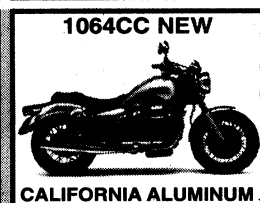
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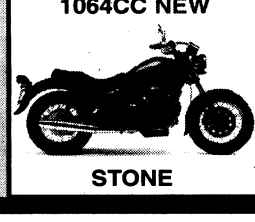
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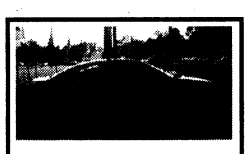
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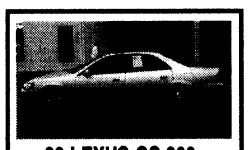
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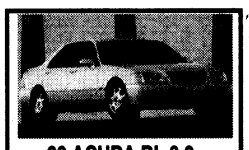
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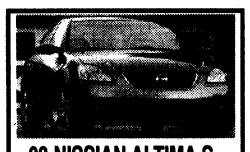
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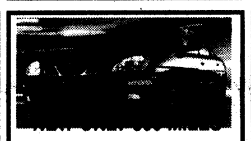
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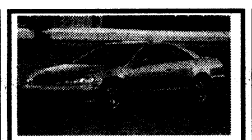
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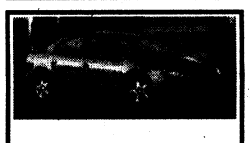
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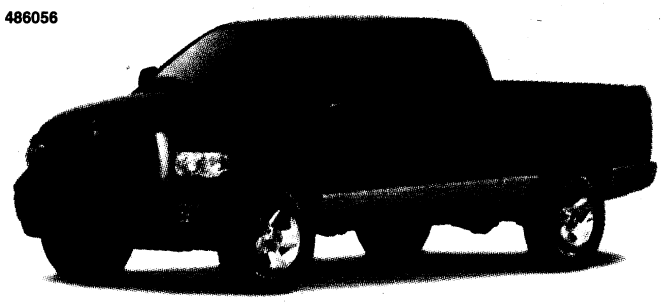

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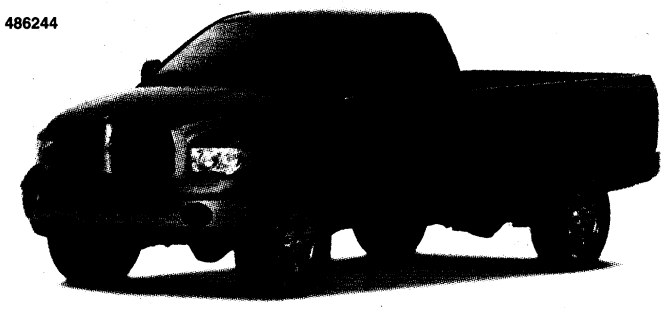

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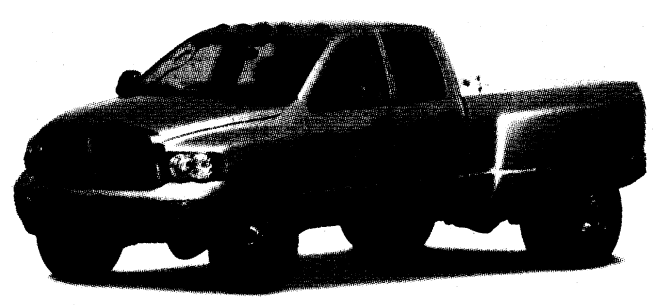

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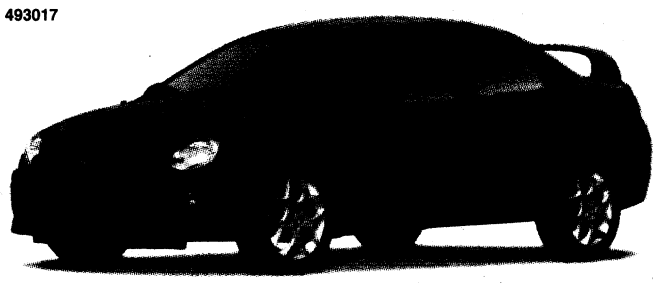

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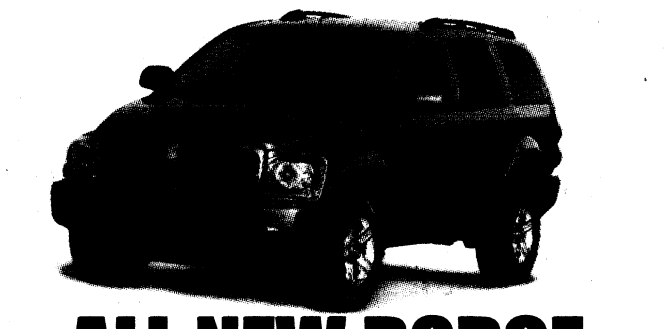

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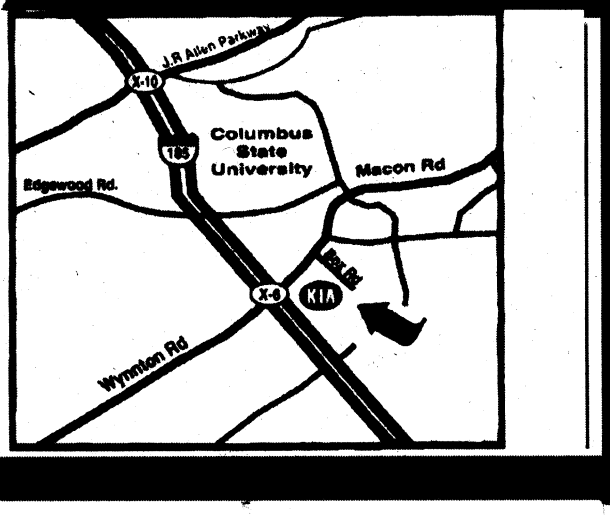

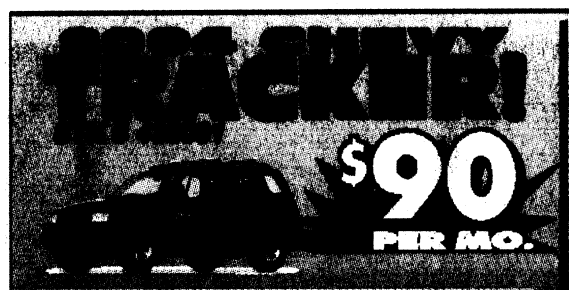

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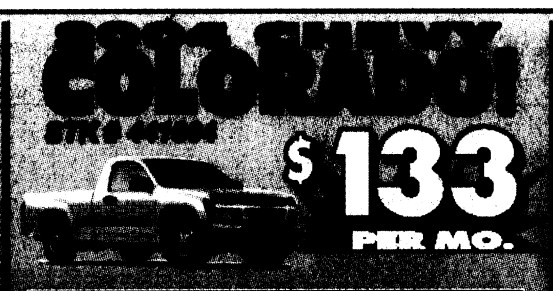

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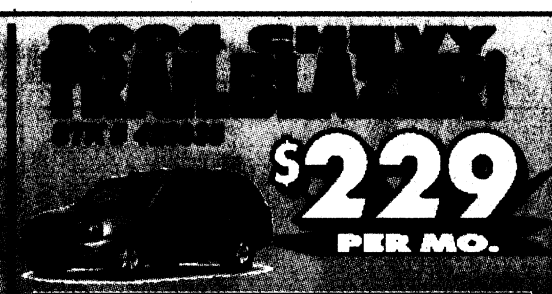

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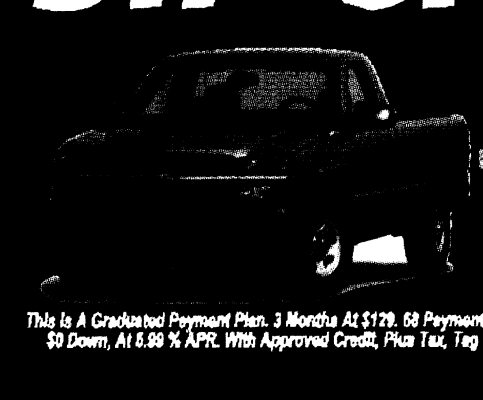

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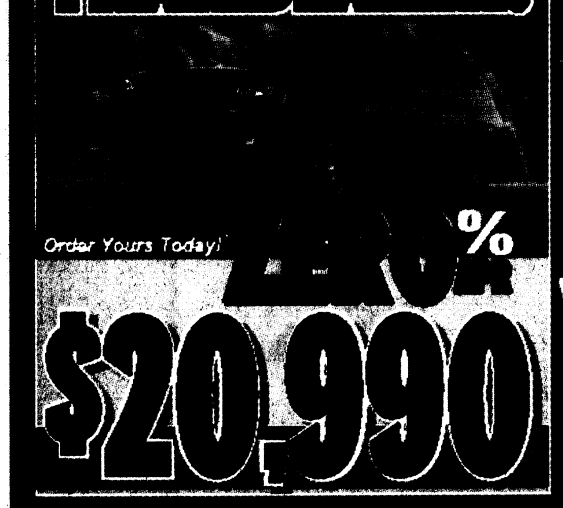

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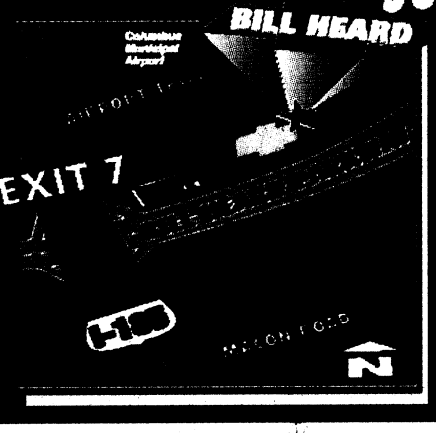

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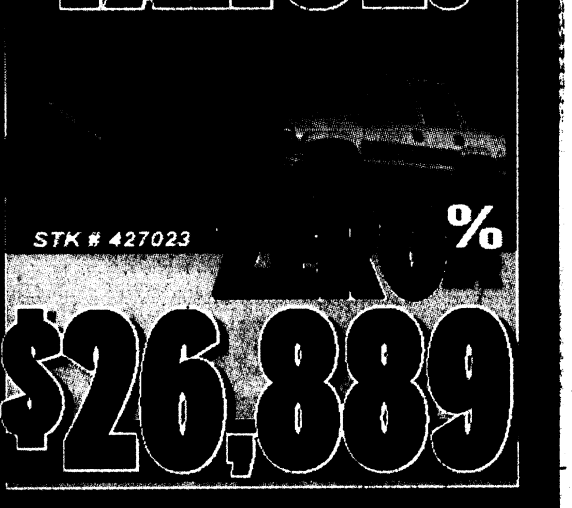

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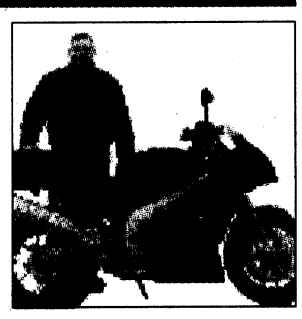

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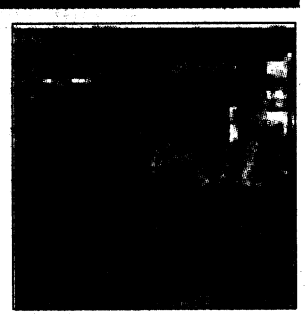

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Suicide is not the answer

Fort Benning not immune to community problem

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Within the past 30 days, Fort Benning has lost two of its family — not to war or accidents or illnesses, but to suspected suicide.

Since Jan. 1, 2001, nine Fort Benning Soldiers have committed suicide, said Yvonne Wilbanks, post suicide prevention manager. Two of those suicides are still under investigation.

Two family members and one civilian have committed suicide on post since Jan. 1, 2001, according to post Criminal Investigation Division statistics.

And it's not just here. According to Department of the Army statistics, on average, anywhere from 10 to 15 or more Soldiers per 100,000 kill themselves each year.

These numbers may seem relatively low compared to other causes of death, but there are countless other casualties of suicide — friends, family and co-workers left behind to deal with grief, uncertainty and possible guilt.

"Suicide is devastating. The impact has a ripple effect on all who know the individual," Wilbanks said.

The choice to commit suicide usually arises from depression, which can be brought about by many factors, Wilbanks said. Marital problems, domestic abuse, a perceived lack of resources, financial distress, a crisis or legal problems can

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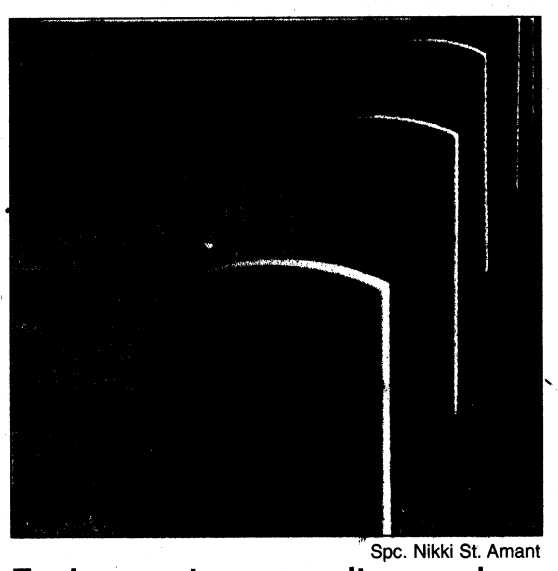

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Twelve post community members have committed suicide since 2001.



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The Army's Golden Knights are scheduled to "drop in" during Columbus' Thunder in the Valley Air Show in March.

Columbus air show to fly high

Thunder in the Valley tickets discounted for Soldiers, families

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

For one weekend and one weekend only, Columbus' annual Thunder in the Valley Air Show will fill the great wide open with the thrills and chills of the aviation world.

The show, which will be March 20 and 21 at the Columbus Metropolitan Airport, will feature stunning aero-acrobatics, up-close-and-personal static displays, demonstrations and even the chance to take to the skies in a helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft. To top it off, the Golden Knights are expected to "drop in" during the show.

The aero-acrobatics are guaranteed to be "an unbelievable display of flying," said Chuck Hunsaker, Association of the U.S. Army coordinator for the event.

Meanwhile, the static displays will offer visitors the chance to explore everything from the Army's Stryker and Bradley Fighting Vehicle to a few of NASCAR's finest — including the Army car — to the only flying B-29 in the world, Hunsaker said. For those unfamiliar with this World War II-era aircraft, the B-29 is almost 100 feet long with a wingspan of 141 feet — that's half a football field.

The event's demonstrations will include the thrill-inspiring, jump-in arrival of the Army's Golden Knights, the Aeroshell team of the T-6 Texan aircraft and a Rangers in Action spot.

All the while, children can find more fun at a carnival, complete with rides and a moon bouncer.

If you've been in years past, don't skip this year's event, thinking you've seen it all, Hunsaker warned. There's something new and different every year.

"This is one of the largest outdoor, non-alcoholic events for families in the Columbus area," said Greg Allmendinger, head chairman of the event.

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Infantry Traveling Team visits Stewart

3rd ID gets glimpse of future technology

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's Infantry Traveling Team visited Fort Stewart, Ga., Feb. 18, to help kick off the 3rd Infantry Division's Infantry Conference and brief the division on the U.S. Army Infantry School's initiatives.

Fort Benning Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley and other post officials talked to members of the 3rd ID about new training methods and equipment being tested.

As the traveling team talked about the school's initiatives, they asked for Soldiers' firsthand accounts of what worked or didn't work while the unit was deployed and what needed to be changed.

"This is basically an open discussion so we can learn about new developments in the Army and give some insight from what we learned in Iraq," said Capt. Jeff LaPlante, assistant division training officer, 3rd ID.

As operations continue in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, more than 500 Soldiers have lost their lives and more than 3,500 have been wounded. The main goal of the

> "Soldiers shouldn't be saying, 'I hope my convoy doesn't get attacked.' They should be saying, 'God help whoever gets in my way.'"
>
> **Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley**
> Post commanding general

conference is to find ways to reduce those numbers in the future, Freakley said. One way the Army is trying to reduce casualties is through the Warrior Ethos initiative.

Warrior Ethos, a product of Task Force Soldier, is the concept of preparing every Soldier to close with and destroy the enemy when necessary — even if it means doing it with his or her bare hands.

As Freakley put it, Soldiers shouldn't be saying, "I hope my convoy doesn't get attacked." They should be saying, "God help whoever gets in my way."

Warrior Ethos is beginning to spread throughout the Army as many of the schools on Fort Benning and

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THE IMPACT LIVES ON

Suicide isn't painless

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The more I think about it, the more I realize there isn't much I can't write about. That's a scary thought.

My family moved to Red River Army Depot near Texarkana before my junior year of high school. Luckily, my new classmates — many of whom had been together since kindergarten — made us "depot" kids feel like we had lived there all our lives. Nothing much ever happened in New Boston. Friday nights were devoted to football, and Saturday nights were spent cruising from the gas station to the Pizza Hut and back again. We'd pile into Chaz's car — an old, electric blue hearse. Life was good, and things were simple, until Chaz's older brother committed suicide. Nothing was ever the same.

I only met Mike a few times, but everyone else in our circle grew up with him, and his death was devastating.

We rallied around Chaz the best we could, but what do a bunch of 15- and 16-year-olds know about coping with suicide?



Chaz didn't get the kind of help he needed, and within a year he was in trouble, breaking into houses and stealing. I'm not a psychologist, but I'm willing to bet there was a connection.

Maybe that was his way of crying out for attention from parents so wrapped up in their grief they forgot about the son who was still alive.

That was almost 20 years ago. I've lost touch with Chaz. I can only hope that he's doing all right.

I can't help but think of the old M*A*S*H theme song that talks about suicide being painless. It's not. All the hurt and pain Mike was carrying was transferred to his parents, to Chaz and to all of us.

These days, with access to the Internet, you can read all sorts of statistics about suicide. Five times more males than females commit suicide, regardless of age. Suicides hit an all-time high in 1933 when 30 in 100,000 men killed themselves. The 2001 rate of about 10.7 in 100,000 represented the 11th leading cause of death in the U.S. That's 30,622, more than the number who died of AIDS.

I read a commentary in a Seattle paper that led with the statement, "Suicide isn't newsworthy." I beg to differ.

Suicide is on the rise in the Army and in our schools, and it's not something anyone wants to talk about. Our kids are being bullied, our Soldiers are being shot at every day in Iraq. They need our help.

We need to educate ourselves on the warning signs. We need to start talking about suicide. One conversation may make a difference in someone's life.

Depression, financial troubles, and psychological disorders — they're all treatable, even curable. Death isn't.

Those of us who knew you die 1,000 deaths because of you. We carry the guilt and pain of your death for the rest of our lives.

If you think the rest of us are better off without you … you're wrong.

The other side of suicide

Suicide hits close to home for me. Almost every side of the story I've heard comes from the family or friends of the person who committed suicide or attempted it. It's not very often you hear the story from someone who tried it and failed.

Here's my story.

All my life, I was picked on. People picked on me for various reasons, whether it was because I was skinny or I picked my nose or because my father was a police officer. People looked for reasons. Sometimes they didn't look for a reason; they just did it.

I remember the day I started toward the edge. I was in seventh grade, and I walked into math class and was immediately thrown to the floor. While two kids held me down, students kicked me in the ribs and stomped on my chest and stomach.

Then, a girl took her boot and scraped it across my face, cutting it open and leaving a scar that I carry with me today.

That didn't push me over the edge, though.

What pushed me over the edge was in the middle of my eighth-grade year on a Thursday, when a bully flung me into a locker and beat me up during school just because. I just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

That night, I decided that I would end it all the next day. I didn't think I had any reason to live. I didn't think anyone liked me. I didn't think my parents wanted to listen to my problems.

I thought they would tell me to get over it and not worry about what other people think about me.

I didn't think anybody in the world cared about me.

When I left school on Friday, I didn't bring any of my books home, because I didn't want to have to put my parents through the trouble of returning them.

Once I got home, I decided to wait until my parents left for dinner, so I could be alone. My sister was spending the night with a friend.

While my parents were getting ready, I grabbed my father's duty gun. I took it to my room and hid it under my pillow and fell asleep until my parents left. I didn't want my parents, especially my mom, to hear the gun go off. I couldn't put them through that much pain.

I thought I had set my alarm clock to wake me up around 7 p.m. when I knew they would be out to dinner.

Apparently, my alarm clock wasn't set, or I just slept right through, because I woke up the next morning, and the gun was gone. My parents and my sister were home.

After that night, the gun was moved from where I got it, and I never saw it again.

I thought to myself, how could I screw this up? It was too easy. I had the gun. Why did I wait for my parents to leave? Why didn't I do it right there? I'm such a screwup. What's next for me?

To this day, I remember every detail of the events that led up to me seriously considering suicide. Today, I'm glad I didn't hear the alarm clock go off. I now realize the pain it would've caused my family and how much it would have torn them into pieces.

I've learned that suicide is not the way out. There is help available, and you have to take those steps.

I never told anyone I was being picked on. I held it all inside until, finally, I wanted to end it all.

I know that now, no matter what, I can always talk to someone about my problems and not have to resort to suicide.

I wonder what would the world be like today if I had been successful at suicide? What if I had heard the alarm clock and woken up? Would the people I've come across in my life have had the same impact on somebody else that they had on me, and would someone I've had an impact on had someone else to make that same impact?

I don't care to know the answers to those questions, I'm here today and living life to the fullest.

Editor's note: *Name withheld upon request.*

Come on, gang, it's a turf war

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Sorry I missed you Monday night. There were two of us present at Monday's meeting with Muscogee County School officials, two from Fort Benning anyway.

The rest were local citizens concerned with the perceived unfairness of a proposed rezoning plan — one that would have a great impact on Fort Benning students.

Muscogee County School board officials laid out a blueprint of changes they believe will alleviate the problem of overcrowding at Northside High School, the county's newest magnet. Problem is, the changes will only create more problems — bigger problems — in two schools, Spencer and Jordan.



You see, Spencer and Jordan have a history of discipline problems, because, some say, and I tend to agree, they're populated with students from low income areas. Before you get bent out of shape about that — "Poor kids aren't bad kids!" you say. — hear me out. Statistics will bear me out.

It is a socio-economic issue. Studies prove children who live in poverty, those typically found in public housing where single-parent homes are the norm, are more prone to seek out or fall prey to gangs.

Now the accepted terminology these days is "gang-like behavior" or "gang-related activity," but I'm not one to mince words. We're talking gangs here. They're real.

And for years, they caused major problems, especially at Jordan and Spencer. Two years ago, when Northside opened its doors, the district rezoned, and in doing so, they removed two public housing developments from Jordan's attendance zone. They effectively separated rivaling factions (gangs!) and drastically reduced the number of discipline problems at the school. Numbers don't lie.

Since then, Jordan's made a better name for itself, primarily through its vocational magnet academy, which has caught the eye of local industry leaders who recognize the need for skilled labor leaders.

The proposed rezoning would put three public housing units into Jordan and two more into Spencer. No public housing would be added to the county's other six high schools.

Folks, poor kids deserve an education every bit as much as the privileged. To add kids from rivaling neighborhoods will serve no good purpose. As one man put it to the school board, "You're going to create a war zone."

There are feasible alternatives to the board's proposal. Several were suggested Monday night at Carver High School. More will be brought up next Monday, March 2, when the board will entertain the concerns of local citizens once again, this time at Shaw High School at 6 p.m.

This is your chance to make sure Fort Benning's high school, Spencer, where 80 percent of our high schoolers attend, will not be the victim of a bad idea and a silent majority.

I sure hope to see you there.

VARIOUS VOICES

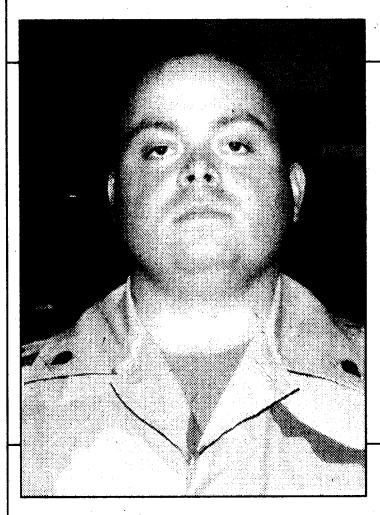
What can you do to prevent suicide; how would you help someone contemplating it?



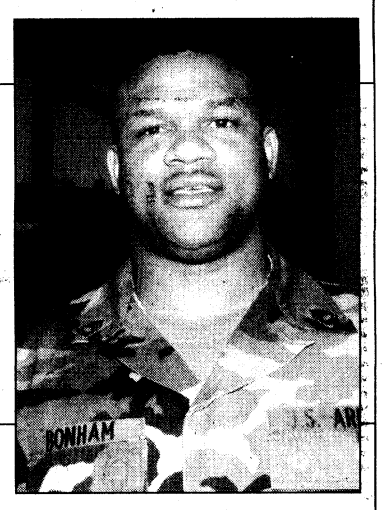
Audra Brock, family member — "Just be a listening ear and try to find out what the problem is. That's the best way I know how. Most people don't want to commit suicide if they are talking to you."



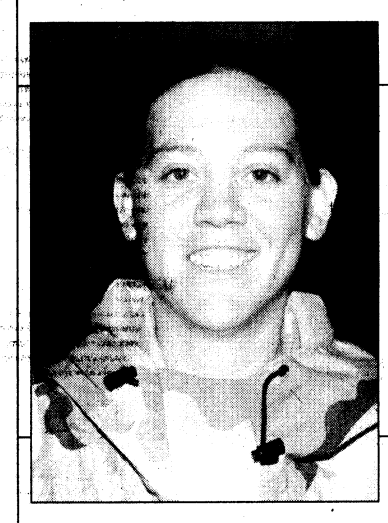
Sgt. Daniela Oelze, 2145th Garrison Support Unit — "I would try to talk them into either talking to a chaplain, or if I feel that they would talk to me, I would try to help them by either just listening or by giving them advice."



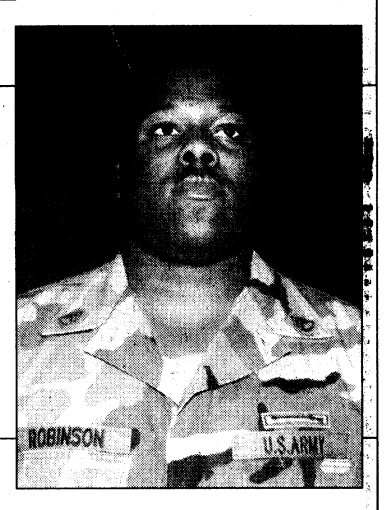
Spc. Michael Phillips, 926th Engineer Battalion — "I would most likely try to talk to the person and find out what has him or her so upset. If that wasn't enough, I would immediately seek someone else like a platoon sergeant or chaplain and make sure the individual was not left alone."



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Bonham, U.S. Army Infantry Center — "First thing — immediate intervention to make sure they don't harm themselves. Second — I'd help them find a reason to live."



Airman 1st Class Amanda Pardini, 366th Security Force Squadron — "To prevent suicide, I would always try to find a better reason for living."



Staff Sgt. Christopher Robinson, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "I would sit down with that person and try to get in their head and listen to what is going on. Sometimes people have things bottled up and just need to let it out."

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Benning celebrates Black History Month

Tricommunity unites to honor heritage

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Members of the tricommunity packed the Fort Benning Officers' Club Tuesday for the annual Black History Month luncheon.

Master Sgt. Kevin Elliot, equal opportunity advisor, said the unit representatives sold more than 400 tickets for the event, centered on the theme: "African-Americans and Education — the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education."

The program featured performances by students at every level from elementary school to college.

The Stowers Elementary School dancers followed vocal performances by Spencer High student, Chandra Alfred, and Miss Columbus, Samantha Daniels.

Dressed in black, with colorful patterned scarves, the 22 boys and girls performed an interpretive dance to "Don't Cry," by gospel singer Kirk Franklin. The group, led by fifth-grade teacher Patti Harling-Gray, gave up recess and after-school time to audition and practice. In choosing the music, Harling-Gray said the students listened to different songs and talked about them.

"We wanted to choose a piece where we could relay a Gospel message to the audience," Harling-Gray said. She said the students were worried about performing outside of the school, but she knew they would be fine.

"They worked hard and were dedicated," she said. The dancers spent six weeks creating and rehearsing their dance.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, commanding general, thanked the students for their powerful performance and introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. Debora Grant, pastor of St. John A.M.E. Church in Columbus.

Grant, who received her undergraduate degree from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, also holds a masters of Divinity and a doctorate of Ministry.

The youngest of nine children, Grant and three of her sisters followed in their father's footsteps in answering a call to the ministry.

"I know that you'll be inspired by our guest speaker," Freakley said, "while we remember when America came together as one to educate our youth. Reverend Grant is known for her special ability to reach out to all people and known for her great love for children and youth."

Grant began her remarks by saying it was an honor to be among the Soldiers at Fort Benning, whom she said are "living on the edge of life, for our lives."

The basis of her speech was drawn from the New Testament, about believers who were called out of darkness and into light.

Fifty years ago, Grant said, our nation was playing with darkness by denying black boys and girls the right to an education.

"What if someone had put a ceiling on your possibilities?" Grant asked the audience. "Where would we be?"

She said everyone is called to stand for what is right and sometimes, to do so requires critical change. Brown v. Board of Education represented taking a stand that brought about critical change.

"Finding common ground is a continuous process," she said. "And it can't be done only in the month of February. We must pursue authentic community all of the time, tap into the power of diversity and answer the call to peace and justice."

Grant left the audience with three main points:

"Don't underestimate your own capabilities.

> "What if someone had put a ceiling on your possibilities?" Where would we be?"
>
> **Rev. Debra Grant**
> Pastor of St. John A.M.E.Church in Columbus

"Don't underestimate the potential of others.

"And never underestimate the possibilities of God."

Grant tapped her head and said "brain power — all of us together means all things are possible."

Survey gives residents voice for improvements

DA to send questionnaire in April

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

With a housing repair and renovation backlog of more than $100 million and housing units that average 44 years of age, Fort Benning officials are looking to the Residential Communities Initiative to improve post living conditions.

RCI privatizes housing and partners with an experienced developer through a 50-year ground lease, said Ron Smith, RCI program manager.

The Army has awarded 18 RCI partnerships and another 10 are slated for award within the next two years, including Fort Benning.

The Fort Benning partnership is expected to be awarded this fall. The developer would then be responsible for the maintenance, construction, demolition and operations of housing. In return, it would receive the Soldiers' Basic Housing Allowance.

There are two important actions approaching in the process — an environmental assessment of quarters and an official Army housing survey, Smith said.

For the Environmental Baseline Study, a contractor will inspect post quarters, both interior and exterior for things like asbestos, radon and lead paint.

This will identify to the developer any existing or potential environmental issues.

The contractor needs to survey at least 10 percent of quarters, about 400 units.

The inspector will evaluate as many unoccupied homes as possible, but may have to access some of the occupied ones, Smith said. An RCI representative will contact residents to make an appointment at the residents' convenience.

The appointment shouldn't be longer than 30 minutes and there will be no samples taken.

The primary focus will be storage areas, heating, venting and air conditioning systems, under skins, attics and basements. Some photos will be taken to document the condition of the quarters.

The inspectors aren't looking for how the residents keep house, Smith said, but are looking at the environmental condition of the house before transitioning operations to the RCI partner.

The other event, the official housing survey, is a questionnaire of about 60 questions asking residents about the size and condition of their quarters and their level of satisfaction for the services offered to them.

The survey will be used by the RCI partner to understand residents' desires.

"It is extremely important that residents take time to fill out the survey and return it using the pre-addressed postage paid envelope," Smith said.

Residents can expect the survey in their mailboxes in early April. The deadline for return is June 25.

"We'll be able to use (the survey results) as a benchmark to measure our progress and see where we improved," he said.

"It will also help us get a better understanding of the needs of the customer and identify how the current contractors are doing."

Fort Benning officials are planning to attend an industry forum March 12 in Kentucky to present the project to interested developers.

"We're going to talk to them about Fort Benning's mission," Smith said, "so that they better understand the culture of Fort Benning."

The forum is followed up with a site visit and briefing for the developers in late March, "so they can see firsthand, the condition and square footage of all housing units."

A solicitation requesting developer qualifications goes out April 1 and work is projected to begin in late spring 2006.

"If you want it all, we've got it all."

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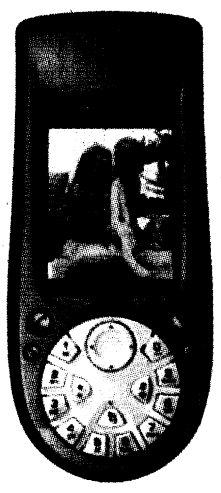

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OCS grad pushes ahead for mom

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

"The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made or kept so by the exertions of better men than himself."

John Stuart Mill

One of the graduates of Officer Candidate School Class 501-05 has no intention of going down in the books as that person.

2nd Lt. Anthony W. Perez graduated the Officer Candidate School Feb. 12, and said he is eager to go back to his National Guard unit, the 50th Main Support Battalion, Teaneck, N.J., and work on his application for active-duty status.

But while his classmates were sworn in before their families at the Ranger Memorial, the Airborne School Graduation Field and outside Infantry Hall, Anthony stood alone facing a television screen, which carried the image of his older brother, Capt. Johnny Perez, 2,888 miles away in Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Johnny swore Anthony into the Army's Officer Corps via video teleconference.

The brothers had only enough time for the ceremony and a short exchange of congratulations and brotherly goodbyes before Anthony had to leave to make the long trek back to Newark, N.J., where home and his father waited.

Anthony is a first-generation American and is eager to serve his nation. Born the second of three sons to Chilean parents who immigrated here in the early '70s, he said he feels he owes a debt not only to the United States, but also to his parents who worked hard to ensure him a good upbringing.

Anthony said he appreciates the sacrifices his parents made for his and his brothers' well-being and believes in passing on the lessons of selflessness, courage and determination his parents taught him.

"My parents came to this country and had practically nothing. My father had just enough money to get here and didn't have money to even live on," Anthony said.

"He found work and was able to save enough money to bring my mother here. They came to this country and all they ever wanted to do was raise their kids. They made a big sacrifice for all three of us.

"My mother's passed away now. I always felt like I should do something for other people. And if I can somehow be a role model for somebody else, then I'd like to pass on everything I have learned from (my parents). I feel it's my duty to give the little bit I have and pass it on to somebody else," he said.

The brothers' mother was killed in a automobile accident in Hawaii in August of 2001 on her way to visit Johnny after he was promoted to captain.

Johnny said he knows their mother would be happy to see Anthony commissioned and following in his brother's footsteps.

"I know she would be very proud of (Anthony) and all his accomplishments. And even though she is not here physically anymore, I know that she is always watching over her three sons," said Johnny.

Anthony has always put a lot of heart into everything he does, Johnny said — as an honor roll student in school, as a mentor to their youngest brother, Michael, after their mother passed away and as a Soldier who always leads by example.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Anthony Perez, is sworn into the officer corps by his brother via VTC.

Michael was encouraged and guided by Anthony and eventually also joined the National Guard and serves with Anthony in the same unit, Johnny said.

One of the strongest qualities Anthony possesses is his decisiveness, which will make him a great leader, Johnny said.

"(Anthony) has no problems making decisions. He is able to assess a situation and make a decision without hesitating. In today's Army, you have to be able to make decisions on the fly. Any hesitation in our line of business could affect the battle," said Johnny.

Even though Anthony already has a significant amount of military service and was primed for a commission, OCS had many important lessons to take advantage of.

The most important of those was learning, as a leader, an officer always has to take care of his Soldiers, said Anthony.

The chance to take care of Soldiers during a time of war is one Anthony said he is looking forward to.

"I haven't been called up for anything, and hopefully, now that I am an officer, and if I can go on active duty, I will have a better chance of getting called up (to deploy). I'm ready to go (to war)," said Anthony.

Anthony has already given his country 10 years and seven months of faithful service, and with his graduation and commission, he continued a family tradition of service to a nation that opened its arms to his parents' quest for freedom and opportunity.

So what does the young officer have to say to the troops already on the front lines around the globe?

"There are quality officers coming out of OCS, and (the Soldiers) have that to look forward to — good leaders to follow," he said.

Comanche program cut, funds diverted for aviation

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

The Army plans to cancel further research, development and planned purchases of the RAH-66 Comanche stealth helicopter.

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker told the Pentagon press corps Monday the Army's Comanche termination recommendation to Congress is about getting the most bang for the buck for Army aviation.

"We have examined closely our resourcing plans for aviation and concluded that some of the capabilities those funds would provide are no longer consistent with the changed operating environment," Brownlee said.

From a purely business standpoint, it makes more sense to upgrade the current Army aircraft fleet to meet the demands of the contemporary operating environment with the $14 billion slated for the Comanche program versus getting the 121 Comanche helicopters designed for a different environment and enemy than the ones the Army faces today, Schoomaker said.

That $14 billion represents about 40 percent of the planned Army aviation budget through fiscal 2011.

The decision to cancel the Comanche program stems from an early directive to look at Army aviation to determine how it should transform to best meet challenges on the battlefield. The six-month study recently concluded.

Standardizing what comprises an aviation brigade was one of the study's recommendations.

There are seven different types of aviation brigades in the Army today. That standardization includes the Army Reserve and National Guard. The reserve component has dozens of 1970s helicopters that were phased out of the active Army more than a decade ago.

Given how reserve-component units have been tasked to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in the past two years, there should be "plug-and-play" with their active-Army counterparts — but they are mostly not due in large part to equipment differences, said Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau.

The 3rd Infantry Division's aviation brigade, recently back from Iraq, will be the first brigade to reset under the standardization plan. The future Army aviation brigades will have two battalions of 24 Apache attack helicopters each; a battalion of 30 Black Hawk helicopters; a utility battalion with eight light utility, 12 Chinook heavy utility, 12 Black Hawk helicopters, a number of unmanned aerial vehicles and a maintenance battalion.

The Army plans to divert part of the Comanche funds to buy more Black Hawk and Apache helicopters for the Army Reserve and National Guard.

The Army plans to buy about 800 more aircraft and upgrade another 400 beyond what current funding allows with diverted Comanche funds.

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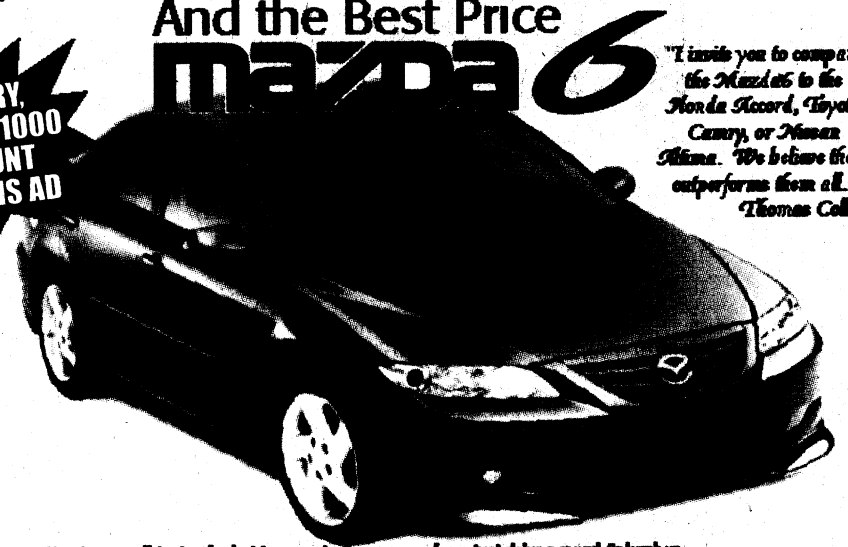

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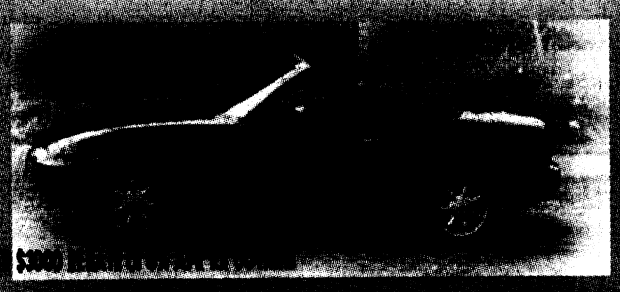

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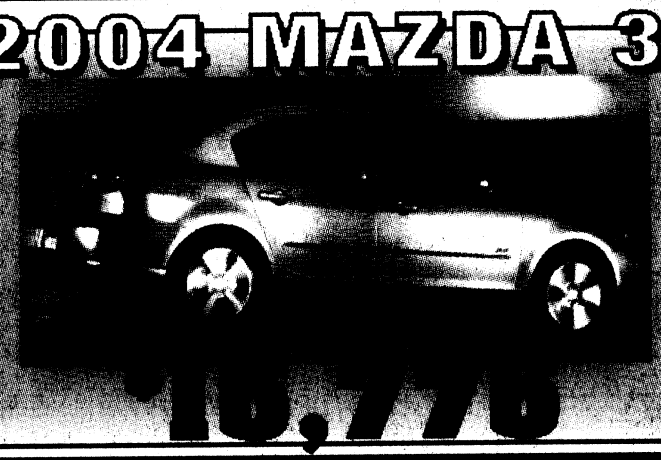

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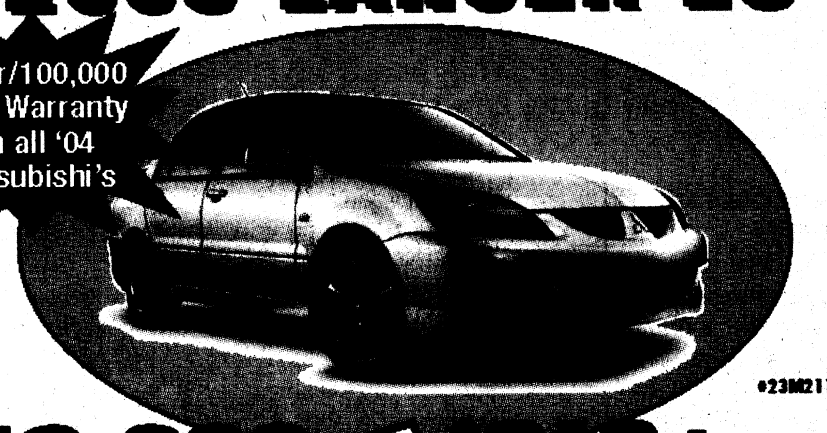

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Infantry Systems Seminar builds bridges

Meeting with user, developer makes progress

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The U.S. Army Infantry Center recently held its first Infantry System Seminar with Program Executive Officer for Simulations, Training and Instrumentation and a number of other organizations to open up lines of communication with the developers.

The seminar focused on training aids, devices, simulations and simulators for the USAIC.

"Basically (the ISS) enhances the communication between us and the developers," said Lt. Col. Harry Lubin, chief, Infantry Futures Group. "It wasn't a one-time deal; this is a moving target. As technology and training change, so do requirements, and we need to talk to one another."

The Infantry Center generates requirements to make sure the training aid systems will meet the training needs of infantry Soldiers, said Jeff Arneson, strategic planner Infantry Futures Group.

"I think (the seminar) was a success," he said. "The overwhelming response was very positive."

"It's important for the Infantry Center to drive requirements — not the requirements to drive the Infantry Center," Lubin said. "They walked away with a better understanding of (Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley's) philosophy and what today's infantry needs."

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> Chief, Infantry Futures Group

The seminar gave the developers a chance to talk directly to the operator, the commanding general, Arneson said. This will ensure their products will meet the needs of the infantry Soldier when the equipment goes to the field.

At the seminar, attendees discussed operational requirement documents that direct the new devices and make sure the developers are on target, he said.

They discussed projects already underway, some are similar to the virtual simulator for Soldier Combined Arms Tactical Trainer. They spoke about the needs for it to include the dismounted Soldier on the battlefield and not just the infantry squad.

"There are aviation trainers for helicopter pilots that replicate what they do, but we don't have anything that replicates what a dismounted Soldier does," Arneson said.

Training aids and simulators like the helicopter simulator will save the Army money by saving live ammunition and training time for the dismounted Soldier.

There are plans to conduct quarterly seminars with different organizations.

AROUND POST

Ranger School graduation

The next Ranger Training Brigade graduation is today.

Before graduation is Rangers in Action, a demonstration of the skills Soldiers learn during training. Rangers in Action starts at 11 a.m. For more information, call 544-6417.

Antiterrorism course starts Monday

A unit antiterrorism advisor course is required by regulation and being offered by a Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., mobile training team Monday through March 5 in Infantry Hall. Major subordinate commands have received notification of the course and seats have been allocated.

For more information, call 545-4484.

U.S. Military Academy Founders Day Celebration

Graduates and friends of the U.S. Military Academy are invited to attend a Founders Day celebration at 6 p.m. March 6 in the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

Guest Speaker is Brig. Gen. Leo A. Brooks, commandant of cadets. For more information, call Capt. Ali Palmer at 544-8826 or 544-9222.

Separating Soldiers

The post Adjutant General office would like to help Soldiers separating from the military.

Separating Soldiers with an ETS can expect to have orders published between 60 and 90 days prior to their departure on transition leave, or their separation date, whichever is earlier. Separating Soldiers must see the Army Career and Alumni Program and attend a pre-separation briefing 90 to 120 days. This is mandatory.

Upon regular ETS or separation, Soldiers may be eligible for the following benefits: dental treatment, unemployment compensation, Montgomery GI Bill, health benefits and other benefits.

There are specific time limits and restrictions on the benefits. All of the information can be accessed through the Veterans Affairs homepage at www.va.gov.

For more information, call the local Veterans Affairs Office, located in Bldg. 2617 in Soldiers' Plaza at 545-4887. The Transition Center is in Building 2619 and can be reached at 545-5400 or 545-5424 or see your unit personnel NCO.

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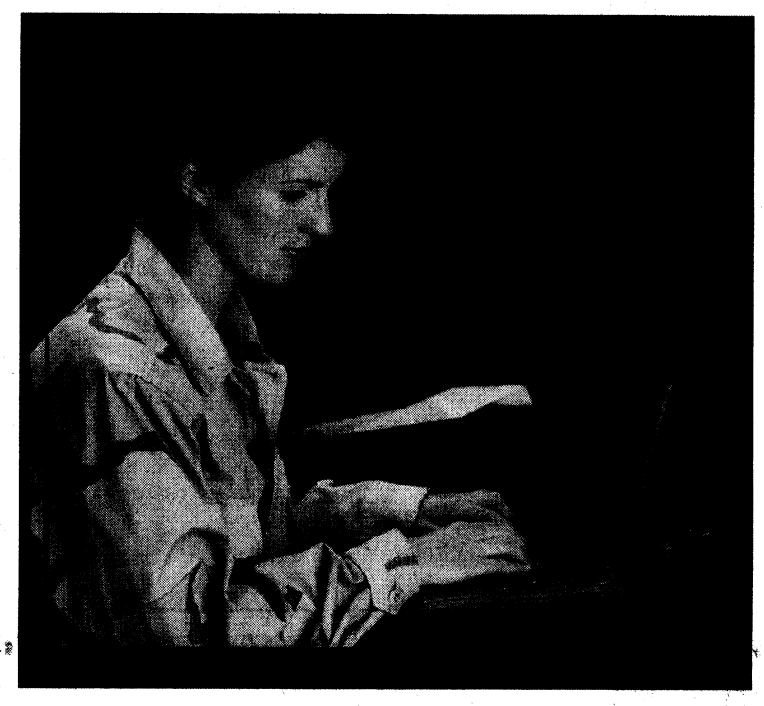

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BCTB, Wilson partnership takes first in state

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning school system received recognition from the state when the Georgia Association of Partners In Education named Wilson Elementary School with the Basic Combat Training Brigade 2003 Partnership of the Year Award winners.

Wilson Elementary School with BCTB tied for first place with an elementary school from Gainesville, Ga.

They were recognized for their work together through the 2002-2003 school year.

The award proves the commitment the Soldiers have to the children said Margaret Koger, Wilson's PIE coordinator.

The application for the award highlighted areas like the mentoring program and the leadership academy, in which Soldiers talk with fourth- and fifth-graders about leadership.

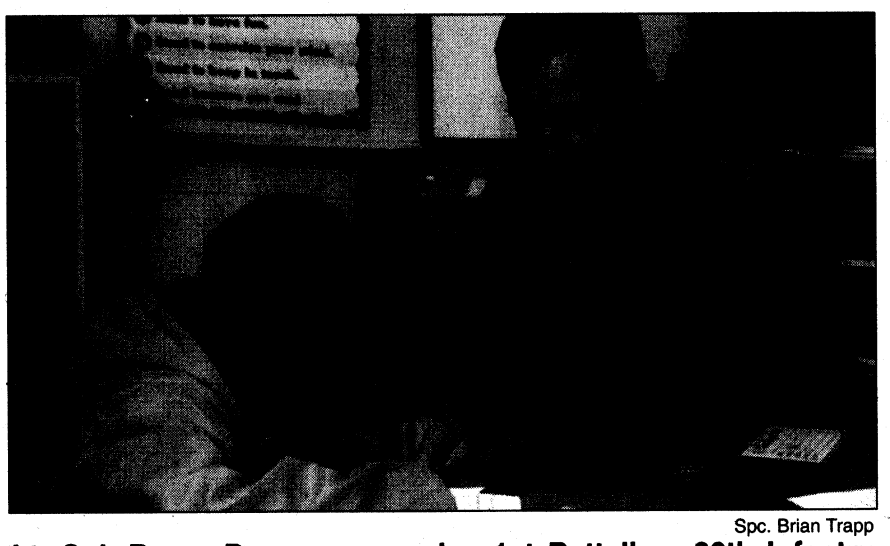
The Soldiers helped the Wilson build a small replica of the Army's leadership development course, Koger said.

"We're really pleased that others in the state see the strong partnership we have with (BCTB) and the benefits for the children," Koger said.

"(The ceremony) was a really positive atmosphere to see how our small organization made a big impact on the school," said Lt. Col. Kelvin Scott, BCTB deputy commander and PIE executive agent.

"Seeing the large corporations that had so many resources showed it takes more than dollars. Compared to others, it shows how big our hearts are," Scott said.

"Since the partnership began, there's been an improvement with the children," Koger said. "We've been tracking their improvement with reading scores, standardized testing and comparing discipline referrals from before the kids entered the mentoring program. We can see an improvement in all of those areas."



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Lt. Col. Bryan Dyer, commander, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, mentors Dewayne Evans, 9, during grammar class. Dyer has mentored Evans since September.

Not only do the children benefit from the partnership, but the Soldiers do, as well.

"I was here last school year and the additional things we are doing are a lot greater. The participation, energy and involvement are all a lot greater this year," Scott said. "From what I learned talking to Soldiers, it is a very positive experience and a morale boost to the Soldiers."

The Soldiers' involvement in the school impacted about 550 students and staff last school year. During that time, about 80 volunteers from BCTB spent more than 520 hours working with students and various school programs.

"The kids love it," Koger said. "Each class has a Soldier who they identify as theirs.

"The activities with the Soldiers aren't always academic — sometimes they'll just eat lunch with them or bring a snack."

West Point Founder's Day includes distinguished grad

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

It's nothing more than a birthday party, but at the same time, it's so much more.

At 6 p.m. March 6, friends and alumni of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., will gather to celebrate the 202nd anniversary of their alma mater. The guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Leo A. Brooks, commandant of the Corps of Cadets

Each year, friends and graduates get together near March 16, the date on which Congress approved legislation establishing the academy, which is the longest continuously occupied military post.

Although the academy was created through the vision of President Thomas Jefferson, the celebration, called Founder's Day, pays tribute to its 33rd graduate, Sylvanus Thayer.

Thayer, class of 1808, is known as the "father of the military academy" because of the sweeping educational reforms he made during his tenure as superintendent from 1817-1833.

Founder's Day is celebrated across the globe, and in some cases, in informal get-togethers in the middle of deployments to countries like Bosnia and Iraq. No matter where the ceremony, guests will be treated to remarks from both the oldest and youngest graduates present, in addition to the guest speaker.

West Point recruiting posters with pictures of famous graduates like Grant, Lee, Pershing and Eisenhower are accompanied by text that reads, "Much of the history we teach was made by the people we taught."

And this year, retired Col. Ralph Puckett, class of 1949, joins the list of West Point's more recent distinguished graduates.

Puckett was nominated for the Distinguished Graduate award by the president of his class as a "graduate whose character, distinguished service and stature draw wholesome comparison to the qualities that West Point strives for, in keeping with its motto: 'Duty, Honor, Country.'" Puckett will receive his award at West Point in April or May

Both graduates and non-graduates, officers and NCOs alike contributed to the recommendation packet.

"They've made a silk purse out of a sow's ear," Puckett said.

But how many "sow's ears" served their country in both Korea and Vietnam, earning five Purple Hearts, two Silver Stars, two Distinguished Service Crosses and 10 Air Medals, among others?

"Colonel Puckett's award is well-deserved," said Col. Craig Nixon, commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment. "He's one of the finest men I know."

Nixon said Puckett has been impacting the regiment and the Army as a whole for more than 50 years. Puckett has been the honorary colonel of the Ranger Regiment since 1993.

"For the regiment, he embodies what we all should strive for," Nixon said. "Quiet professionalism, a true gentleman. He's the ultimate mentor to the senior leadership and young Soldiers alike."

Nixon said it would be hard to capture, in writing, everything Puckett does either for his church, the community, or the military because he touches so many things.

"I have a hard time keeping up with him," he said.

Puckett said he carries two memories from his time at West Point.

The first, he said, was his first day at the academy, a day no graduate can forget. He had to learn four responses — yes, sir; no, sir; no excuse, sir and sir, may I ask a question?

"That 'no excuse, sir,'" he said, "meant I had no excuse to fail you and I'd have to come up with some way to accomplish the mission."

The second memory was of the total environment of West Point — from the gray walls to the history.

"The war in Japan was not over in 1944 when I entered West Point," he said.

All of his tactical advisors were World War II veterans with distinguished records who became role models for an 18-year-old from Tifton, Ga., who had spent time at Georgia Technical Institute.

"I thought, 'Here is what West Point graduates have done,'" Puckett said. "I must never do anything to bring discredit to the institution."

Puckett feels West Point is still a valid commissioning source because of the standards it sets.

"But because we set the standards doesn't mean that we're better," he said. "Colonel Nixon — he's an Auburn graduate — and he's as good as anyone I ever saw. But I know, if I had stayed at Georgia Tech, I would never have had the feeling I do about the Army and standards."

With Founder's Day right around the corner, Puckett said he is looking forward to interacting with the younger graduates. Talking with the junior officers is often an enlightening experience for Puckett.

"We're not 'old grads,'" he said, "rather, more experienced. But sometimes we become jaded and get set in our ways."

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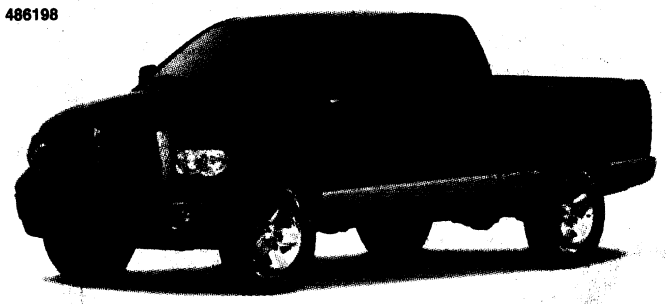

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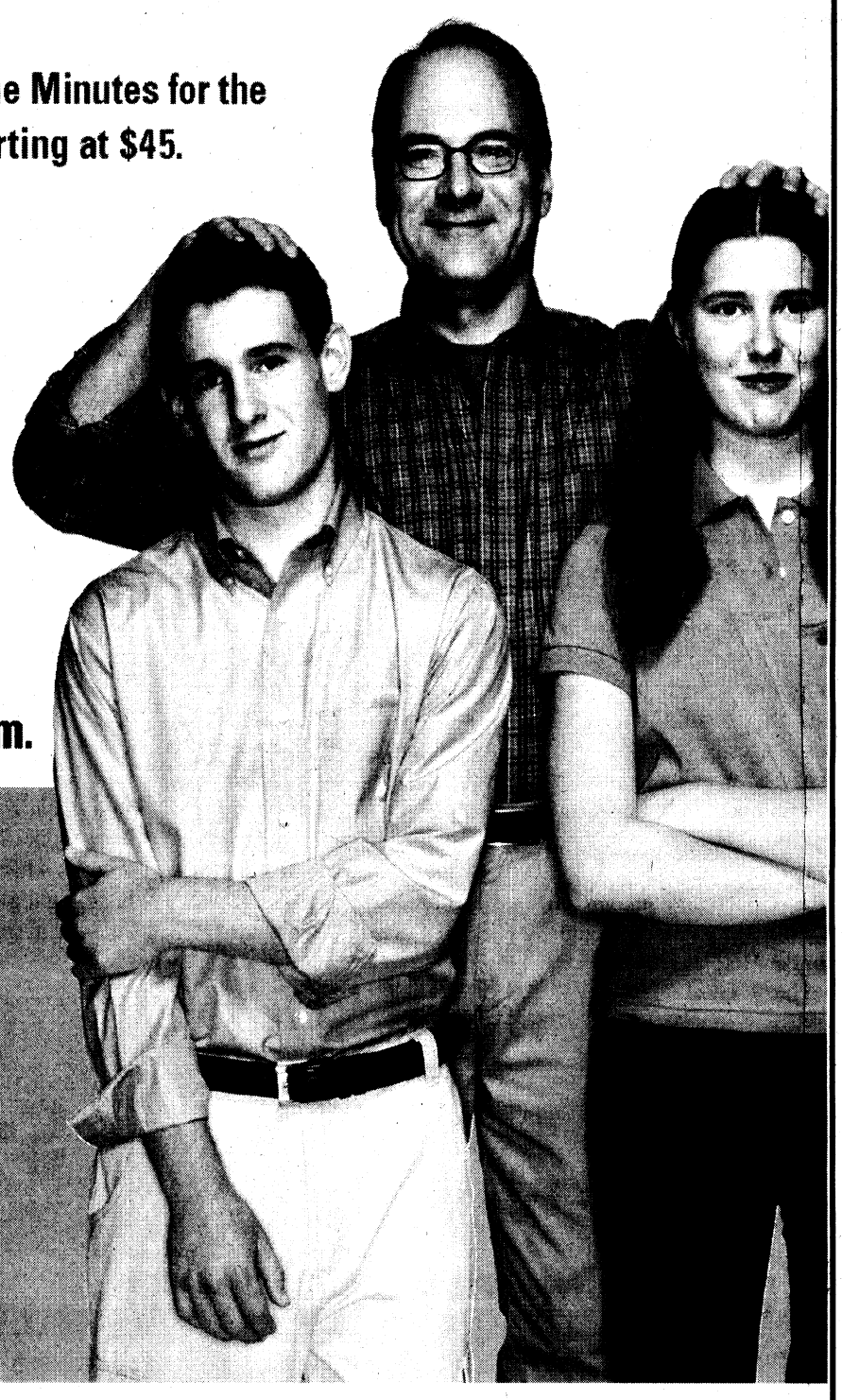

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Feral pigs fair game for post hunters

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Fort Benning officials are reacting positively to the post's prolific pig population. They're positively peeved.

The pesky porkers began causing problems more than two years ago, when they wandered onto Main Post and wreaked havoc in Indianhead Terrace and around about the Airborne Towers and the Ranger Memorial.

More than 60 were exterminated during a short period, and though the problem hasn't been repeated on Main Post, the pigs are still causing damage and creating a potentially hazardous situation on Lawson Army Airfield.

The swine are feral, a term used to describe any animal that was once considered domestic but has since become wild. More than 2 million of them roam free over much of the Southern half of the country, a legacy, some believe, of the 16th century Spaniards.

More recently, post environmental officials say, the pigs wandered away from farms or were illegally released onto or near Fort Benning. They travel in groups, or "squeals," and cover great distances when foraging, so no one can say for sure just where the problem originated. And since they thrive in the post's dense forests, including restricted areas thought to contain undetonated ordnance, their population is exploding, if you will.

"I've been hunting here all my life, and I've never seen numbers like this," said Pete Swiderek, chief of the Environmental Management Division's Conservation Branch, Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics. "There's been a marked increase in the past 10 years or so."

The swine, often called wild hogs or boars, are considered an "invasive species," Swiderek said.

They carry diseases, such as pseudorabies and brucellosis, which can be contracted by humans or domestic animals, and they have a negative impact on the ecosystem, uprooting trees and endangered plant species Environmental Management is trying to propagate.

And yes, said a Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation official, they can be aggressive. With average weights exceeding 150 pounds and lengths up to six feet, the mature swine can be a menace.

"People think because they can't see well and their hearing's not so good, they're not dangerous," said Cliff Hughes, recreational program manager. "But they have an incredible sense of smell. They can pose a real threat."

A 400-pound feral swine charged Hughes two years ago, when he was tasked to vanquish the pigs from Main Post.

"He looked like a bear coming at me. It took three shots to bring him down," said Hughes, who donated the meat to Hunters for the Hungry, an organization that uses hunters' surplus to feed the homeless.

Pigs have been an on-going but sporadic problem for the 4th Ranger Training Battalion, said Command Sgt. Maj. James Faulkenberry. Their rooting has left grassy areas "looking like someone ran through them with a plow."

The problem is not merely cosmetic, he said. It's causing erosion.

"We'd like to see them thinned out at the very least," Faulkenberry said.

Officials hoped to do just that when they declared "open season" year round for bow hunters more than two years ago, a policy adopted by several Southern states plagued with the same problem. Pig season for hunters with firearms was extended from August to March.

Hunting pig has become popular on Fort Benning, Hughes said, but it hasn't made a dent in the pig problem. Though more than 1,200 were harvested by hunters last year, the swine population continues to swell, because a sow less than a year old can deliver a litter of 16 twice a year.

Environmental Management has teamed with Auburn University for a four-year "ecology and management study" to determine the effectiveness of trying to control the swine population. Together, they'll look closely at the swines' effects on endangered plant and animal populations and Soldier training, said Mark Thornton, a threatened and endangered species biologist with the Environmental Management Division.

In the next few weeks, Auburn officials will outfit up to 100 sows with a device that will let them track their movement and feeding habits. The end goal, Thornton said, is to determine the best way to control the swine population and limit its impact on sensitive terrain.

The study will not impact hunting, he said. Hunters who kill a tagged pig will be asked to return the tag to conservation officials. More information will be released in next year's hunting regulation.

In the meantime, hunters are encouraged to take precautions when hunting and handling feral swine, Thornton said. Always wear gloves when handling the animal, and make sure the meat is cooked thoroughly.

For more information on Fort Benning's hunting and fishing regulations, log on to www.benning.army.mil/emd/wildlife.html.

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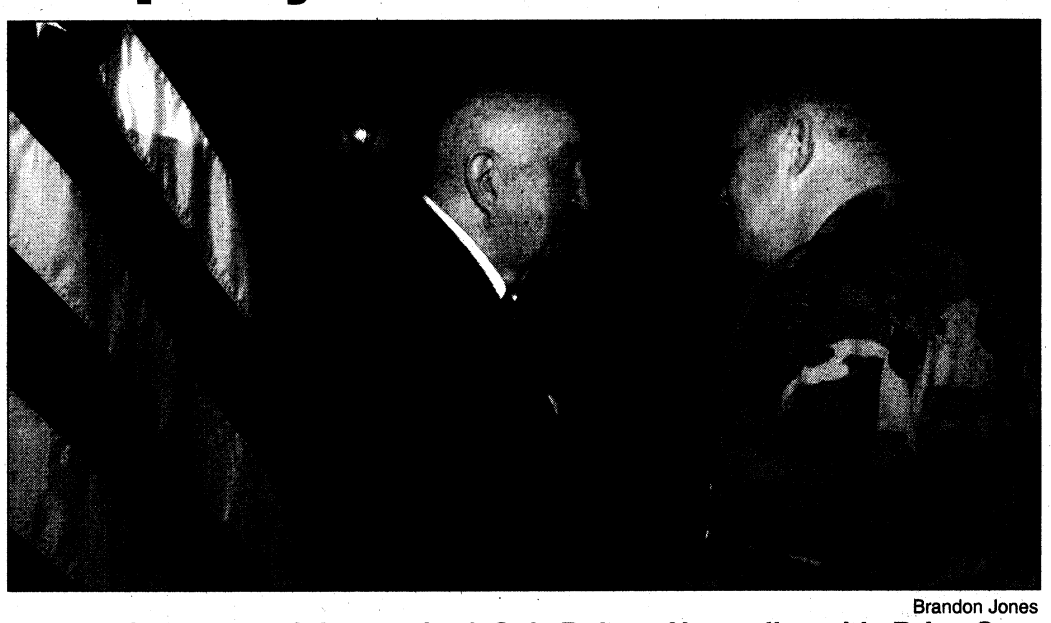

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Medal of Honor recipient retired Col. Robert Nett talks with Brig. Gen. Stephen Layfield during his farewell Friday at the Officers' Club.

Air Show: To fly through Columbus in March

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The show will also provide the general public a chance to catch up on what's going on in the Army these days, Hunsaker said.

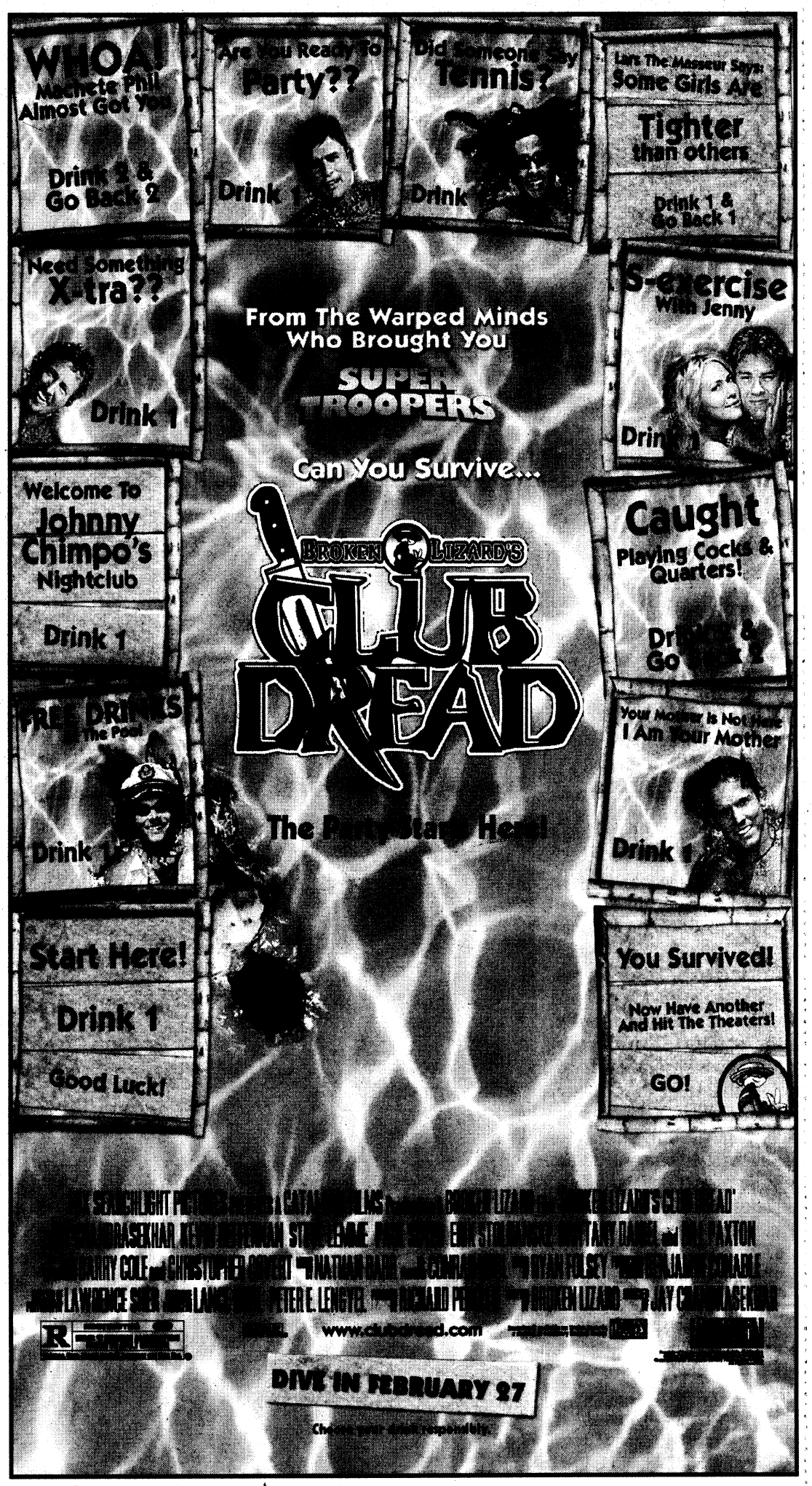
"With the Stryker and the Bradley and the rangers out there, this will kind of let the general public see (the Army's) capabilities," he said.

Soldier or civilian, child or adult, there's bound to be something of interest for everyone at this year's Thunder in the Valley Air Show. All for a bargain price.

Tickets at the gate will be $10 a piece, Hunsaker said. However, starting March 1, Soldiers and their families can purchase discount tickets ahead of time for just $5.50. The tickets will be available at Omega Travel in the Main Mall Post Exchange.

All proceeds will go to the Chattahoochee Council of Boy Scouts of America, which serves about 11,000 youths in the area, Allmendinger said.

For more information, call the Boy Scout office at 327-2634 or visit the event Web site at www.thunderinthevalleyairsho





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Staff Sgt. Chris Binion, a drill sergeant with B Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, coaches Spc. Timothy Siwiec on close-combat optics at Easley Range Monday. B Co. drill sergeants attended the Service Rifle Team's train-the-trainer course that improved B Co.'s basic rifle marksmanship scores.

USAMU shares skills to train trainers

Service Rifle Team brings force

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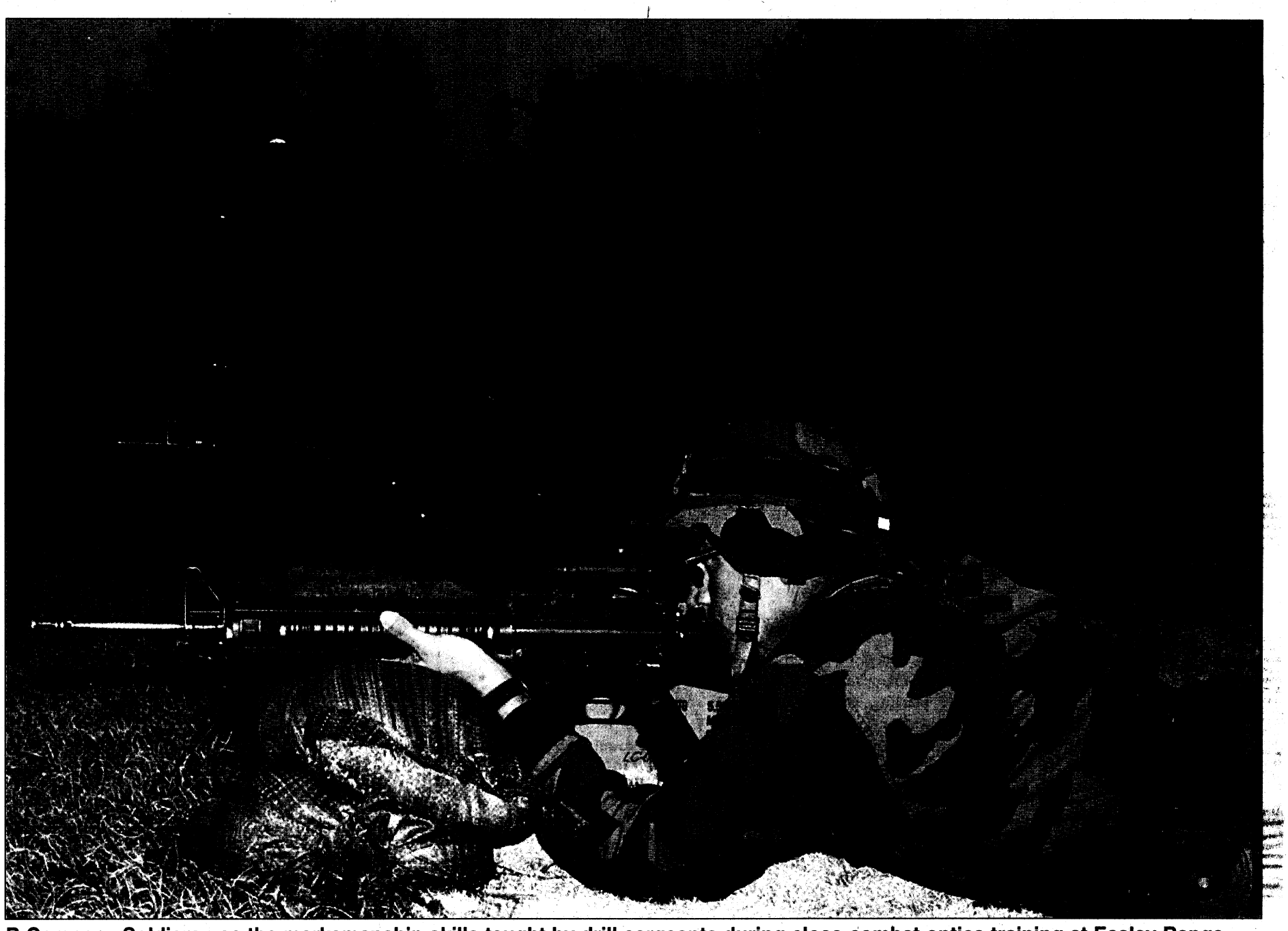


B Company Soldiers use the marksmanship skills taught by drill sergeants during close-combat optics training at Easley Range.

The Service Rifle Team provides a "train-the-trainer" course for officers, NCOs and unit marksmanship trainers on the M-4 and M-16 weapon systems.

In this marksmanship course, the Service Rifle instructors build on basic rifle marksmanship skills and what is required to deliver a well-aimed shot, said Sgt. 1st Class Lance Hopper, shooter and instructor with the Service Rifle Team.

Emphasis is also placed on areas such as firing positions, ballistics and marksmanship sustained programs, Hopper said.

"Train the trainer is designed to break down marksmanship into simpler terms so it's easier to understand and then (teach) the same techniques to other Soldiers," Hopper said.

The team recently taught a class to 11 drill sergeants from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment.

The drill sergeants went through the three-day class in December and implemented the techniques they learned in the BRM portion of their current cycle.

"The company achieved a first-time-go rate of 96 percent with 100 percent by the end of the day," said 1st Sgt. Thomas Pendleton, of B Co. "The end result showed 18 Soldiers shooting expert and 69 Soldiers shooting sharpshooter."

Those numbers are excellent compared to the normal 75 to 80 percent first-time-go rate with an average of 25 sharpshooters and less than five experts, Pendleton said.

The Service Rifle Team is instrumental in developing good shooters, and their contributions played a role in B Co.'s recent success, Pendleton said.

During the course, trainers place emphasis on the two marksmanship techniques that almost always ensure a good shot — sight alignment and trigger control.

As long as Soldiers learn to focus on those two techniques, they will always get their shot, Hopper said.

"Soldiers who come to the course have usually been in the Army for many years and believe they know all there is to know about marksmanship," he said. "By the end of the class, everybody leaves knowing they learned one thing or another about marksmanship that they never knew before."

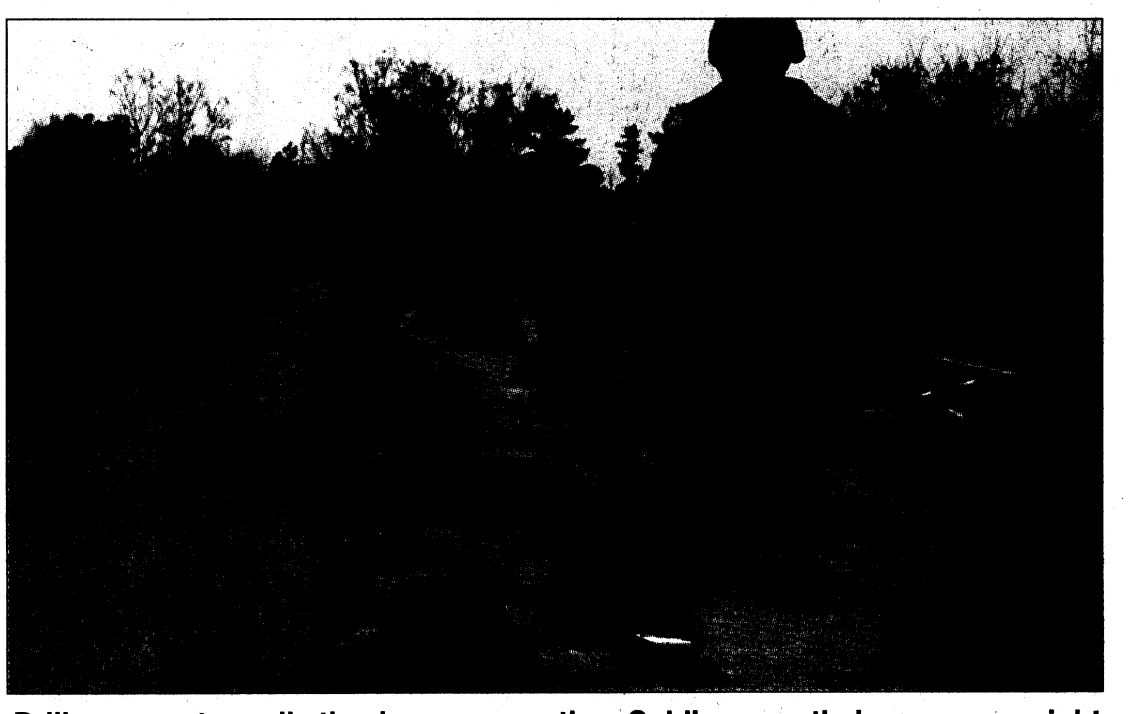
"I've been in the Army a long time, and I thought I knew everything about marksmanship and could learn nothing else," said Staff Sgt. Chris Binion, a B Co. drill sergeant. "I came out of the Service Rifle Team's train the trainer course knowing a lot more about marksmanship, how to properly train other Soldiers and be a better shooter."

Binion said the instructors were very professional and knowledgeable and added that more first-line trainers should take the course.

Hopper said the Service Rifle Team is happy to train as many units and Soldiers as his team can handle.

"It's important for us to continue to train the Army's first-line trainers since they are the first to train the force, and whichever way they train Soldiers is the way Soldiers will perform while they are in the Army," Hopper said.

For more information on the Service Rifle Team or to enroll in the train the trainer course, call 545-3250 or 545-4081.



Drill sergeants walk the lanes correcting Soldiers on their weapons sight alignment, an important part to getting a good shot.

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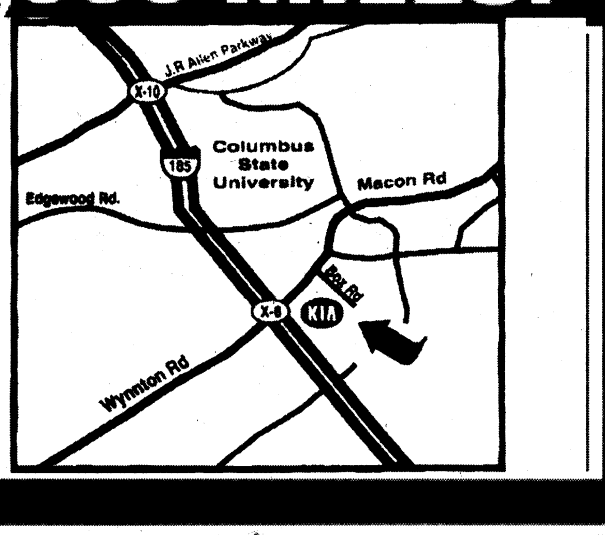



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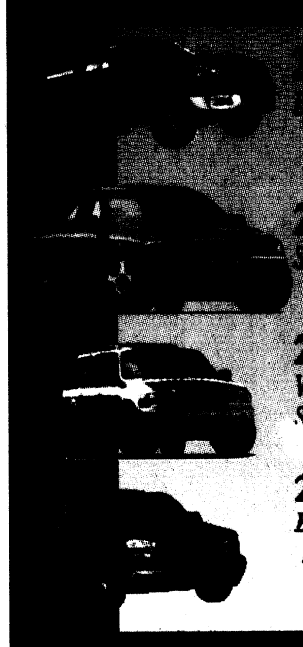

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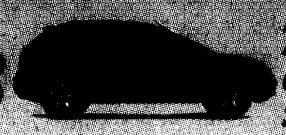

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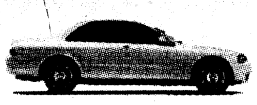

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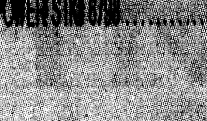

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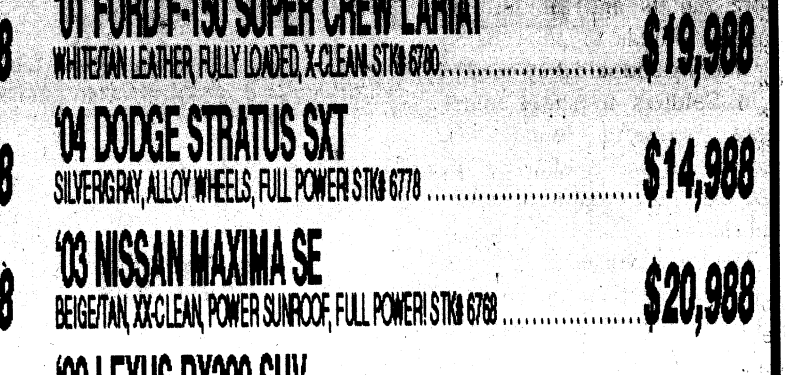

Flight company moves to 29th Infantry Regiment

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Fort Benning's recent restructuring of units has been a major effort to reorganize, and the post's former flight detachment is a perfect example of why these changes were necessary.

Now Flight Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, the unit once fell smack-dab in the middle of a big mess.

The detachment worked directly for the Directorate of Operations and Training, fulfilled their administrative needs through Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Garrison, and addressed Uniform Code of Military Justice issues through 1st Bn., 11th Inf. Regt., said Lt. Col. Greg Kane, commander, 2nd Bn., 29th Inf. Regt..

The unit switched over to 2nd Bn., 29th Inf. Regt., last week.

With 34 Soldiers in the company now, and authorization for seven more, the unit is the post's only lift aviation asset, Kane said. Its Soldiers assist the Ranger Training Brigade in its airborne operations, air assault and medevac training, and provides support to the Pathfinder School and logistical support to the post command for VIP movement.

All in all, the unit sees one to two mission each day, Kane said.

"(There are) several benefits from the reorganization," said Lt. Col. David T. Shepherd, deputy commander of the 29th Inf. Regt.

"The former detachment commander now has Title X authority. Administrative and logistical support are provided by one organization (versus) three separate major subordinate command or post agencies. (There is) greater assistance with maintenance oversight," he said.

Title X authority is important, Kane said, because without it, there is no UCMJ authority, no ability to approve or disapprove Soldiers' leave and no authority to approve or disapprove promotions.

Settling in at their new home, the Flight Co.'s Soldiers' transition will be a positive one.

"Soldiers from the Pioneer Battalion welcomed the new flight company — their mission is right in line with what we do," Kane said. "By their inclusion, I can now state with pride that this battalion supports every training battalion on this post."

Suicide: Impacts family, loved ones left behind for life

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become overwhelming and lead to thoughts of suicide, she said.

Alcohol and drug abuse or professional problems can also induce or worsen a bout of depression. The Army and the Fort Benning command have an extensive network of resources to stop tragedies like this from happening, Wilbanks said.

Fort Benning has a comprehensive program that begins when Soldiers arrive for in-processing. Soldiers are given a suicide prevention card that lists the warning signs of suicide and telephone numbers for the agencies that are available to help. Once assigned to a unit, Soldiers have access to chaplains who are responsible for counseling them individually as needed and providing suicide prevention classes.

The post also has more than 400 personnel, known as gatekeepers, who are trained by psychiatric professionals to recognize and refer high-risk Soldiers to agencies for help, Wilbanks said. Gatekeepers are unit prevention leaders who undergo 40 hours of training through the Army Substance Abuse Prevention program's Unit Prevention Leader Course and are the liaisons between the units and the network of resources available through ASAP.

Fifty percent of all drill sergeants, all religious support team members and at least one representative from every unit must undergo Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. ASIST is recognized at all levels of Army leadership as the recommended training for leaders, Wilbanks said.

Anyone who needs help or is considering taking his or her own life, or anyone who knows someone who is exhibiting warning signs can get help from a variety of sources:

- Community Mental Health Services and Psychiatry Department at Martin Army Community Hospital at 545-3590 or 544-2273.
- Military police at 545-5222.
- Emergency help can be obtained by calling MACH's emergency room afterhours line at 544-1502 or the on-call chaplain at 545-2218.
- The Army One Source line can offer assistance at any time at (800) 464-8107.

So with all these resources in place to help those in need, why do some Soldiers and civilians in this community still choose to end their lives?

Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Kelso, post command sergeant major, said responsibility for the suicides ultimately falls on the shoulders of the individuals. Still, Kelso said, the community needs to know the red flags of a possibly suicidal person and act when a person is identified as a suicide risk.

"All leaders, all Soldiers, all comrades and individuals need to be more familiar with signs of possible suicide," Kelso said. "We need to be aware of situations that may be going on in a person's life that could send him down that road ...

"Leaders need to be more aware of what is going on in the lives of their Soldiers, especially at the lowest leadership levels," he said. "But I don't place fault on any leader, because in my opinion, committing suicide is (a personal choice)."

Kelso said he doesn't feel the two recent suspected suicides are related to operational tempo, but individual situations instead.

Some personal situations may seem overwhelming, but Kelso urged those feeling hopeless to consider the permanent consequences of suicide.

"When anyone commits suicide," he said, "their problems might be over, but the problems for those left behind are just beginning — whether it's the friends, the squad, the platoon or the family, most importantly. Their troubles have just begun.

"I encourage everyone who has these feelings to seek help," Kelso said.

IT: Visits 3rd ID

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other installations embrace new methods of training.

Other topics of concern were new weaponry and equipment, such as the MX-8, a rifle that is still going through evaluation and testing, and technology that will allow Soldiers to "see" through walls.

Whether equipment, training or weaponry, Fort Benning is where "all things Soldier" will happen, Freakley said.

Many of the Marne Soldiers applauded the advancements in technology, but were looking for more basic approaches to readiness.

They asked about getting more bullets and simunitions (bullets similar to paint balls) for training and said they need to train Soldiers to shoot under more stressful conditions, because as one Soldier put it, "We can't just drop in a foxhole and shoot."

They also voiced a need for nonlethal munitions and items to help control crowds, as when the Iraqi people began to loot their own country.

Freakley said many concerns are already being addressed, and Soldiers will begin to see changes in the near future.

Basic Combat Training Brigade Soldiers will spend the last three weeks of training in the field learning to perform 40 key tasks under stress.

The Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate has also made changes to its mission.

"We are creating as many tactical dilemmas as possible (for training) based on feedback from others like you," the director, Col. Edmund Woolfolk, said.

Lt. Col. Harry J. Lubin, Infantry Futures Group chief, said the trip provided a list of concerns and possible changes they will continue to review, and more importantly, it opened lines of communication between Fort Benning and the 3rd ID.

Although there has been good communication in the past, the personal feedback went very well, Lubin said.

"I feel like we have a better idea of what they need, and we can better advocate for them when we are dealing with TRADOC," he said.



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BIKE WEEK BUST

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Sam Spears loves Daytona Bike Week. In fact, he loves anything remotely associated with motorcycles.

Spears racked up more than 40,000 miles on his bike each year, taking annual cross-country vacations and weekend trips to the mountains.

And in the 30 years since his first ride, since he purchased his first bike, a Honda Dream, Spears has owned more than he cares to count. At one point, there were six parked in his garage, including an exotic little Italian model called an Aprilia.

Like thousands of Soldiers and former Soldiers, Spears made the trek to Florida for Bike Week year after year after year.

Last year, he missed it.

This year he'll miss it.

But the retired command sergeant major from Fort Benning is certain he'll make it back one day — on a new set of wheels.

Spears is confined to a wheelchair these days, the victim of a motorcycle accident more than a year ago that left him paralyzed below the waist. His perspective and his sense of humor weren't damaged a bit.

"If I hadn't been wearing a good helmet and body armor, I might've really been hurt," he said. "It could've been worse."

It was a warm day in December 2002 when Spears, the Future Force liaison to the Infantry School, decided to ride his Aprilia to work from his Smiths Station, Ala., home.

Having been involved in minor motorcycle accidents before, he knew — probably better than most — the importance of good protective gear. He donned the gloves, the top-of-the-line helmet, over-the-ankle boots and something called body armor — a leather jacket and pants with reinforced padding.

And he headed down Alabama's Highway 280 at 35 mph. By all accounts, Spears was doing everything right.

"I've played it over and over in my head. There's nothing I could've done differently," he said. "You can ride as defensively as you can and be totally alert, but you can't predict what the other guy's going to do."

In this case, the "other guy" was a woman in a bit of a hurry behind the wheel of a pickup truck. She darted out of a parking lot and straight into Spears' path. The impact threw him more than 70 feet, breaking his back, leg and hip and collapsing his lung.

Doctors warned his wife he'd probably not survive.

But Spears never doubted it. The 26-year veteran, who spent 15 years with the rangers and more than 22 on jump status, said dealing with his injuries is not the toughest thing he's ever done.

"No, this is frustrating, but learning to live in this chair is not the hardest. Being with the rangers was harder," he said. "Living the life of a ranger every day, trying never to let people down — that was hardest."

It's doubtful Spears will ever walk again. But he's certain he'll ride, be it a motor trike or a cycle with a side car.

"I'll go to Bike Week again," he said. "Not this year, but I'll be there."

In the meantime, Spears shares his message with anybody on two wheels who's willing to listen. But he never preaches.

"Anybody who rides knows what to do, what they're supposed to wear," he said. "They don't need me to tell them. But they need to know that there are no guarantees. You can do everything right, but there are some things out of your control.

"Motorcycling is a great sport, but it's an unforgiving sport. What would be a fender-bender in an automobile can be catastrophic on a bike," he said. "In the blink of an eye, everything can change."

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> **Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Sam Spears**
> the victim of a careless driver

Still, Spears said, it's worth reminding cyclists to spare no expense when it comes to safety gear.

"Buy yourself a $50 helmet if your head is worth $50. Otherwise, spend the money, buy the best you can afford," he said. "And let me tell you, a set of leather with armor is a hell of a lot cheaper than a skin graft."

More than half a million bikers are expected to turn out for next week's annual Bike Week, the world's largest motorcycle event. Sgt. Maj. Jan Stegman will be there. So will a dozen of his friends, mostly Soldiers.

Though no one can say just how many Soldiers actually attend every year, Stegman believes the number is probably in the thousands.

"The same type of people who are drawn to the Army are drawn to bikes," the 11th Infantry Regiment's operations sergeant major said. "It's a community thing, a lifestyle. There's a kind of camaraderie you don't find anywhere else. If you need help, you can count on a Soldier and you can count on a biker."

Like Spears, Stegman has been riding more than 30 years. There's no substitute for experience, he said, but experience can be a biker's worst enemy when it leads to complacency.

"Never think it can't happen to you," said Stegman, who wrecked his bike last June under what he called "the perfect circumstances."

"It was a gorgeous day — a biker's dream," he said. "It was broad daylight, perfect weather, no one had been drinking, and I wasn't even going 40 miles an hour."

But a slight dip in the road and a slick patch of asphalt sent Stegman's bike skidding into the woodline. His passenger, now his wife, was thrown, her foot and wrist fractured.

"I like to think I was always careful and observant and safe," Stegman said. "But maybe the message is you can never be too careful.

"Riding a motorcycle is exhilarating, but if you let yourself get caught up in that carefree feeling, you'll let your guard down," he said. "That's the worst thing you can do."

Despite their accidents, both Stegman and Spears remain staunch enthusiasts. Biking is a wholesome activity, Stegman said, and Spears believes it can actually sharpen mental acuity.

"But that won't do you a bit of good if someone else drives poorly," he said. "More than 90 percent of motorcycle accidents are not the fault of the guy riding. What does that tell you? I guess the bottom line is expect the unexpected. But never doubt that it can happen to you."

CLOSER LOOK

Fort Benning cyclists must:

- Wear a DOT-approved helmet
- Wear proper eye protection
- Wear long trousers, full-fingered gloves, a long shirt or jacket, leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes
- Have headlights on at all times
- Have two rearview mirrors
- Wear a reflective vest



Courtesy photo, above
Photo on right by Bridgett Siter

Retired Command Sgt. Major Sam Spears is pictured above with his Aprilia one month before the accident that left him unable to walk. Spears recently sold the bike, which sustained $5,000 worth of damage in the wreck that "did an obscene amount of damage" to him. "I see these people all the time riding down 185," he said. "They're wearing a tank shirt and flip flops and a cheap $50 helmet. It's crazy. Bikes are expensive. If you're going to fork over that kind of money, you better be willing to buy the very best gear you can afford. It's worth every penny."

Post speeders to have bumpy ride

Speed bumps to line roads in housing areas

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning residents can expect a bumpy ride in the near future as they drive through their neighborhoods.

The Fort Benning Military Police Activity has 600 roadway safety enhancement devices, better known as speed bumps, and is planning to place them throughout post housing areas.

Residents of McGraw Manor will see the devices on their roads by March 19, and another neighborhood will be completed every two weeks afterward. All housing areas should be complete by May 28.

The MPA chose to start in that neighborhood because the residents there voiced the most need for them during recent town-hall meetings, said Capt. Ken Stommel, deputy provost marshal.

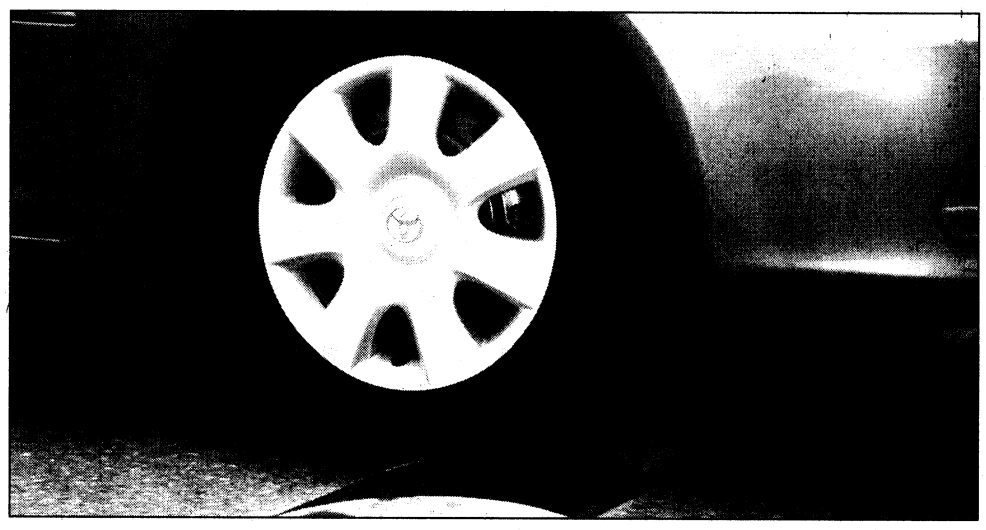
Post residents have been complaining about people speeding through the neighborhoods, said Staff Sgt. Daniel Morthland, traffic NCOIC. The MPs can't be everywhere at once, so the speed bumps will be placed in key locations throughout the neighborhoods to force drivers to slow down.

The MPA is working with the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics, Community Life NCOs and Shaw Infrastructure Inc. to determine where the devices will be the most effective, Stommel said.

Once the devices are in place, the MPA will get feedback from Community Life NCOs to determine if they need to be moved around for maximum effect.

Stommel said the devices aren't being installed to hassle anyone — they are trying to make the roadways safer for the community.

This is just one of the ways the Fort Benning team is trying to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their families, said Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Fortson, garrison command sergeant major.



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Speed bumps like this one will be placed in post housing areas.

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Jalyn Shonte Barr — born Feb. 9 to Sheritha and Sgt. Christopher Barr Sr.

Katelyn Delaney Ruck Vega — born Feb. 10 to Maj. Marisol Vega de Ruck and Lt. Cdr. Richard Ruck II.

Julianna Lynn Winningham — born Feb. 11 to Jennifer and Capt. John Winningham.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Women's conference — Fort Benning will host its first Women's Conference March 10 at the Officers' Club to address the unique challenges military wives face and offer constructive advice to enhance their lives and promote a sense of camaraderie throughout the community.

There will be classes on gardening, design-your-own pottery, self defense, interior decorating and more. Also there will be a guest speaker, lunch, door prizes and child care will be available.

For more information, cal 689-3262 or 689-9629.

Military Citizenship Day — The Atlanta District Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services will host Military Citizenship Day today. The ceremony will be at 1 p.m. in Classroom 6, Infantry Hall.

Town Hall Meeting — East Main Post will hold a Town Hall Meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Fun Center, Building 359.

For more information, call the Community Life Office at 545-2830, 545-1526 or 545-3069.

Tax Center open on Saturdays — The Fort Benning Tax Center will be open for business from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

- March 13
- March 27
- April 3
- April 10

For more information, call the Tax Center at 545-4267.

Children's writing contest — The Spouses' Club *Communique* (a monthly newsletter) is hosting a writing contest for students in grades K-12.

- Grades 9-12 can write up to 300 words.
- Grades 6-8 up to 300 words.
- Grades 3-5 up to 200 words.
- Grades K-2 can write up to 100 words or a picture with description.

The contest is open to all students with a current military ID card residing in the tri-community area.

There will be one winner in each grade category.

Winners will be published in the May issues of *Communique*.

Prizes are donated by Barnes and Noble.

Deadline for submissions is March 15.

Mail entries to: OSC-*Communique*, P.O. Box 51978, Fort Benning, GA 31995.

Free CPR class — The American Red Cross will offer a free CPR class March 20, with certification in adult, child and infant CPR.

Three classes are available. The times are 9 to 11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. There is a maximum of 30 people per session. The class will be held in Building 2626 at Soldiers' Plaza.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Lifeguard training — The American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5-8; April 17 and 18; and April 24-25.

Classes are $125 and are held at Briant Wells Indoor Pool and American Red Cross Office.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Free English classes — Free English as a second language instruction is being offered for adults from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at E.A. White Elementary School.

The instruction is designed for those who need help with grammar, vocabulary, civic and naturalization issues and conversational fluency.

For more information, call Myrtle L. Chalkley at 545-4562 or 545-7742.

Open Recreation Program — The Open Recreation Program is designed for occasional use of the School Age Services program and includes participation in regularly scheduled SAS activities offered each day.

Children will be picked up from school and dropped off at their designated program, which last from 2 to 6:30 p.m. There is no fee for the program.

For more information, call 545-3605.

YS supports home-schoolers — There are educational programs to support home-school curriculums and instructional support from Child and Youth Services staff for Fort Benning home-schoolers.

Child and Youth Services is making sure home-schoolers have access to all the support services, including "Open Recreation" and "Home-School Computer Lab." From 9 a.m. until noon Tuesdays, the YS gym will be available for home-school families. From 9 a.m. until noon Thursdays, the computer lab in the School-Age Services building will be open for home-school families.

For more information, call 545-3062.

Curbside pick-up — Martin Army Community Hospital offers curbside pick-up service to discharged patients who require special assistance, such as wheelchairs and walkers. Patients can obtain a one-time use pass from the discharging ward, which allows a family member or friend to drive to the Central Triage/ER entrance to load the patient.

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Parking ticket amnesty — Anyone with an overdue parking ticket can pay it at face value without being assessed a double fee for failing to pay within 10 days throughout the month of March.

Payment of fines can be made at: in person or in a drop box at the RiverCenter parking garage, located at 919 Broadway; place in a drop box at the Public Safety Building, 510 10th Street and at Recorder's Court, 702 10th Street or mail payment to: Metra Transit System, P.O. Box 1340, Columbus, GA 31902-1340.

Make checks payable to Metra Transit System — do not send cash.

For more information, call the Parking Management Division at 653-4647.

Veterans' transportation meeting — A meeting concerning transportation for Lee County, Ala., and surrounding counties will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Government Center Annex first floor conference room, located at 401 Tenth Street.

For more information, call 563-4421.

Infantry Band concerts — The Infantry Band chamber music series continues with concerts at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Smiths Station Baptist Church, 9 a.m. April 4 at Fort Benning's Main Post Chapel, and 12:15 p.m. April 6 at St. Luke United Methodist Church.

For more information, call 545-5313.

Girl Scout cookies — Girl Scout cookies are now available, including shortbread, caramel delites, thin mints, peanut butter patties, peanut butter sandwiches, animal treasures, low-fat lemon pastry cremes and pinatas.

For more information, call Juanita Garcia-Ramos at (800) 326-8912, ext. 18.

3rd Armored Division reunion — The 3rd Armored Division (Spearhead) will hold its fourth annual reunion July 14-18 in Columbus, Ohio.

This will be the first join reunion with World War II 3rd Armored Div. veterans.

For more information, call Carl Erickson at (301) 520-3275 or visit www.3AD.org.

Free trees — Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by March 31.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

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- **Thursday:** hoagie sandwich, oven fries, spaghetti salad, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** oven fried chicken, creamy potatoes or squash casserole, turnip greens, cornbread, fruit, milk

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Faith Middle School shuffles administration

Faith position leads principal to paradise

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Bayonet staff

Dr. Gregg Mowen is off to paradise. The Faith Middle School principal will leave for his new post as the assistant superintendent of the Puerto Rico/Cuba School District March 12, just one month after interviewing for the job.

It was a difficult decision, and one he had to make quickly, said Mowen, who took the reins at Faith in 2001.

"Those students who were sixth-graders when I came will be graduating this year. I really would've liked to be here for that," Mowen said. "It's hard to leave. I've truly enjoyed it here."

Mowen and his family will live at Fort Buchanan in San Juan, Puerto Rico, an area he called "pure paradise."

The district is part of the Department of Defense Education Activity.

Mowen's position has not been filled, said Dr. Del McMullen, superintendent of Fort Benning Schools.

"This all evolved so quickly, we don't want to rush into a decision," she said. "We're committed to Faith's strong educational program, so we certainly don't want to be in a hurry to make a decision. We have to do what's right for our students."

McMullen said she expects to make a decision about "the direction we'll go with this" in about 10 days.

Faith lost one of its assistant principals during the winter break in December. Dr. Kimberly Martinez accepted a position with Troy State University.

Martinez was replaced by Jimmy Chochran, a physical education teacher, three weeks ago. He'll only fill the position temporarily, McMullen said.

Faith's enrollment stands at roughly 650 students — that's 100 less than the 750 the school must have to employ three principals full-time.

"I'm delighted to have someone of (Cochran's) caliber and commitment fill that position," McMullen said.

Chaplain Family Life Center undergoes facelift

Agency offers counseling, guidance

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center recently underwent changes, including new furnishings, as part of the its efforts to create a more family oriented atmosphere.

"The old center didn't reflect how much we value Soldiers," said Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins, Family Life chaplain. "It didn't send the message we wanted to our Soldiers, so we knew that it was time for a change."

And changes they made.

The whole center is now completely furnished and is more technologically advanced than ever.

"With the changes, the center feels more inviting and family friendly," Hawkins said. "It's a better overall appearance for us to present to our Soldiers."

Most of the changes were made in one day "blitzkrieg" at the center by a group of 30 volunteers from support teams across Fort Benning.

"This was a joint effort by everyone," Hawkins said. "We completed most of the work in one day with the help of all of the volunteers."

> "We have so many counseling services for people searching for hope and help. We will do whatever it takes to help the Soldiers on Fort Benning get through their problems."
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> **Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffery Hawkins**
> Family life chaplain

Chaplain (Col.) Joel Cocklin, U.S. Army Infantry Center staff chaplain, said the changes will bring more of a professional atmosphere to people who come to the center for help.

"Soldiers and family members can come to a counseling center that is professional in appearance, yet is warm and friendly," he said. "It also helps model for families some of the possibilities they may have in improving their environment at home."

The Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center is a place where Soldiers and family members can go and can be assured of the strictest confidentiality of what's discussed with the counselors.

"In the 10 years this center has been here, there has never been a breach of confidentiality," Hawkins said. "The chaplains here take it very seriously, and we want everyone to know that they can come here to talk about deep, tough issues with no worries of us going to tell their chain of command."

The center provides four types of counseling, including individual, couple, family and group. Counseling covers pre-marital, marital, divorce recovery, blended family, communication, conflict resolution, parenting, anger, stress management and spiritual issues. Deployment and redeployment support groups are also available.

"We want the whole community to know that we are here to help with any sort of issues that they have," Hawkins said.

"We have so many counseling services for people searching for hope and help," he said, "We will do whatever it takes to help the soldiers on Fort Benning get through their problems."

For more information, call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 545-1760.

More Red Cross volunteers on post 'always needed'

March set aside to create awareness

Pfc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

For 121 years, the mission of the American Red Cross has been to prevent, respond to and prepare for emergencies that affect Soldiers and their families.

More than half a million military families received direct assistance from the Red Cross in 2003, helping them stay connected with their loved ones, despite difficult circumstances, according to President George W. Bush's 2003 Red Cross Month Proclamation.

"Helping Soldiers stay in touch during difficult circumstances is the main mission of the Red Cross," said Lorie Pierre, Fort Benning station manager.

Fort Benning's Red Cross station has 146 volunteers who logged more than 11,424 hours since July 2003, Pierre said.

"An astonishing number, but new volunteers are always needed," she said.

March is a month set aside by the Red Cross to build awareness in the community of the services and volunteer opportunities it has to offer, Pierre said.

To promote Red Cross Month, the Fort Benning Red Cross Station will have a free open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 9 at the Red Cross station in Soldiers' Plaza in building 2626.

During the open house, volunteers will provide information on the different services provided and volunteer opportunities.

The Red Cross is a volunteer-based organizations funded by donations only and receives no government funding, Pierre said.

"(That) is why volunteers are so important to us," she said. "There are various ways in which people may volunteer and we do everything we can to find a position that suits their talents and time commitments."

Pierre said volunteering is a great opportunity to earn recognized resume-enhancing experience, free training, leadership, advancing opportunities, network and meet new people and gain a sense of accomplishment.

"Most of our volunteers are military dependents or retirees," Pierre said. "We provide free child care to our volunteers while they are volunteering."

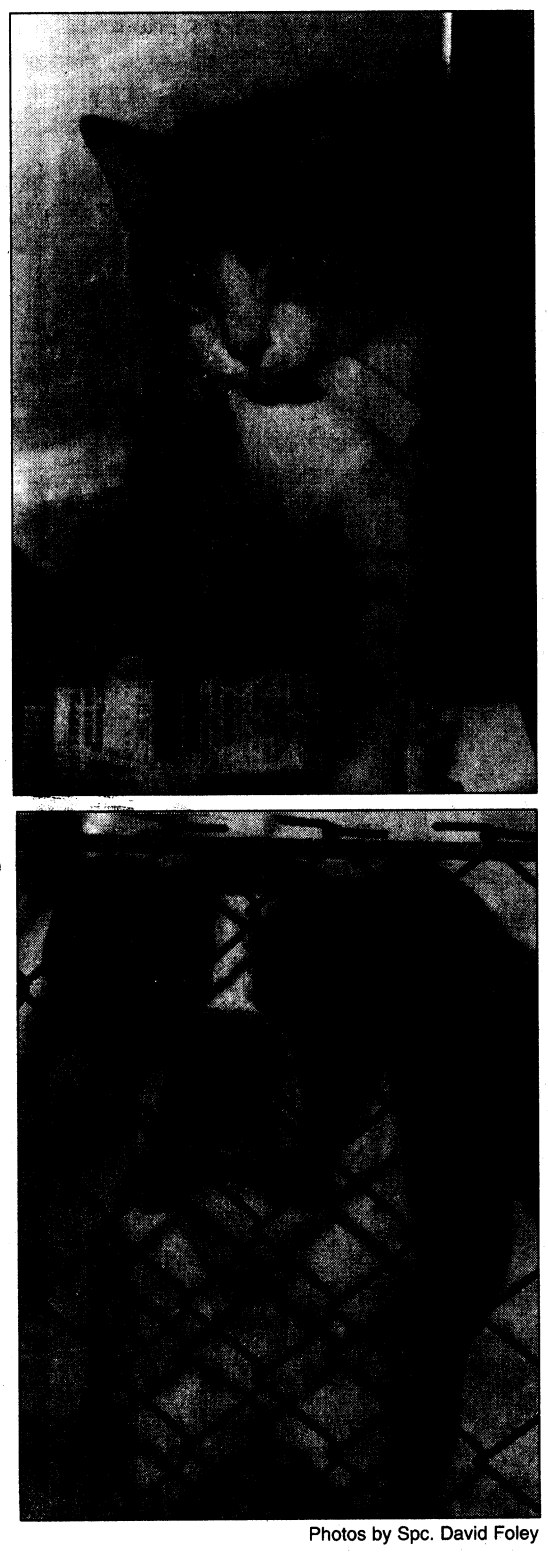
There are many different places on post where people may volunteer — Martin Army Community Hospital, the Veterinary Clinic, post libraries and the main office, Pierre said.

Red Cross instructors teach a variety of classes throughout the year — community first aid and safety, community CPR, babysitter training, lifeguard training, pet first aid, youth swimming, lifeguard training, water safety and instructor courses.

Also, trained caseworkers deliver Red Cross messages to notify Soldiers or family members of serious illness, births or deaths 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

For more information about the Red Cross, its services and how to volunteer, call 545-5794. For Fort Benning emergency services, call (877) 272-7337.

PETS OF THE WEEK



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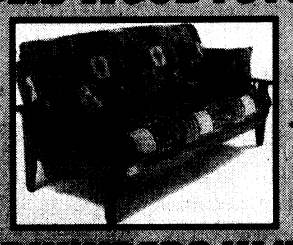

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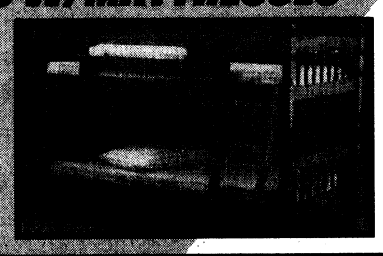

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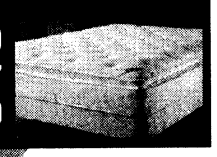

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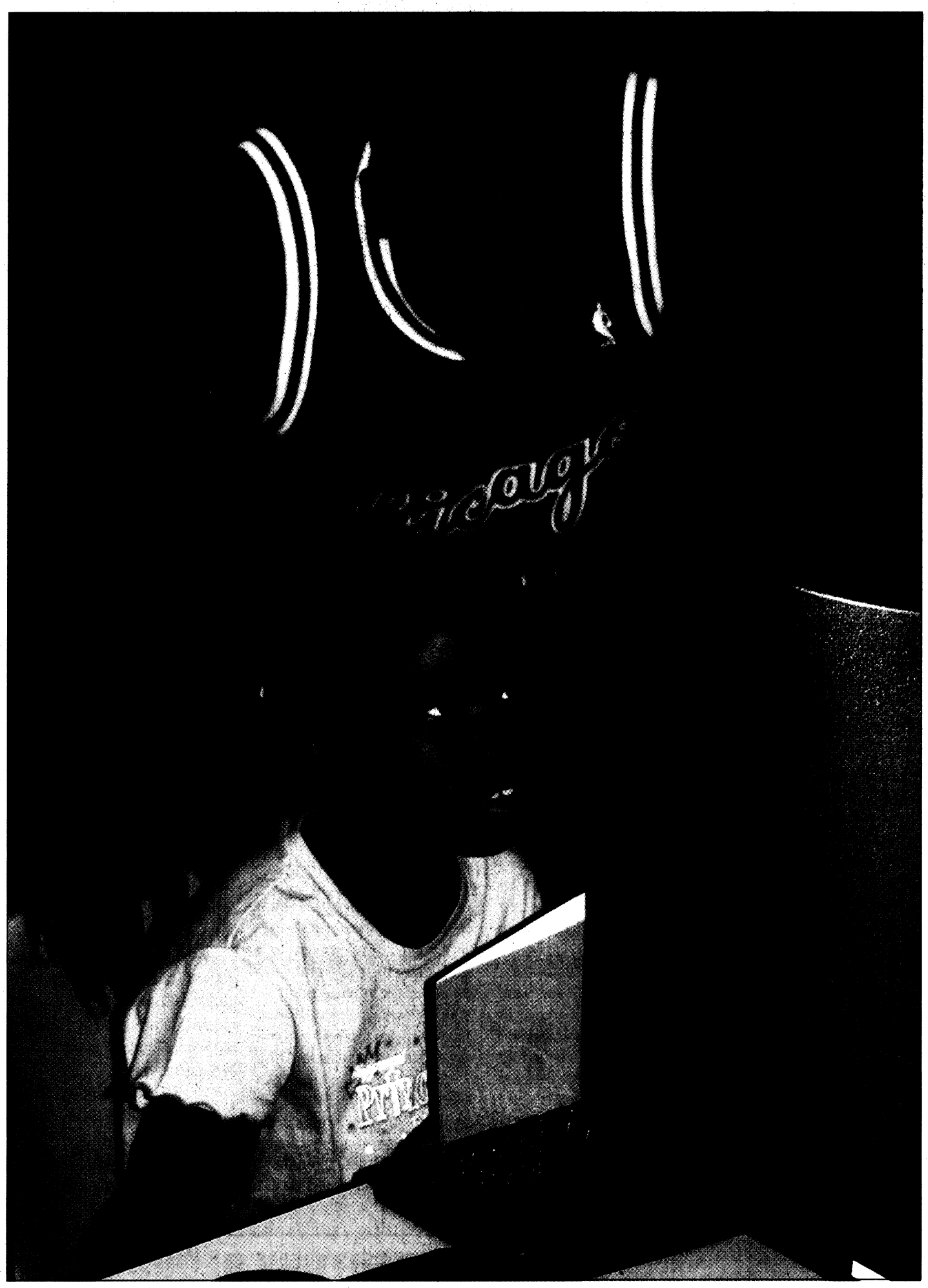
GETTING A HEADSTART ON A DREAM

Teacher cadets learn, teach at Loyd



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Spencer High School junior Vince Harris, right, helps Loyd Elementary School first-grader Ashley Tuitt on a reading test Monday. Harris is one of nine Spencer teacher cadets who work at Loyd each week.

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Katiti Casseus has always known she wants to work with children in some form or fashion when she gets out into the "real world."

Whether it's through teaching or social work, the Spencer High School junior is bound and determined to make a difference in the lives of children.

But Casseus and eight of her like-minded classmates don't have to wait until they reach adulthood to accomplish that goal. In fact, they began last week right here on Fort Benning.

Nine "teacher cadets" are getting a head start at Loyd Elementary School, where they spend an hour a day, four days a week helping out the school's teachers and working with the students.

The cadets, a mix of Spencer junior and seniors, are part of a program in its fourth year at Loyd, said Loyd's principal, Angie McPherson. The high-schoolers are involved at every grade level in all classes, including regular classes, special education classes and reading program-oriented classes.

"This program gives the cadets a hands-on approach to learning what goes on in the classroom to see if this is something they may want to pursue," McPherson said.

Not to mention the help the cadets give the teachers, assisting with individual and small-group instruction, putting lessons together, and anything else that needs to be done in the classroom.

"It's just a win-win situation," she said.

Jackie Belt, the program's supervisor at Spencer, couldn't agree more.

"This is such a wonderful experience for the kids," said Belt, who has supervised the program for the past five years. "These are exceptional students who have a real sensitivity to other people's needs."

The cadets may be cut out for the job, but it still presents a challenge, Belt said.

"They have to be more mature in this setting," she said. "They're having to assume responsibility for things like being on time, being professional, being respectful."

That's something the cadets take seriously, McPherson said, which is fortunate, because their presence will have a real impact with the school's children.

"These cadets are going to have a greater influence than most of (the faculty), because the children look up to them as role models," she said. "They're teen-agers, and the kids think they're cool. They have a major influence."

That's fine by junior Vince Harris, who has been reading to first-graders and helping them take tests on the computer for the school's Reading Counts program.

"I think the program is good because it helps little kids learn better, and us working with the kids lets the teachers help students who need it," Harris said.

Harris became involved in the program, which sends Spencer students to elementary and middle schools, through Introduction to Teaching. It will give him exposure to teaching, which he plans to pursue in college. But it will also give him a chance to do good.

"It's a good way to give back to the community," he said.

Casseus, who has also been helping students with the Reading Counts tests, said the program has helped confirm her desire to work with children. But even if it hadn't, it would be a good program.

"Some people *think* they want to be teachers, but they should really find out before they go to college," she said.

That doesn't look to be a problem, though. In the 15 years the program has been in place in the Muscogee School District, Spencer has had the largest percentage of cadets go on to become teachers, Belt said.

"That's what this program is all about," she said. "Replenishing the supply of teachers."

Construction underway at Benning elementary schools

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The excitement is building at two Fort Benning elementary schools as the walls for new classrooms go up.

The new construction, which adds four new classrooms at both Wilson and Dexter, follows similar construction finished at Loyd in 2002 and Stowers in 2003. Funding for the project came as a result of a pupil-teacher ratio survey conducted several years ago, said Fort Benning Schools facilities manager Donna Ford.

The survey identified the need for more teachers, hence more classrooms, to reduce the pupil-teacher ratio at the schools to the target 18:1.

Dexter, originally built in 1968 and Wilson in 1965, have both undergone fairly extensive renovations within the last several years, so the work crews are not a novelty.

Although it took several years for the approval and military construction funding to filter down to the schools, Ford said it's good to get the additional space.

Groundbreaking for the projects was in October 2003, and both Ford and Fort Benning Corps of Engineers quality assurance officer Regina Jackson expect the additions to be completed by August and the start of the next school year

The construction adds nearly 3,900 square feet to each school with a price tag of $1.5 million.

Ford said the classrooms, each measuring more than 750 square feet, will not have restrooms like classrooms in the original sections of the buildings.

The construction contract went to Don Jones Construction, a local company, which also built the additions at Loyd and Stowers, using blueprints drawn by a Texas architectural firm.



Melissa House

Workers get ready to tackle the roof at Dexter Thursday morning. The addition blends with the original building, left.

Jackson said the construction was going well.

"That's what makes it so easy," she said. "We have a contractor who has done this before."

Although the blueprints are the same, Jackson said there are some modifications from school to school and every effort is made to blend the new structure with the original building so it isn't immediately recognizable as an addition. Principals can make changes to interior colors and designate the new room numbers before signs are put up.

Dexter principal Vicki Rogers said the new addition was really taking shape and was right on schedule.

"They've matched the bricks quite well," Rogers said, "and the style of the roof line and other architectural details blend well with the existing building. We are very excited about this new addition."



Gibson brings his *Passion* to big screen

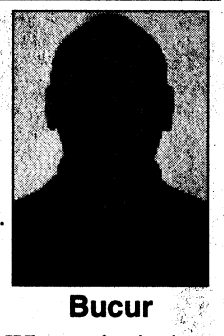
Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Bucur
2nd Battalion, 19th Armored Regiment

REFLECTIONS

Whether you're a believer or not, you cannot possibly miss the hottest item this month has to offer to both the theological academic and the believer who knows that Jesus Christ is the savior. If, until now, you acted like Hollywood is a thorn in your side, or you simply digested everything that came your way from the well of cinematic excellence, prepare to be shocked.

Mel Gibson, a renegade by definition, is at the center of attention again. No, we are not talking about another *Mad Max* or *Lethal Weapon V*. We're talking about something much more personal, much more uncomfortable and much more challenging. We are talking about Mel's *Passion*. Well, it is not exactly his passion, but Christ's. Are you as shocked as I am?

Not too long ago, Robert Duvall, in his well-researched movie *The Apostle*, reminded us that we all have fallen short of the glory of God. This time, another Hollywood "prima donna" chooses to go deeper into the Christian faith. More exactly, Mel chooses to expose a slice of the Holy Gospel.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It is a slice of the Holy Gospel that most of us, comfortably enough, refuse to deal with seriously. I am talking about the passion of Christ. The passion of Christ? What an intriguing topic! In many dialogues, Christ is a divisive subject. His passion is even more so.

However, I would like to focus a little more on the term "passion" and explore its possibilities. How do you deal with the term "passion?" When do you use the term "passion?" What does "passion" mean to you? I checked the Webster Dictionary and here is what I found. Passion means intense or violent emotion, a violent emotional outburst or the martyrdom of an early Christian ... and then, finally: the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Hmm! Interesting!

Are you confused yet? Allow me to confuse you even more. In Latin, the word "passion" is much more complex. It could refer to passionate sexual love, good appetite, to become inflamed with, to influence or upset.

Now, forget about all this academic stuff. Here is what I make out of it: The passion of Christ means the emptying of oneself for the sake of another. It is as simple as that. When is the last time you decreased so that he may increase in your life? When is the last time you passionately gave out of love? When is the last time you surrendered your will for the sake of another? When you do these things, in my opinion, you experience the passion of Christ.

Thank you, Mel, for bringing passion back into my life through the passion of Christ.

CHAPEL NOTE

Catholic Women of the Chapel — Catholic Women of the Chapel meet the first Friday of each month at Sightseeing Road Chapel at 10 a.m. for business, religious study, rosary and Mass.

They also meet the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at TIC annex for Bible study. Child care is provided at both meetings.

For more information, call 687-0894.

Three words change relationships

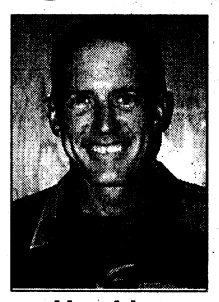
Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Somebody knocked me off my feet last week with a report of how three little words revolutionized their relationship.

They were words she had heard before. The words were not complicated. The words were easy to remember. The words produced an immediate change in the emotional temperature of her house. The words made her spouse smile. The words made her son smile. The words made both the husband and the son do things that she'd been wanting done for longer than she could remember.

A woman or a man can use the words. A child or an adult can use the words. The words work in the home, at work or in the unit. They work in the office. They work in school. The words work in Scouts and at church.

OK. Before I start sounding too much like a Dr. Seuss book, what are the words?


Hawkins

The words are simply ... "Would you please ..."

Take a minute right now, and whether you're a commander of a battalion or a squad leader of two toddlers, think about how many times in a day you could use this powerful tool for cooperation.

Psychologists have intricate theories and postulates as to why this phrase works; however, you, like me, may not necessarily want to know "how the watch works; you just want to know what time it is!" The bottom line is: try it — it works!

Try it with your mate. Instead of "I need you to do what you said you'd do and get that garbage out, now," try, "Would you please take the garbage out by dinner time for me?"

Try it with your child. Instead of, "Stop yelling, I can't take it anymore," try, "Would you please be quiet for mommy right now."

Try it with your commander. Instead of "Hey bonehead, where'd you get your commission ... Wal-Mart," try, "Would you be so kind as to relax the training schedule and deployment cycle so as to afford me maximum opportunity for meaningful family interaction and personal relaxation?" Well, maybe not — but two out of three ain't bad! I think you get the point.

Joking aside, I'll be anxious to see how your masterful injection of a calm, courteous "would you please" resets the emotional thermostat for those around you. Let me know how you do.

If you'd like some more coaching on how to build a love to last a lifetime, then come see us at The Chaplain Family Life Center, Building 2606, Soldiers' Plaza or pick up the phone and give us a call at 545-1760 — we look forward to serving you!

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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 Monday- Friday	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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

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Sunday Worship Services

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9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
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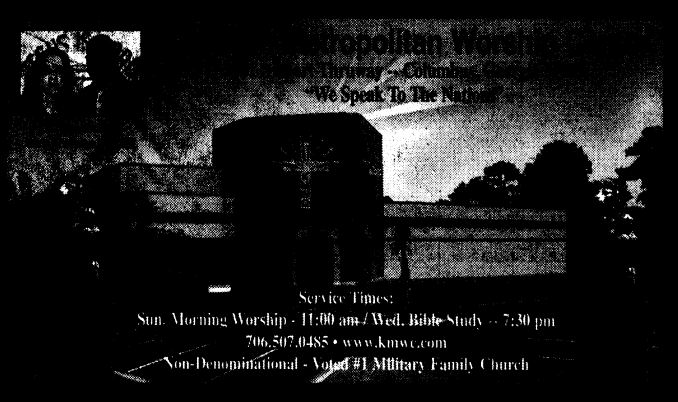
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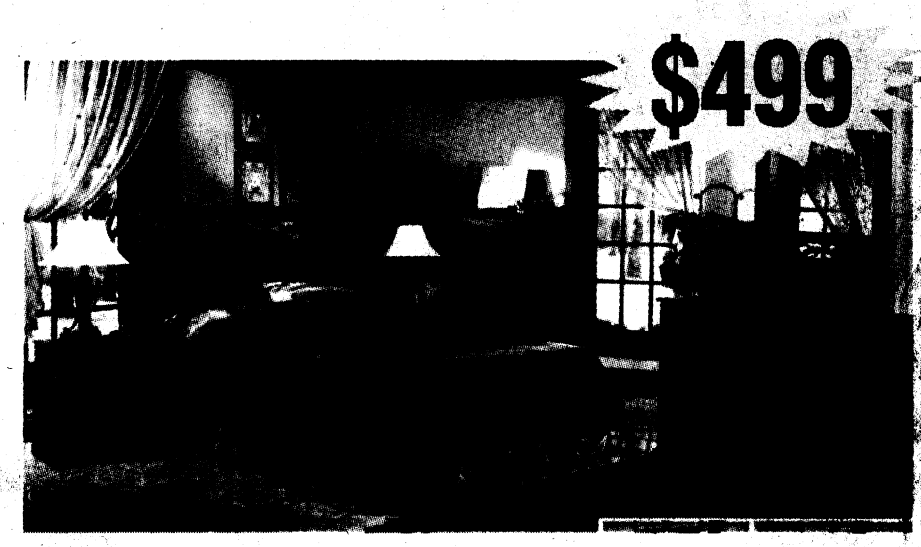

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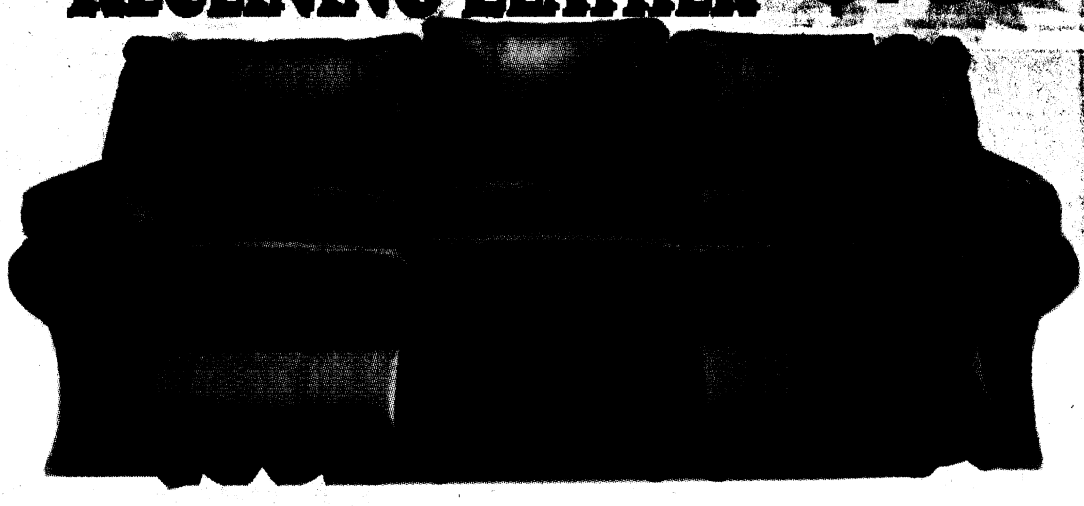

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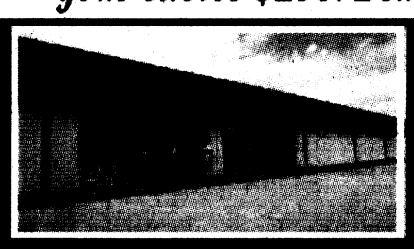

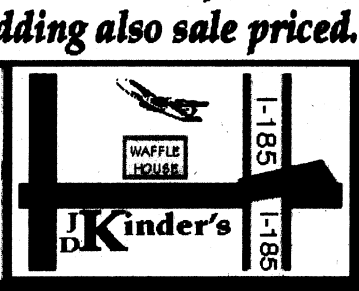

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Soccer kicks onto Benning



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Peter Suddeth, 12, left, and Jorge Perez, 12, head upfield during a dribbling drill. Suddeth and Perez were two of the more than 130 post youth who attended the soccer clinic Saturday at Doughboy Stadium. The College of Charleston's men's soccer team hosted the event.

College players teach basics to post youth

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

More than 130 youths turned out for a kickin' good time at a soccer clinic in Doughboy Stadium Saturday.

The clinic was sponsored by the College of Charleston's men's soccer team who took the children through soccer drills and gave them one-on-one instruction.

"I think it was very important for the children to interact with the college players," said Linda Laine, Youth Services director. "Most of them look at the college players and are in awe of them, because one day they want to be in the same position they are."

The men's soccer teams from the College of Charleston and Lander University, both in South Carolina, divided the children into small groups and gave them more instruction on their techniques, although joking around wasn't out of the questions.

"I had fun learning from the players," said Jocelyn Carter, 12. "They made what we were learning more enjoyable."

The children worked on techniques like step-ups, dribbling, full-turns with the inside foot and pulling back the ball. They played games to reinforce the skills they learned.

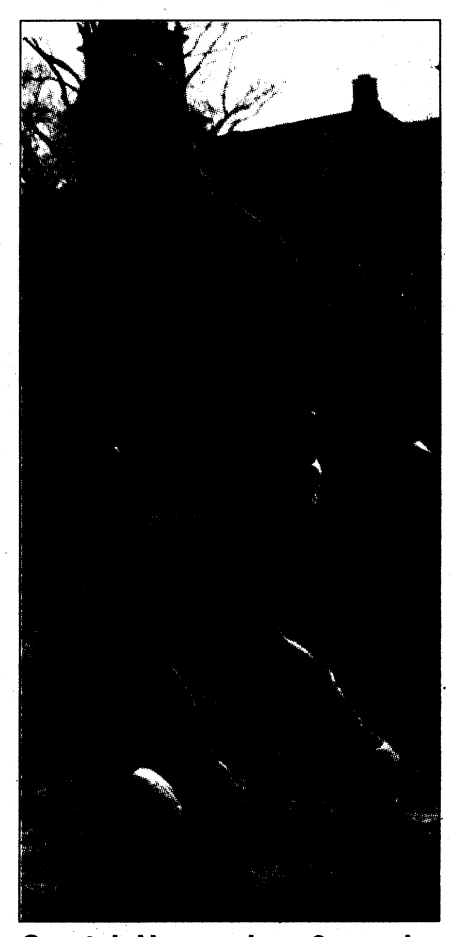
"The games were a lot of fun," said Jeronne Carter, 5. "I especially liked the game where we got to take other people's soccer balls from them."

Not only did the clinic work on individual skills, it also helped them develop teamwork skills.

"Teamwork was really stressed here," said Shawn Greenspan, 12. "We learned how to trust our teammates and depend on them. What we learned is really going to help us when we start soccer season."

The players supported Youth Services' goal by showing the children how a college team works together.

"Teamwork is very important," Laine said. "The children learned that it takes a team to be successful and not an individual."



Crystal Hernandez, 9, works on dribbling during the clinic.

"I had a blast helping them," said Corbin Waller, College of Charleston's goalie. "Personally, soccer has given me a lot, and giving back to the community means so much to me."

Troy Lesesne, another College of Charleston player, said that he remembered when he was in the children's shoes and dreaming about playing "in the big time."

"I started to play soccer at their age and fell in love with the sport," Lesesne said.

"Doing the clinic brings back memories of when I was their age and starting to learn the game. I really enjoyed doing the clinic," he said.

After the clinic, everyone was treated to a full day of fast-paced soccer action between Lander University, the College of Charleston, Georgia Southern University and Emory University.

"I'm glad college players came out," said Katherine Kelly, 12. "They really helped us with our game, and it is going to show during the season."

College teams compete in soccer exhibition

Teams rally for post-winter tournament

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Four Southern Conference men's college soccer teams came together Saturday at Doughboy Stadium to kick the ice of their cleats and warm up after a long winter break.

The College of Charleston Division I, Emory University, Division III, Georgia Southern University, Division I, and Lander University, Division II, all fielded teams for the off-season tournament.

The tournament was played round-robin style — each team played each other team in succession.

Because it was only a one-day tournament, the games were 42 minutes long with no halftime break, as opposed to the standard NCAA soccer game with two 45-minute halves.

The tournament was informal and intended to be a training experience, said tournament organizer Ben Freakley Jr., an assistant coach at the College of Charleston.

Freakley said off-season tournaments like this one are important to keep coaches and players on their toes and maintain fitness levels.

All teams agreed to field only nine players at a time, which is two short of a regulation team and forces the players to cover much larger portions of the field.

The tournament gave coaches a good chance to evaluate players who don't get much playing time during the regular season, Freakley said.

Georgia Southern University head coach Kevin Chambers said his team accomplished what they came to do.

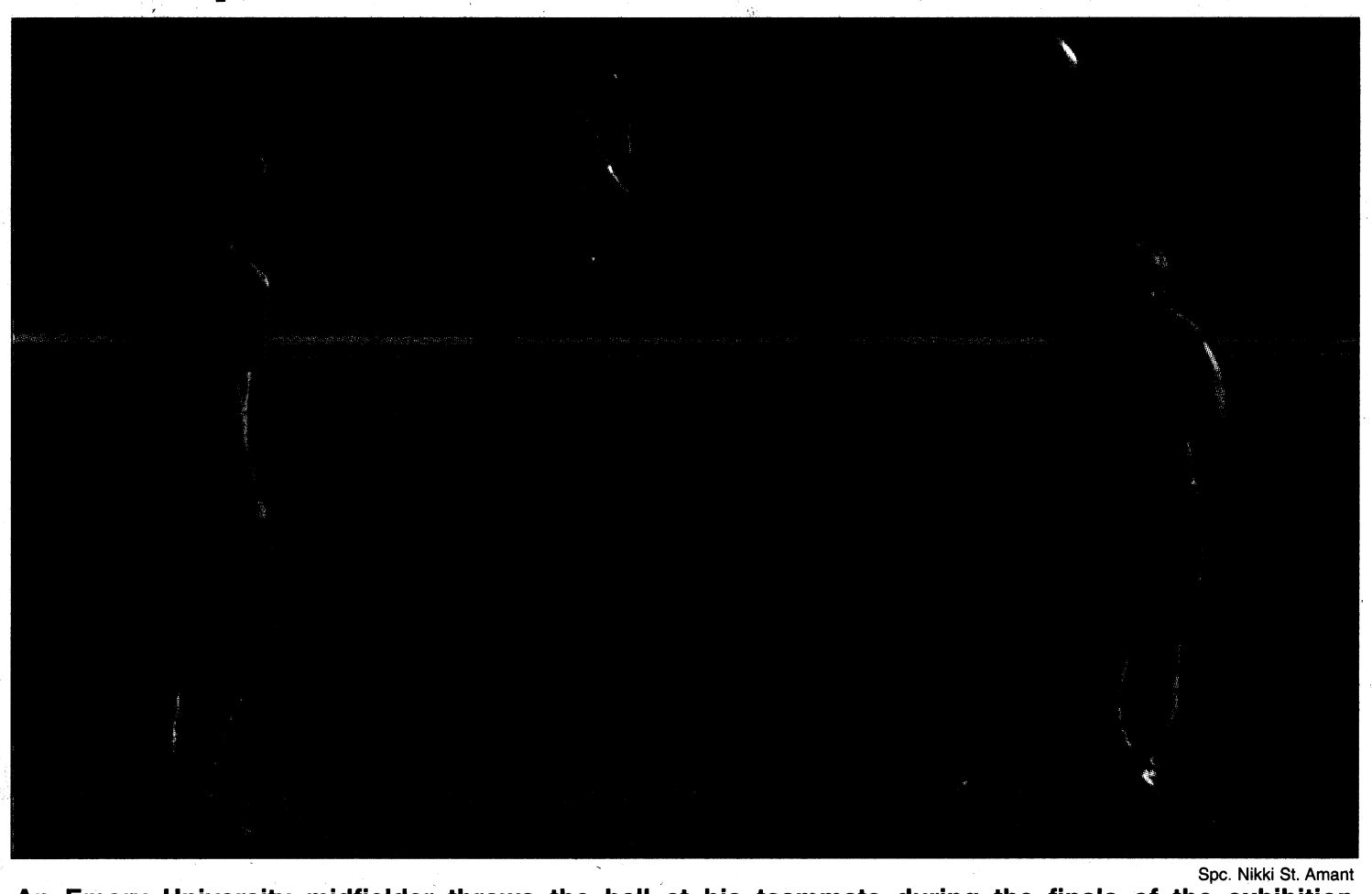
"Our goals for this tournament were to come out after four months off and get back on the field as a team and get some solid practice in against quality teams, and that's just what we did," Chambers said.

For a team like the Georgia Southern Eagles, who are a young team fielding mostly freshmen and sophomores, events like Saturday's tournament are vital to their development as a cohesive unit, Chambers said.

Chambers said it has been challenging for his players to compete against teams with older, more experienced players.

"We are playing a lot of young guys and trying to find a little bit of a groove," Chambers said.

But he said the tournament was a good experience overall and gave the team an opportunity to try out new things without the pressures of conference games, which count on their record.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

An Emory University midfielder throws the ball at his teammate during the finals of the exhibition tournament held at Doughboy Stadium Saturday afternoon.

"I think the tournament was a great tournament. It was a great opportunity for our team to come out and really learn a lot and play together as a team," Chambers said.

Even though the tournament was informal, with the games half the regulation length and no official scoring was recorded, the teams played competitively and coaches pushed hard for performance.

By the end of the day players were visibly tired and tempers flared seconds before the end of the final game when a Georgia Southern player drew a yellow card for a flagrant foul against an Emory player.

For coaches Freakley and Chambers, it was a reunion of sorts.

Freakley played collegiate soccer under Chambers at Georgia Southern and after graduating, joined the staff as an assistant coach before moving on to the College of Charleston last season.

"It's an exciting feeling to coach against a team you used to play for. It's a really neat relationship between Kevin Chambers and I," Freakley said.

Although no official standings were reported, Emory was undefeated for the day.

The college soccer season opens in August with preliminary games and runs through December.

For more information about Southern Conference soccer, visit www.soconsports.com.

Challenger Baseball looks for local players

League gives athletic environment

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

It wouldn't be spring without baseball. And for the 15th year, the Challenger Little League of Columbus, a baseball program for children with special needs, is looking for more players.

The Challenger division is a program for the mentally and physically disabled ages 5 to 21, who are enrolled in school. The fundamental goal is to give each child a chance to play, regardless of limitations, and allow the children to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in an athletic environment structured to their abilities.

Challenger League volunteer Roger Stanford said the league is open to anyone, regardless of where they live.

"We have no boundaries," he said. "Anyone who wants to play can play."

Stanford, a claims examiner with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, has been involved with the league since it began in 1989, as either coach or assistant coach. His son, Ryan, now 24, stopped playing eight years ago.

"It's just my way of giving something back," he said. "(Ryan) really enjoyed it and everyone excels."

Parents and children will also see Marsha Collins, Fort Benning's Exceptional Family Member Program manager, at the ball park.

Collins has a personal interest in the league, because her son played as well.

Collins doesn't coach, but lends a hand on the planning committee and as a buddy, assisting players on the field at practices and during games.

"There are children with varying disabilities," she said. "Some are autistic, have severe asthma, Down syndrome or spina bifida, and need a buddy to run the bases for them."

The league plays on a regulation Little League field. Players wear standard uniforms, complete with a Little League patch, which they keep at the end of the season.

Modified rules — there are no strikes, no outs, no score kept, and every player gets to bat each inning — don't detract from the experience a bit.

"The kids are just like everyone else," Stanford said. "They're on a team. They're playing ball."

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Joe Hiner has also spent time coaching in the league. His daughter, Marielis, and son, Joseph, both play.

"It's a great experience," Hiner said. "The coaches love it. The kids love it. The buddies love it."

He said the sports experience is key in giving the children a sense of independence and self-confidence.

"The only winning is counted by how much fun the kids are having," he said.

But the players aren't the only ones who benefit from the Challenger program.

Stanford said it's a great thing for parents as well.

The parents have an opportunity to network with each other and talk about different programs available for the children.

The league also benefits from a great deal of community support from the parents, siblings, and high school and college students. That's key, Stanford said, because teams generally need five coaches, and half of the players need buddies.

During the past few years, the league has had around 60 players on four teams.

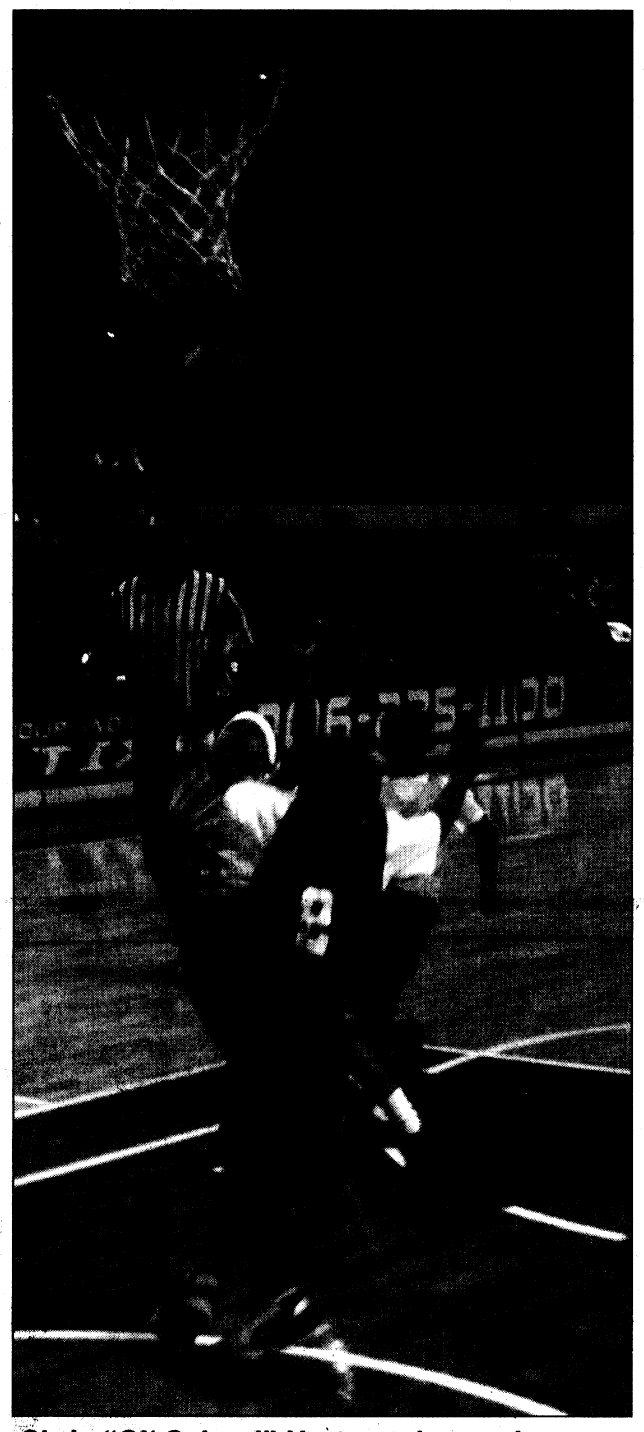
Opening games are held at Columbus State University and players, their families and volunteers enjoy a free meal provided by Country's.

Registration for the league is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and March 6 at Woodruff Gymnasium on the CSU campus.

Season-opener games will take place at CSU's Cougar Field March 27.

For more information, visit www.challengerleague.com.

Game-time



Chris "Ol' School" Horton takes a shot over Anthony O'Banner Jr. while the crowd cheers the two teams on.



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Marcus Anderson, 8, tries to shoot while all five of the opposing team's defenders swarm to the ball to prevent the shot at the Columbus Civic Center. The seven-minute game ended with the yellow team winning, 6-2.

Spurs compete on Riverdragons home floor

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The 7- to 8-year-old Youth Services Spurs had the chance of a lifetime to play a game at the Columbus Civic Center.

With the best record in the YS league at the All-Star break, the Spurs split into two teams and played a full-court game during halftime of the game between the Columbus Riverdragons and the Fayetteville Patriots Feb. 16.

Participants in the game on the yellow team were: Marcus Anderson, Brandon Nash, Shiann Yokem and Chris Horton. Participants on the black team were: Marcus Griffin, Jazaria Brown, Jordan Jennings, Anthony O'Banner Jr. and Trey Sterling.

The yellow team won the game, 6-2. But in the end, the players didn't care who won the game.

"These guys enjoyed playing on the Riverdragons floor," said Anthony O'Banner, Spurs head coach. "They were happy they had the opportunity to represent their league by playing a game in front of the Columbus community."

Post gym to offer variety of aerobics classes

Briant Wells to start classes Monday

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Cardio junkies on Fort Benning will see a dream come true Monday when the Briant Wells Fitness Center kicks off an array of aerobics classes.

The gym has undergone several changes in the last few months, and the latest achievement is completion of the aerobics room.

"I'm thrilled to get this going," said Joanne Neyland, Briant Wells manager. "It's been a long time coming."

The gym will offer box aerobics, aeromix, step combo, core crunch, yoga and aqua aerobics classes.

There are also plans to add a spinning class when the exercise bikes are delivered.

Neyland said more people will use the gym when classes start because of the group atmosphere they'll create.

Fort Benning hasn't offered aerobics classes in several years, except for a short-lived attempt at the Officers' Club, which Neyland said makes it a big deal.

Many of the fitness center's patrons are just as excited about the classes.

Dawn Colster used to attend the classes at the Officers' Club, but said they weren't very reliable because the instructors often wouldn't show up, and the hours weren't very flexible.

Neyland said that won't be a problem with the new program, because she has six instructors who will give a variety of classes throughout the week. She is also looking for more instructors to add more variety to the program.

"We are always looking for variety," she said. "Something new and different."

Eugenia Ortiz said she can't wait for the classes to start specifically for that reason.

"It's getting boring just working on the machines. I need something different," she said. "And it's always good to have someone pushing you and to have others working out with you.

"If I fall behind, I'm like, 'Hey, I need to hurry up.'"

Neyland said the trend in aerobics right now is core crunch, a type of program that focuses on conditioning the torso of the body rather than the arms and legs.

Another one of the "hot" classes they will offer is the box aerobics, she said.

Box aerobics is a Tae-bo-style kickboxing class that lets people take out their aggression on an imaginary opponent, she said.

Regardless of the workout a person is looking for, the fitness center should be able to accommodate, Neyland said.

The aqua aerobics classes are good for people who are recovering from injuries that would hinder their ability to join the other classes, she said.

"But don't let it fool you," she said. "Water can be tricky, because it keeps you cool and you don't realize how hard you are working."

Neyland said there aren't any classes specifically designed for beginners. However, most of the classes [illegible] basic enough that most can keep up.

They can also modify the workout to suit their needs, she said. For instance, in the step class, a beginner can use a smaller step while more advanced students can use the risers.

Neyland said the renovations have brought the gym up to date, and it is now outfitted with the "latest and greatest" equipment, which makes it comparable to any of the local private fitness centers.

"We are no longer a second-class citizen," she said. "We are now a first-class fitness center."

For more information, call Briant Wells at 545-4388.

Aerobics Schedule

Classes cost $25 per month or $3 per class.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00-10:00	Aeromix	Step Combo	Aeromix	Step Combo	Aeromix	
9:30-10:30						Step Combo
10:00 -10:30	Core Crunch		Core Crunch		Core Crunch	
10:00-11:00		Yoga		Yoga		
10:30-11:30						Funk Step
12:00-1:00		Step Combo		Step Combo		
5:00-6:00	Step Combo	Aeromix	Step Combo	Aeromix	Interval	
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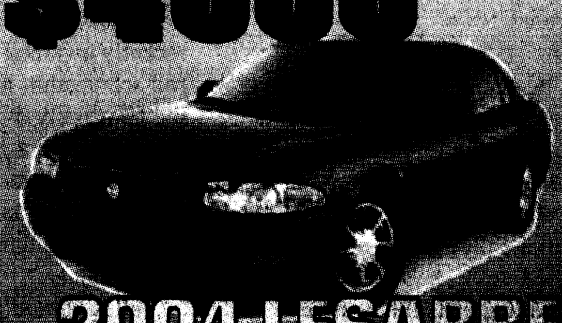

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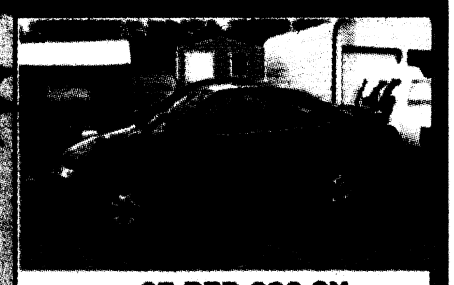

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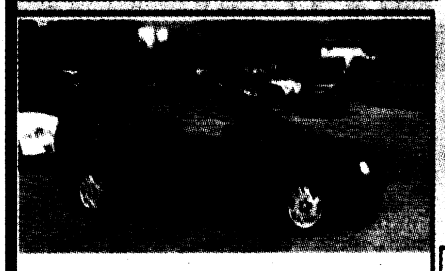

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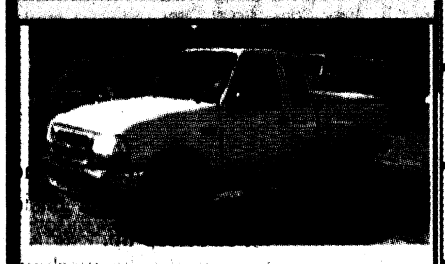

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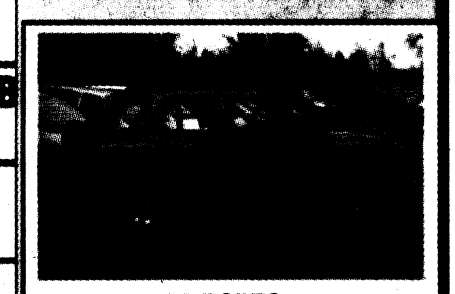

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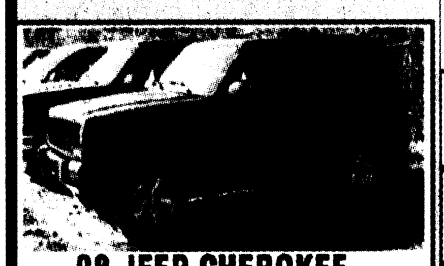

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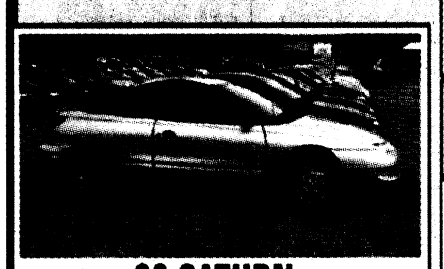

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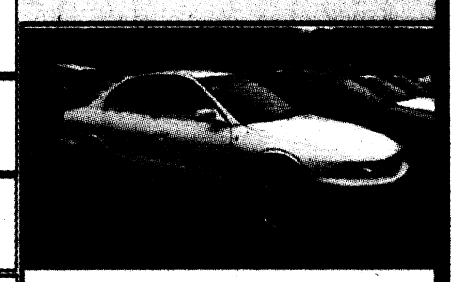

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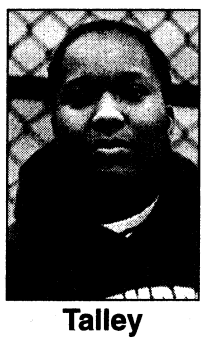
Once in a while, a person comes along who has such a high level of skill and determination, it affects everyone around them.

Khadija Talley is one of those people.

As a young girl, Talley always loved sports and had a plan for the future. But it must have been hard for her to imagine herself where she is today.

Now a student at Columbus High School, Talley has surrounded herself with sports and balanced her athletic endeavors with academics, pushing the envelope in both arenas.


Talley

Talley, who is a member of the National Honor Society, was recently awarded a full scholarship to the University of Miami for her achievements in track and field, and earned a spot in the Beta Club for maintaining a 3.9 grade point average throughout her high school career.

Talley started playing sports in kindergarten and said her true passion is on the basketball court where she is first-team all-region.

However, it was a coach at her junior high school who paved the way for her scholarship.

Donna Roberts, track and field coach at McArthur Junior High School in Oklahoma, saw Talley's potential to be great and persuaded her to take up shotput.

Talley said she had no interest in the shotput at the time, but Roberts wouldn't take no for an answer.

Six years later, Talley holds the title of third in the nation for shotput and discus in the U.S. Track and Field Junior Nationals, and is All-American in track and field.

Not one to brag about herself, Talley said it felt really good to place third in both events because she didn't realize that she ranked as high as she did on a national level.

Talley said she couldn't have done so well without the support of her parents and her coaches.

Randy Whitt, her track coach at CHS said coaching her was easy because she was so dedicated and professional, however her raw talent forced him to be a better coach.

Whitt focused primarily on long-distance running before Talley came along, but when she joined the team, he had to learn more about the discus and shotput to help her hone her skills.

He said Talley has shown dramatic improvements since she arrived at CHS, but most of her talent is still untapped.

"She is still very, very raw," he said, "but that just shows how much talent she has."

Talley's father, Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Talley, 13th Corps Support Battalion, said he is not at all surprised by her accomplishments because, "she has been an outstanding athlete for some time."

She was always a very adventurous child who enjoyed trying everything from art to music to sports, and when she makes up her mind, nothing will stop her, he said.

"She is not the typical teen-ager," he said. "She is the type of child every parent has hoped and prayed for. I don't know what we did to deserve this."

Talley said she got involved in sports because it was something to do and it kept her busy, but now, balancing school work with all the sports in her life doesn't leave time for much else.

"If I'm not playing sports, I'm either studying or watching movies with my dad," she said. "Sometimes I just go in the locker room and study before practice."

Talley said academics are very important to her because she has wanted to be a pediatrician since she was in the eighth grade and doesn't want to lose sight of that goal — a goal her father said she will have no problem achieving if she continues to apply herself.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

Aerobics classes — The Briant Wells Fitness Center Aerobics Program kicks off Monday. The fitness center will offer box aerobics, aeromix, step combo, core crunch, yoga and aqua aerobics. The cost is $25 per month or $3 per individual class.

For more information, call Briant Wells staff at 545-4388.

Hunting committee meeting— The Fort Benning Hunting Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. March 5 in the Commander's Conference Room at Martin Army Community Hospital.

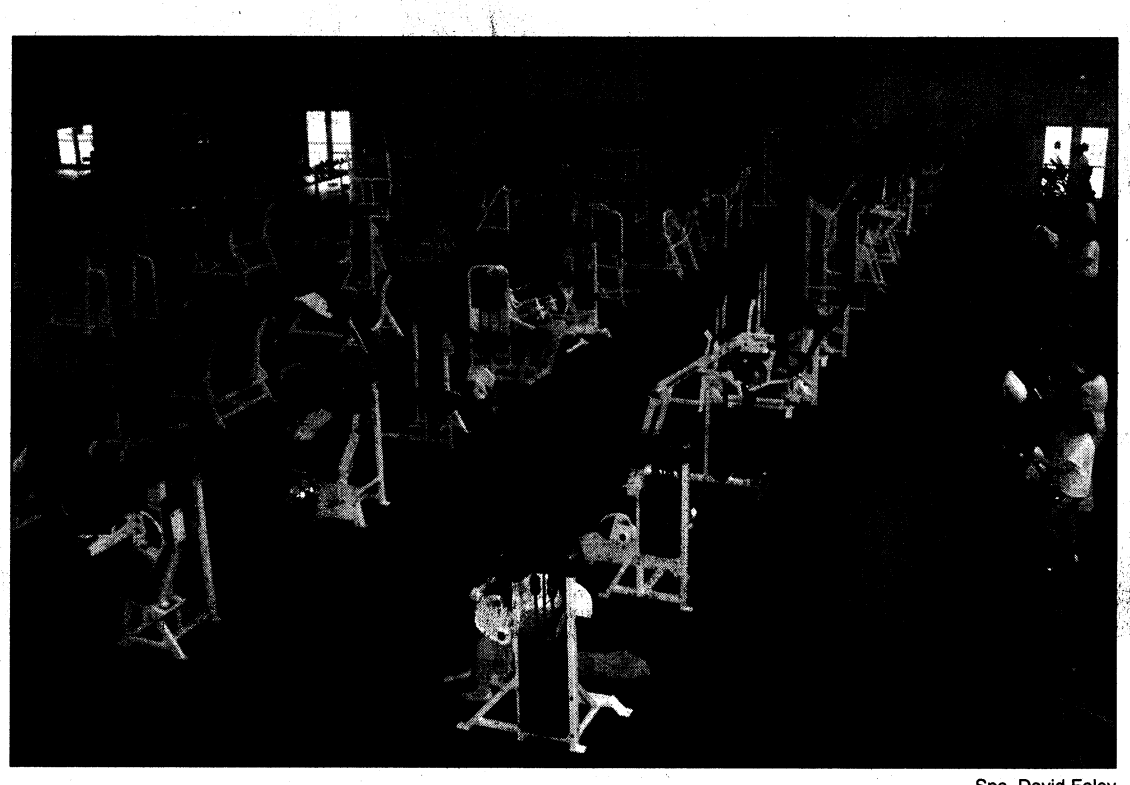
For more information, call Tommy Garnett at 544-1536.

off post

Leadoff Classic — The West Point Women's Softball team will be competing in the NFCA Leadoff Classic at South Commons today and Saturday. They play Friday at 2:30 p.m. vs. Washington, and again at 5 p.m. vs. Florida State. On Saturday they play at 12:30 p.m. vs. Texas and at 6:30 p.m. vs. U.S. Olympic team

A limited number of free tickets to all the games will be available for Soldiers and their families at the Will Call. Each Soldier is eligible for four tickets. Parking is $3.

What a Workout!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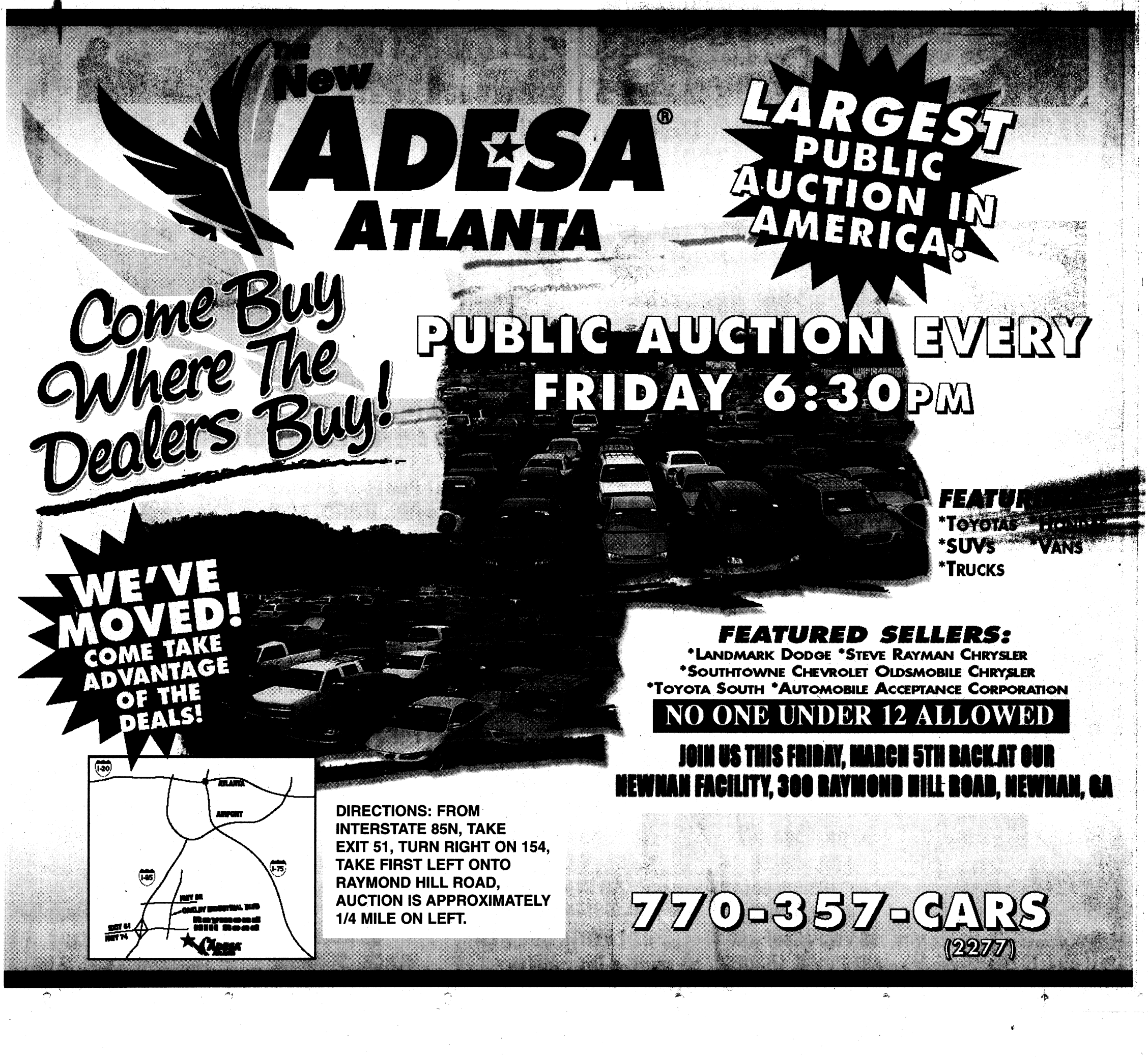
The Briant Wells Fitness Center is currently going through several renovations. The aerobics room was just completed and the locker rooms are expected to be completed soon. Aerobics classes will begin on Monday. For a complete schedule of the classes see C-2.



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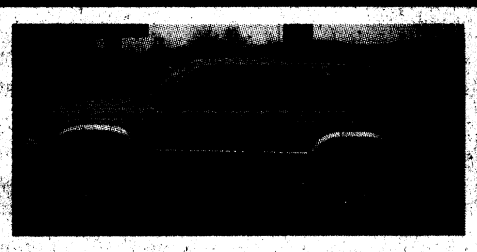
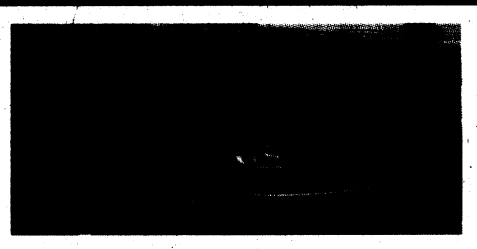


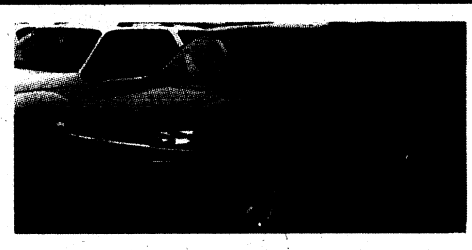
01 TOYOTA 4-RUNNER
LIMITED, SUNROOF, LOW MILES, HARD TO FIND, $359.33 PER MONTH*
SALES PRICE $21,900
72 MO @ 5.65%, STK#1110W



02 FORD EXPEDITION
EDDIE BAUER EDITION, LOW MILES, NICE, $338.53 PER MONTH*
SALES PRICE $20,810
72 MO @ 5.35%, STK#1101W



01 NISSAN X-TERRA
NICE, LOW MILES,
$249.03 PER MONTH*
SALES PRICE $13,200
60 MO @ 4.99%, STK#3024FTA



03 CHEV TRAILBLAZER
4DR, LS, $287.23 PER MONTH*
SALES PRICE $17,990
72 MO @ 4.70%
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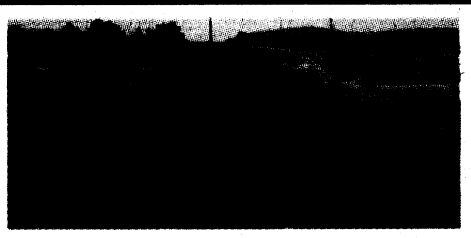

97 CHEV SILVERADO
EXTRA CLEAN,
ONLY 49K MILES,
SALES PRICE $11,990*
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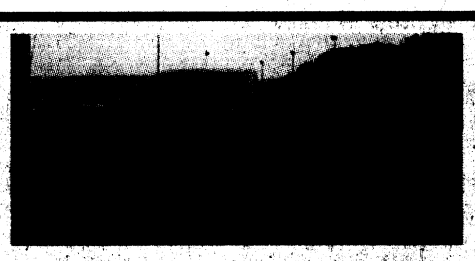

99 DODGE RAM 2500
DIESEL, QUAD CAB,
MANY EXTRAS,
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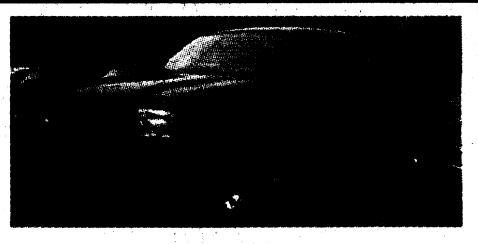
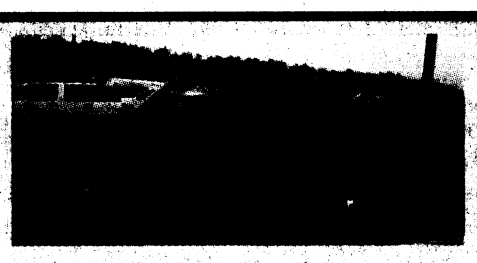


03 FORD F-250
XLT, 4X4, LOWMILES,
$395.85 PER MONTH*
SALES PRICE $25,992
78 MO @ 5.40%, STK#3241FW



02 CHEV AVALANCHE
Z71, SHARP TRUCK,
$369.27 PER MONTH*,
SALES PRICE $22,700
72 MO @ 5.35%, STK#1108W



03 SATURN
6200 SEDAN, $155.93 PER MONTH*
SALES PRICE $9,200
66 MO @ 4.10%, STK#1099W



03 MAZDA PROTEGE
LX SEDAN, LOW MILES,
$166,09 PER MONTH*
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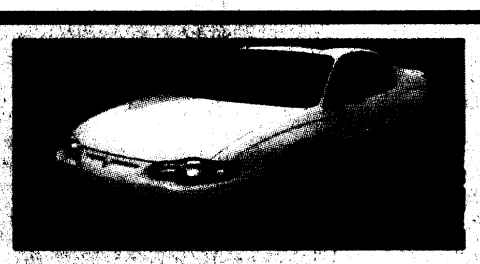
66 MO @ 41.0%, STK#3218FW



04 CHEV MONTECARLO
ONLY 800 MILES, SUNROOF, LEATHER, SS,
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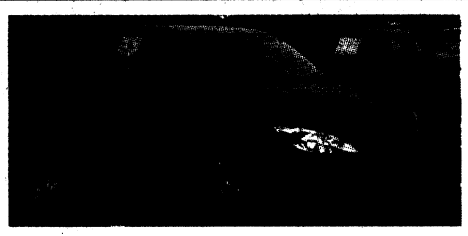

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LE SEDAN, $239.35 PER MONTH*
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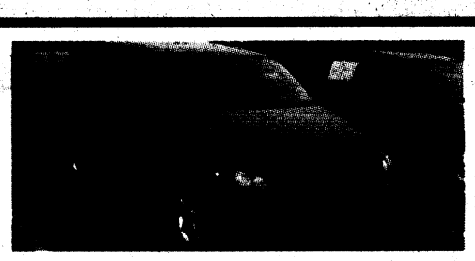
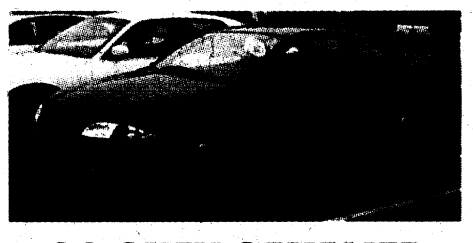


03 CHRYS PT CRUISER
TOUR EDITION, SHARP CAR,
$189.83 PER MONTH*
SALES PRICE $11,200
66 MO @ 4.10%, STK#3056FTA



99 CHEV CAMARO
LOW MILES,
CLEAN CAR,
SALES PRICE $7,495*
STK#1113WA



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Z24 COUPE,
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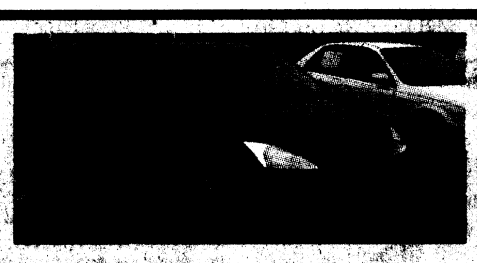

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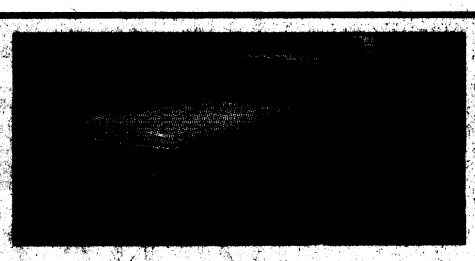

92 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS
LOW MILES,
SALES PRICE $3,995*
STK#3215FWB



98 DODGE CARAVAN
SALES PRICE $2,995*, STK#3178FTA



99 FORD WINDSTAR
SALES PRICE $4,395*
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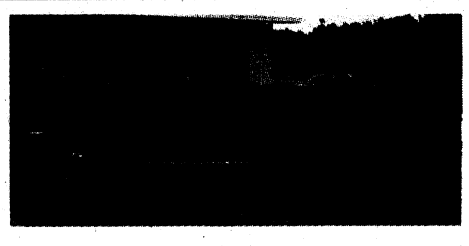

95 FORD F-250
SALES PRICE $2,995*
STK#4283CTC

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EXT CAB, Z71,
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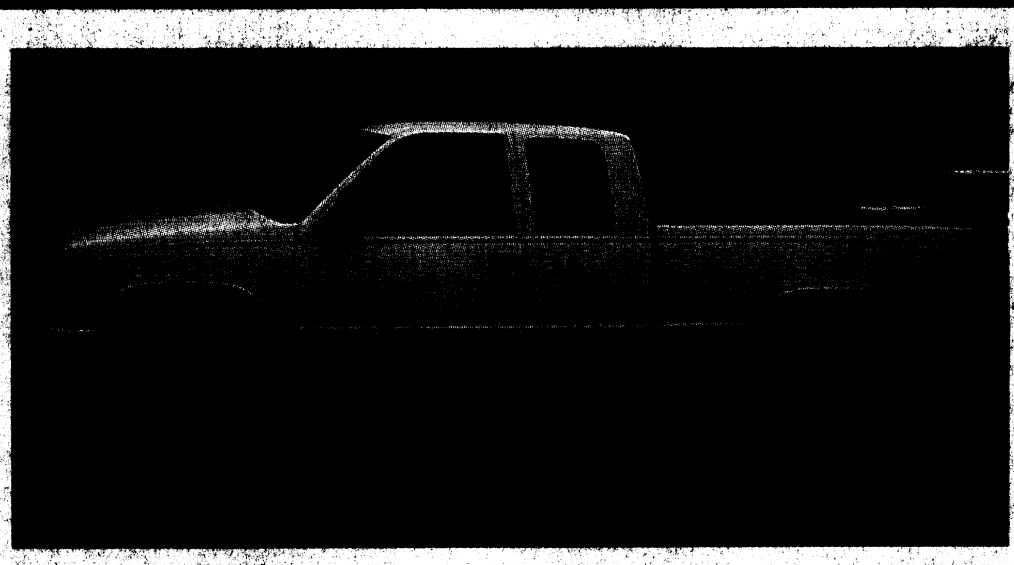

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1999 Nissan Sentra, GXE, sedan, 51k miles, excellent cond., asking $6500, OBO, 334-741-8279. (F5)

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Kolkraft double stroller. It is one hand fold. Navy and white. Great condition. Asking $120 obo. Call Stacey @ 689-4657 (F5)

For Sale - Girls clothes size 3T-5T and shoes size 11-12.5. Everything in mint condition, most items from high-end and department stores. Please call 687-7020, ask for Jen or leave a message. (F5)

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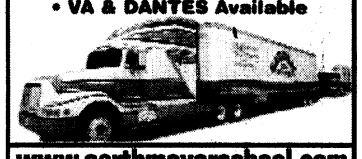
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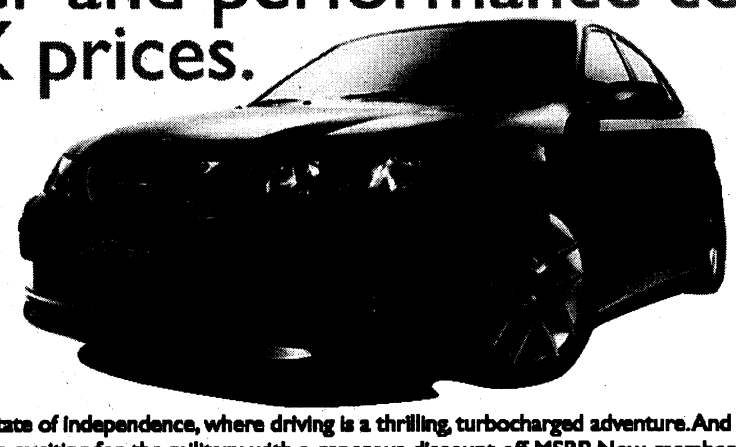

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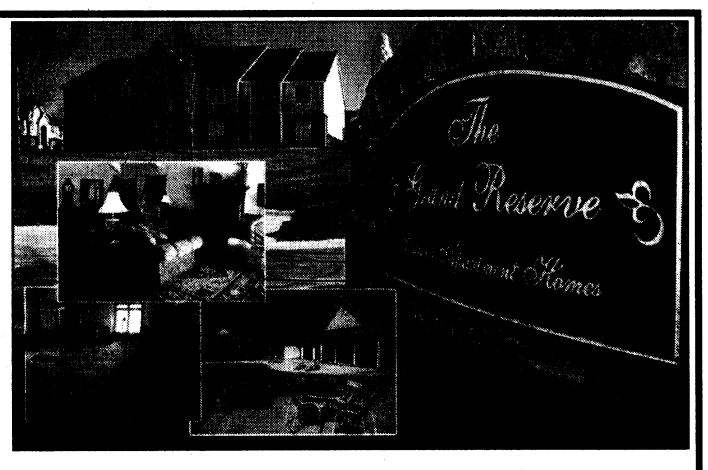

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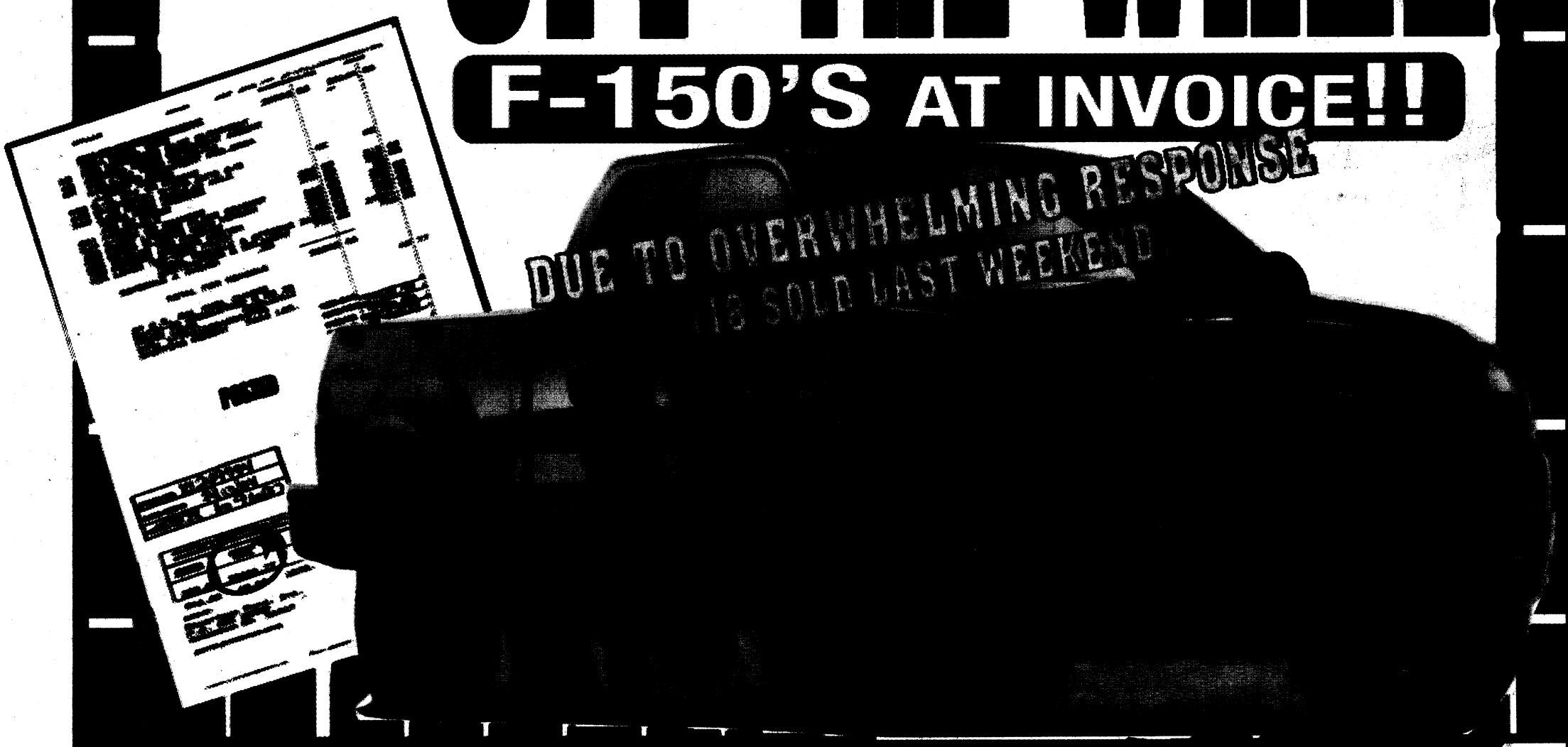

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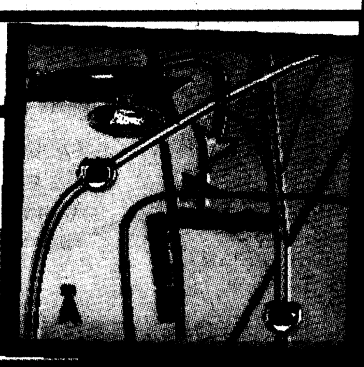

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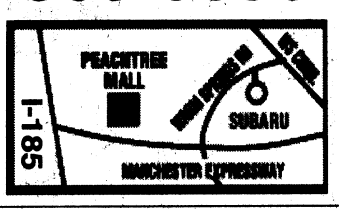

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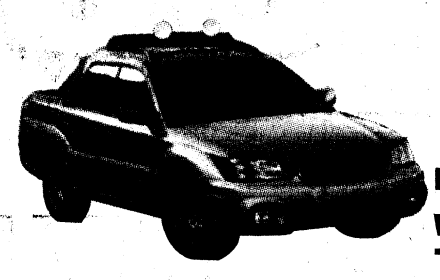

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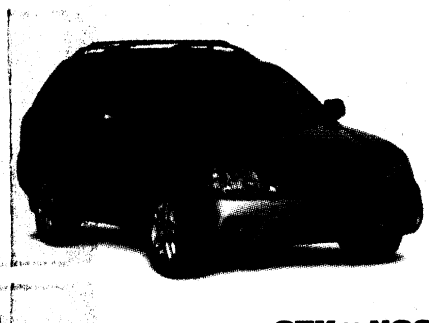

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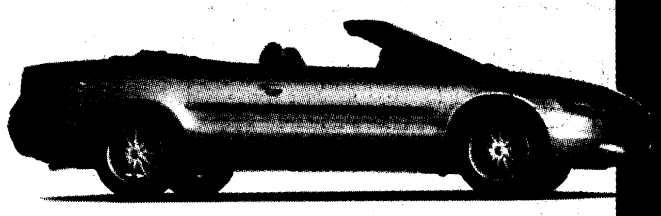

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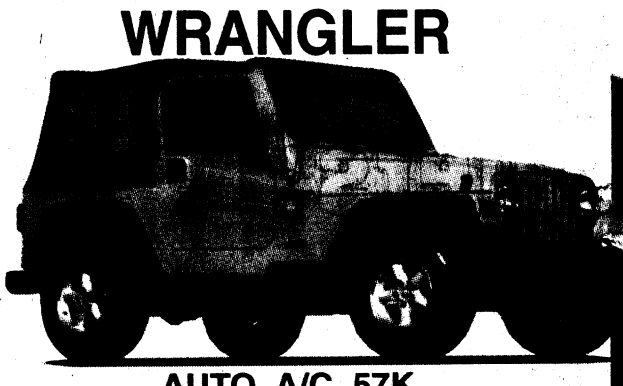

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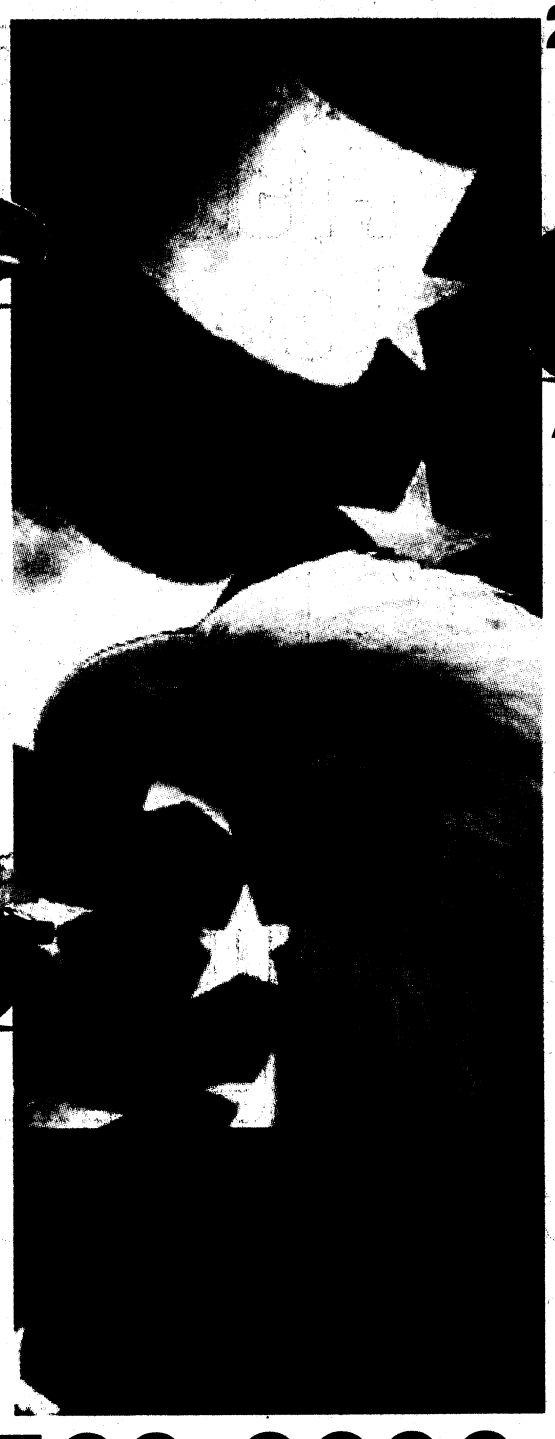

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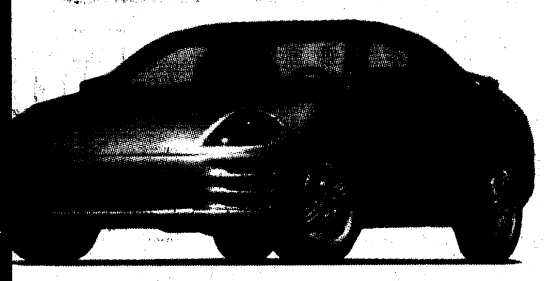

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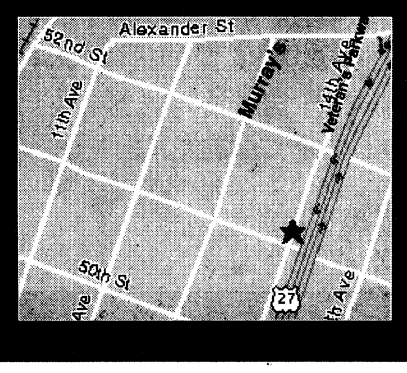

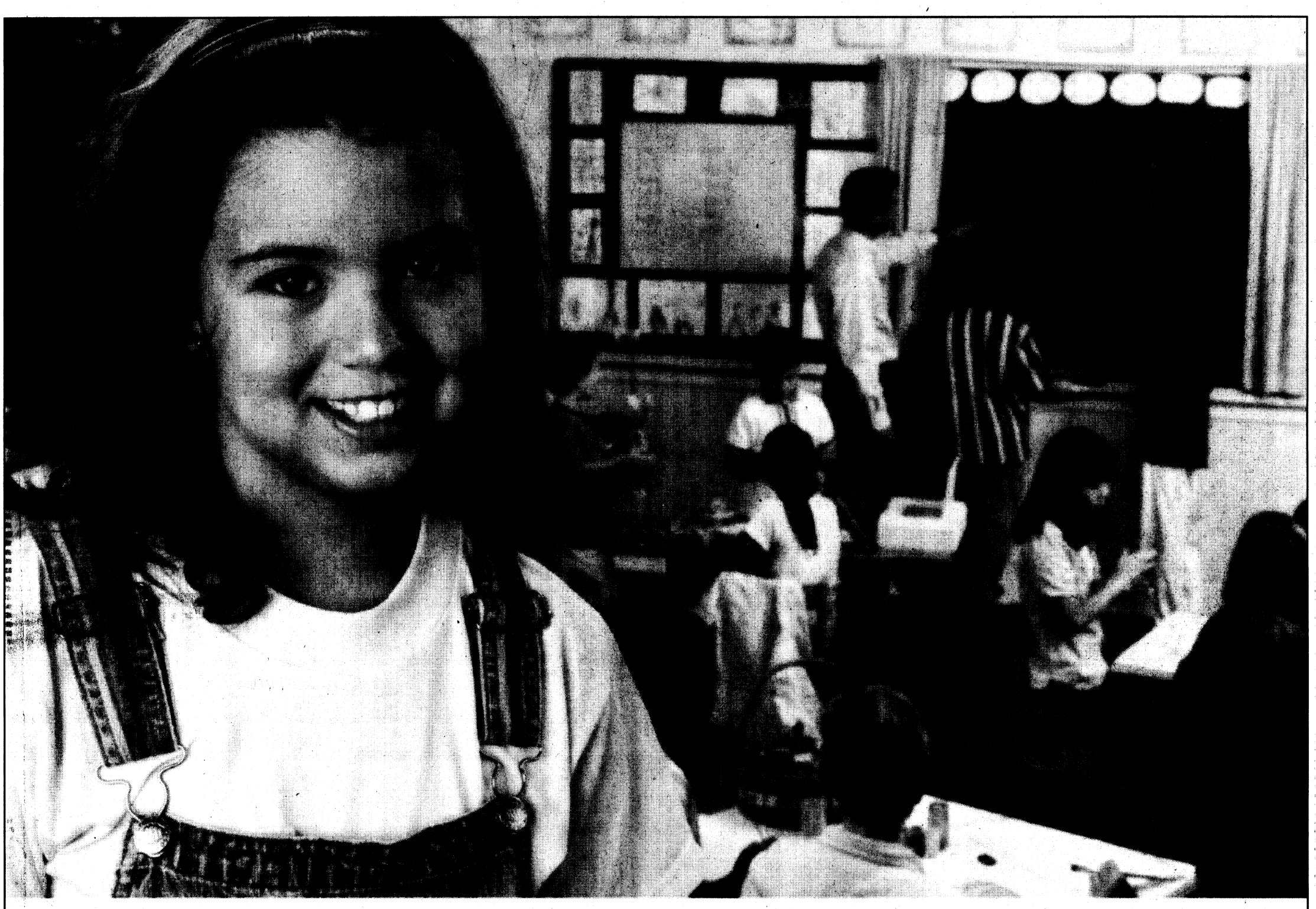



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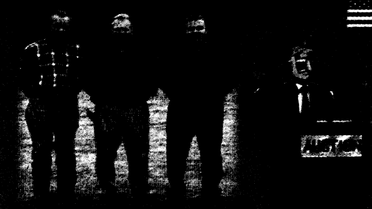



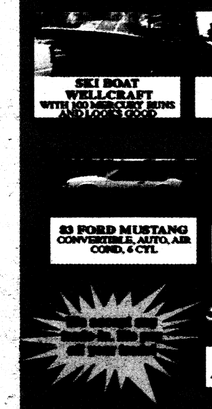

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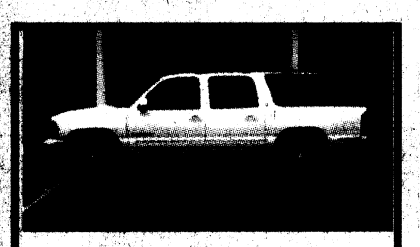

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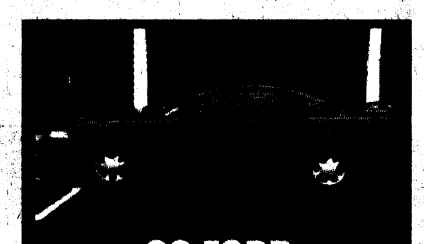

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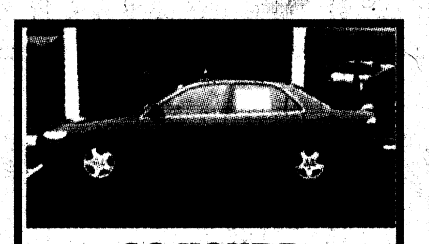

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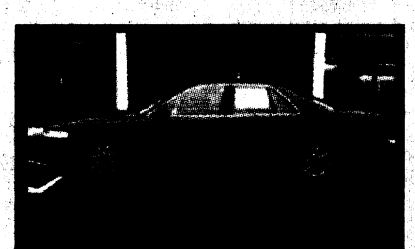

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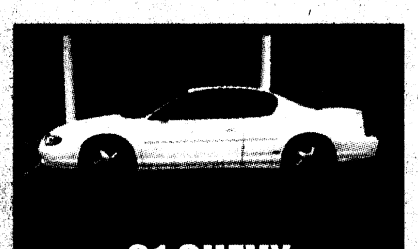

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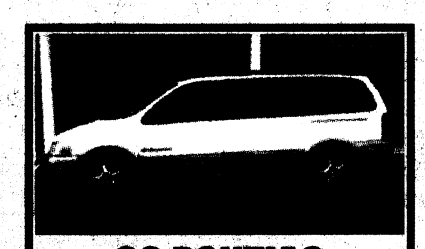

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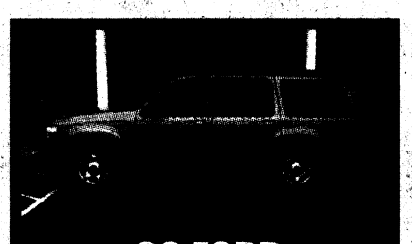

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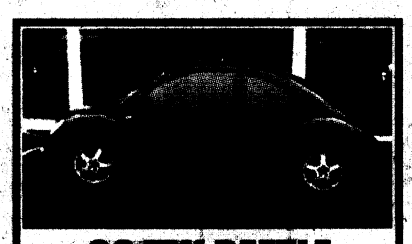

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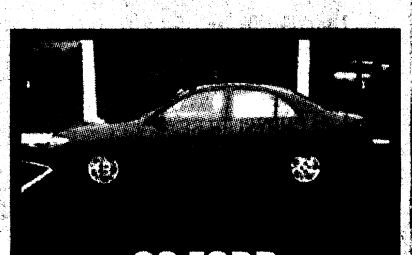

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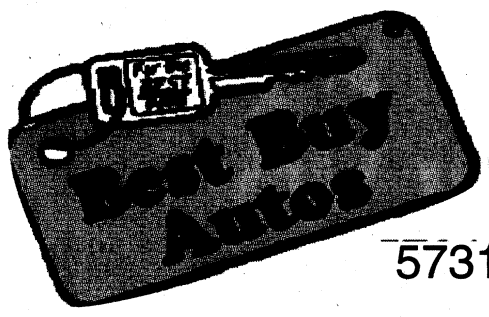

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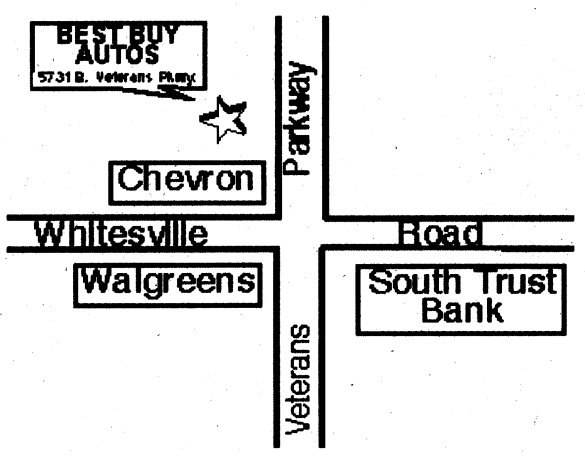

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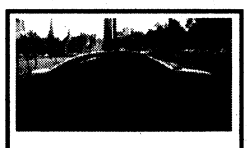
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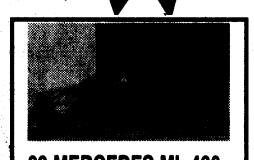
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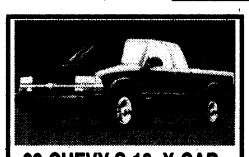
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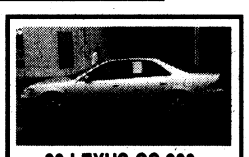
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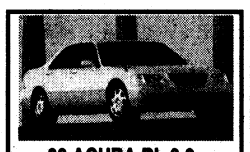
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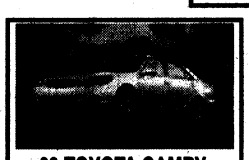
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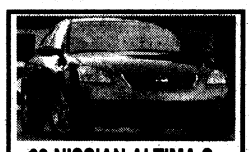
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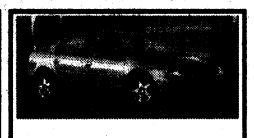
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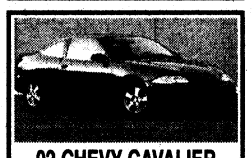
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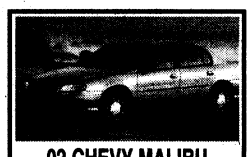
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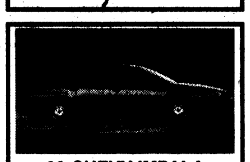
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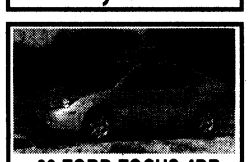
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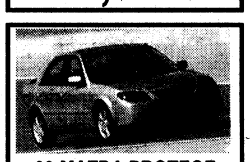
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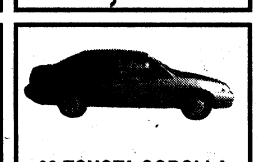
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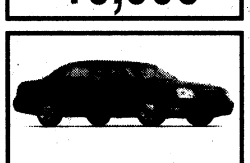
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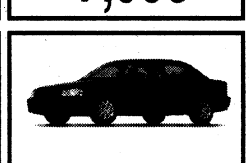
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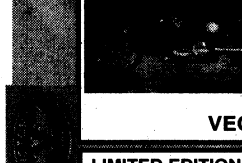
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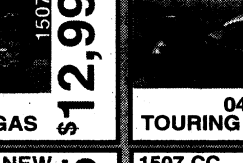
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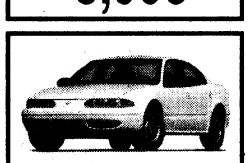
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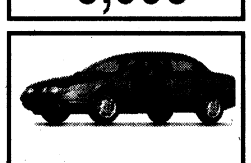
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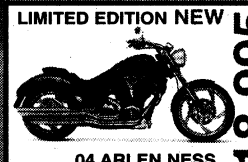
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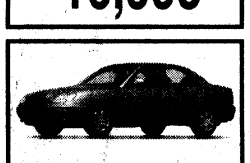
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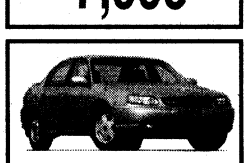
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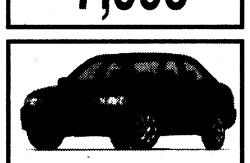
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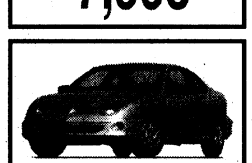
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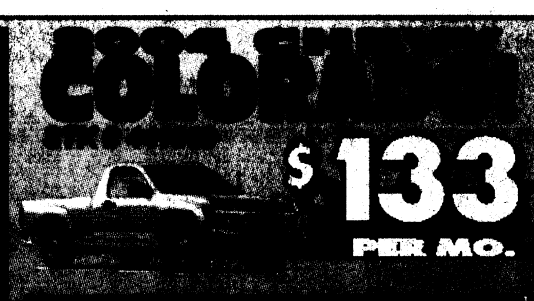

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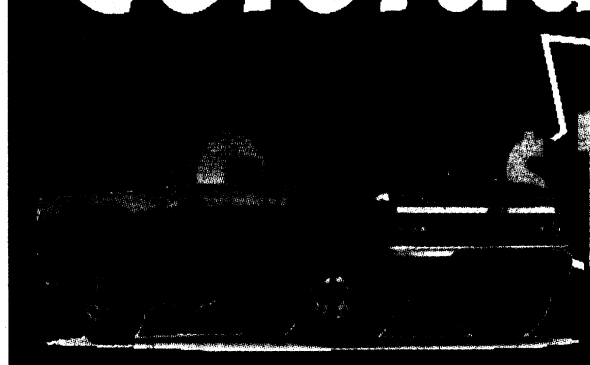

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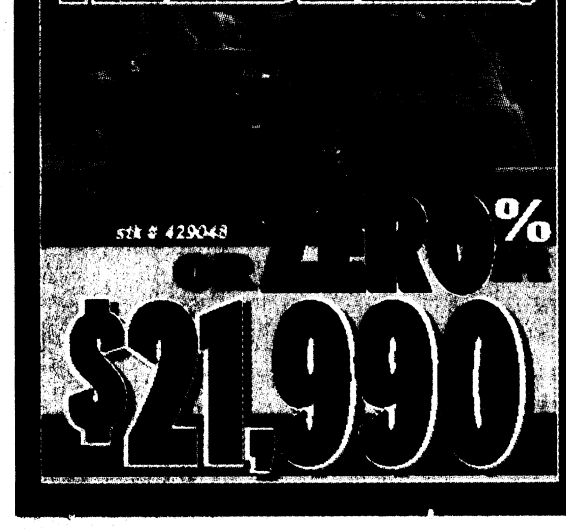

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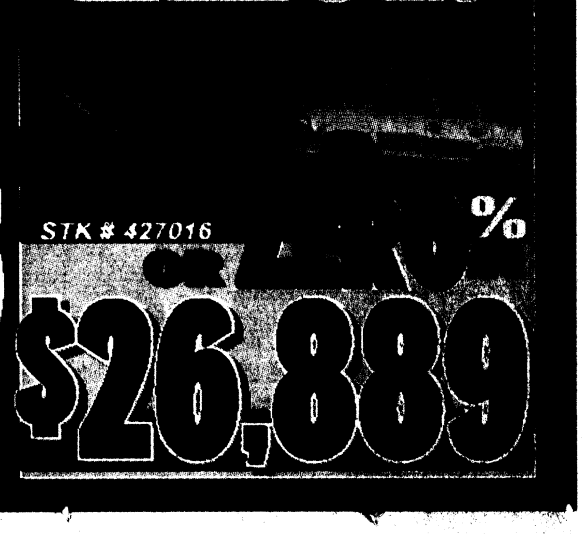

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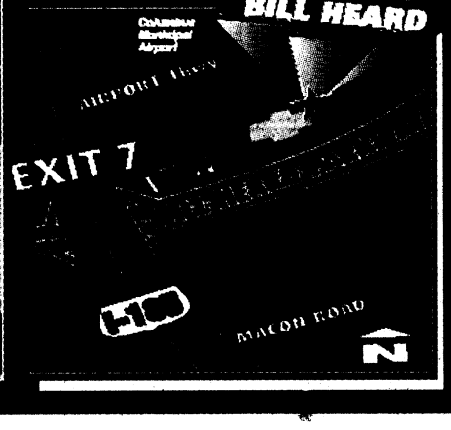

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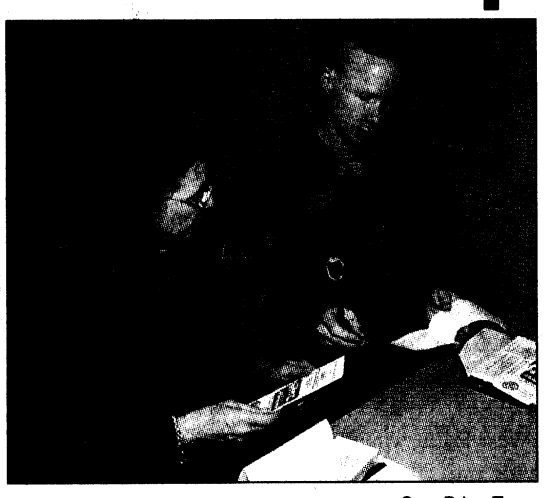

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Marilyn Wallace, left, of ACS, takes Capt. Douglas Smith through the AER process Monday afternoon.

Benning aims to raise at least $175,000

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Since 2001, Fort Benning has used about $2.5 million in Army Emergency Relief funds. Yet it has only contributed about $600,000.

The 2004 AER campaign kicked off Monday at Infantry Hall with a goal of $175,000. Benning surpassed last year's goal of $170,000 by about $69,000.

"The campaign is very important. This is the means we have to get the funds we need to assist Soldiers," said Al Deane, installation AER officer. "We ask individuals to contribute within their means. To come up with the goal, we take the population of Fort Benning and multiply it by 12. That's just $1 for 12 months."

"We're only asking for $12. For the price of going to a movie with your spouse on post, you already went over the $12 we're asking for," Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley said during the kick-off.

"In the course of the year for Army installations, there are two things that are tremendously important — (AER) is one and the Combined Federal Campaign is the other," Freakley said. "With the global war on terrorism, we're finding more and more families who need help … there is a need out there."

The campaign accounts for "well over 90 percent" of AER's annual funds, and this year is slated to run until the end of April.

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Spc. Brian Trapp

Staff Sgt. Laticia Smalls, a medic with the 690th Medical Company, hugs her baby Michael, 1, after returning from a nearly yearlong deployment Feb. 27.

690th returns to Benning

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Family and friends traveled from near and far for the much-anticipated return of the 690th Medical Company Feb. 27 at the Audie Murphy Fitness Center.

The 690th returned to Benning after a nearly yearlong deployment supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The company provided ground ambulance support, covering the northern, eastern, southern and central sectors of Iraq, evacuating about 600 Soldiers to medical facilities.

The return didn't go as smoothly as the unit had hoped, with travel delays pushing the ceremony back 12 hours.

But the waiting crowd was just happy their Soldiers were coming home.

"We got here by the hand of God," said Nancy Thoemke, mother of Sgt. Michael Good. "We got a call from him before he left — we were waiting by the phone for a week."

The Thoemkes waited for the phone call for days, never leaving their phone unattended. When they finally got the call, they made their way from Naples, Fla.

"He was coming home so we drove up and checked into a motel, and we got lost trying to get here," she said. "Then we happened to stop by a UPS store, and the gentleman in there was a captain from somewhere on Benning, and he drew us a map and gave us phone numbers to get in touch with people here."

"I don't know how good it feels to be back yet," said Good, a squad

See **690th,** A-11

Post lists fiscal '05 projects

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning proposed four major projects for the Military Construction Appropriations Bill, still in legislation. The proposed projects cost a combined $78.95 million.

The projects on the table are a barracks complex for 3rd Brigade and the 29th Infantry Regiment; a consolidated health clinic that will replace the troop medical clinics; a new, larger physical fitness center with a pool; and a hazardous cargo loading apron on Lawson Army Air Field, which will allow for quicker and more efficient loading for hot cargo and ammunition.

Fort Benning's construction projects are prioritized, after which they go to TRADOC, where they are reprioritized with other projects. The list is then sent to the Department of the Army to compete with other projects across the Army. DA ranks which projects are most needed and moves those forward for congressional approval.

"This means, until the president signs off on the budget, we don't know which projects will be funded and which won't," said Dean Miller, industrial engineer with the master planning branch of the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics.

The $50 million barracks project funds three barracks complexes on Kelley Hill and two new barracks complexes on Dixie Road for the 29th Infantry Regiment.

"The existing structures are substandard. They have all

See **BUDGET,** A-11

Immigrant Soldiers become U.S. citizens

Troops, family member take citizenship oath

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Friday was a flag-waving day for 97 of the U.S.'s newest citizens.

Eduardo Aguirre, the director of Citizen and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security, administered the Oath of Allegiance to 96 service members and one family member.

Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley said the Soldiers standing before him represented all the men and women who take on the responsibility to defend the nation against all enemies.

"We thank you for your solid commitment to the U.S. by your service and also by becoming citizens," Freakley said. "You know what it means to come from nations where freedom, justice and liberty are not understood. We appreciate what you have done and what you will do."

Aguirre, who emigrated to the U.S. from Cuba as an unaccompanied minor, told the audience, "It's a great day to be an American, and an even better day to become one," before recognizing the

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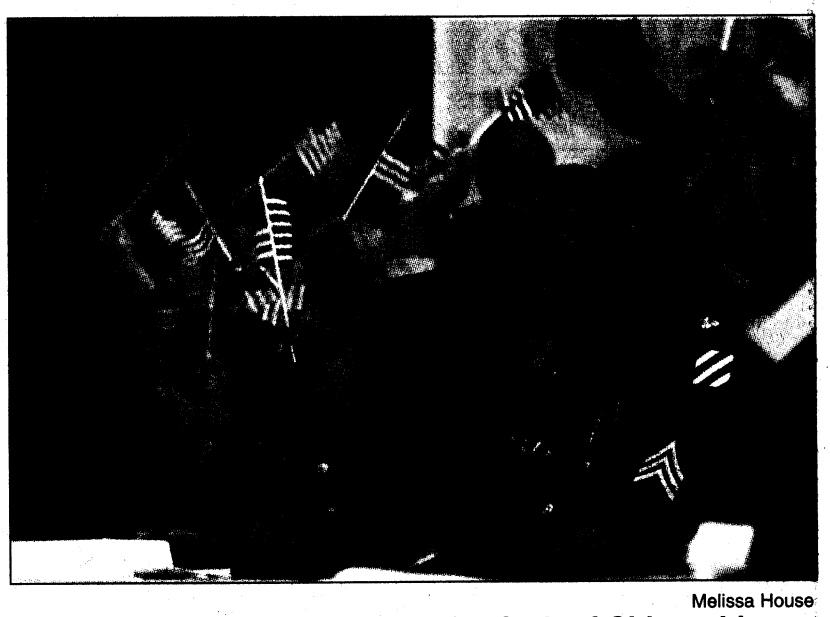

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Soldiers celebrate after taking the Oath of Citizenship.

FOUNDER'S DAY

A birthday celebration

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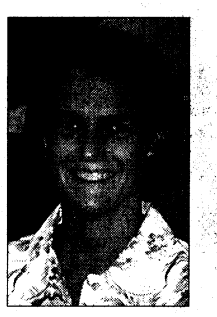

I've reached a point where I'm going to stop apologizing for going to college.

You see, I'm a "West Pointer." But it doesn't stop there. Not only am I a grad, but I'm the daughter of a grad, wife of a grad, sister of a grad, and sister-in-law of a grad. The only non-grad in my family is my poor mother, who is holding up quite well, thank you.

So, to say that my blood runs black and gray and gold is a bit of an understatement. But there are some days when it would certainly be easier to have blood that ran, say, Alabama crimson or Syracuse orange.

I've caught a lot of flack about my alma mater through the years. For some reason, once someone finds out you went to West Point, you're regaled with stories of all the bad officers they've encountered who went there.

I can't figure out why no one seems to remember that the other horrible guy they worked for was a Notre Dame grad or a University of Minnesota grad, but they do remember the ones who were West Point grads. Somehow, all incompetence and abrasive personalities transfer to the 60,331 of us who have graduated from West Point since 1802.

But I can see why some of those people might stick in your mind. After all, a lot of people don't understand what West Point is all about, and it's easy to discount or condemn what you don't fully understand.

I read an article after National Signing Day about a high school football star who signed on with Army.

In his interview, he said he had a major in mind and hoped he would earn his degree and be able to use it to get a good job.

I was speechless for a moment. He *hoped* to earn a degree? Well, if he doesn't, he just wasted the estimated $250,000 that we, the taxpayers, have shelled out for his education.

And as far as getting a good job after he graduates, he really need not worry. He'll have a job. Or did someone forget to tell him that the M in USMA is because it's the *military* academy.

I hope he's able to figure it out before he gets to West Point this summer and spends his first six weeks in Cadet Basic Training, learning how to march, salute, fire an M-16 and low crawl through the mud.

And when he graduates and heads off to Iraq or Bosnia or Haiti, I hope he knows that his job is to serve his country, and not to take that responsibility lightly.

I'm gearing up for Founder's Day tomorrow. I'm flying my "Go Army, Beat Navy" flag outside my house. I've dragged out my ring. I'll force my husband into his blues for a night out with old grads and young grads alike.

You know we West Pointers are asking for trouble when we have a party every year, wherever we are, to celebrate the birthday of our alma mater. No one else does it.

But since West Point was founded solely to provide trained officers for the Army, it seems appropriate.

I'll be there tomorrow, sad that I'm no longer on active duty, but proud to be a grad.

Proud to be number 47,031 on the same list as retired Col. Ralph Puckett, and proud to have served my country.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in regard to the policy/procedure Fort Benning has in place for job vacancies.

I am a military spouse with 10 years experience in civil service and have been unable to get back into the system due to the policy/procedure that all vacancies posted at Fort Benning are for "in-service" employees.

My understanding is that all military spouses are to have what is called "spouse preference." However, how can a military spouse resume his or her career when the system only allows in-service personnel to apply for jobs?

Clearly, this appears to be a discriminatory practice against all military spouses.

I have applied for several positions in the three years we have been stationed at Fort Benning, only to be rejected with the explanation of, "You were not considered for this position, because you were not among the group of applicants who were eligible to apply."

So my concern and question is, how is it possible to get my career back on track when the civilian personnel office at Fort Benning appears to be discriminating against military spouses? Who do we need to talk to in order to make the necessary changes regarding this discriminatory practice?

— Maritza Madera
Fort Benning

Public Law 99-145, Section 806, implemented measures to increase employment opportunities for spouses of members of the Armed Forces. The intent is to lessen the career interruptions of spouses who relocate with their military sponsors.

Military spouse preference provides priority in the employment selection process for military spouses who are relocating to accompany their military sponsor on a permanent change of station move to an active-duty assignment.

The MSP:

• applies to spouses of active-duty military members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the U.S. Coast Guard and full-time National Guard, who desire priority consideration for positions at Department of Defense activities in the U.S. and its territories and possessions;

• applies only within the commuting area of the permanent duty station of the sponsor;

• applies only if the spouse entered into the marriage with the military sponsor prior to the reporting date to the new duty assignment.

• does not apply when the sponsor is separating or retiring.

Spouse preference applies when management wants to fill a position from a competitive list of applicants. A spouse preference eligible who is ranked among the "best qualified" on a competitive list must be selected for the position. If more than one spouse is determined to be best qualified among the candidates, any one of them may be chosen.

Preference applies to DoD appropriated fund positions at grades GS-15 and below (and equivalent wage grade positions) in the competitive or excepted service and also applies to positions in nonappropriated fund instrumentalities at grades UA-8 and below (or equivalent grade levels).

If management chooses to select from a list of noncompetitive candidates or select an individual from one of the alternative recruitment sources, spouse preference does not apply.

The alternative recruitment sources are: appointment of a 30 percent disabled veteran; VRA appointment; transfer at the same or lower grade, reassignment or change to lower grade; placement to correct an Equal Employment Office deficiency; placement of a handicapped individual; or placement of an employee returning from an overseas tour or duty.

Military spouses who are immediately appointable to a position in the competitive service exercise their preference through registration in Program S of the DoD Priority Placement Program.

To meet the appointability requirement, the spouse must be in one of the following categories: a current federal career/career-conditional employee; serving under a VRA or Schedule A handicapped appointment; have reinstatement eligibility; have eligibility under Executive Order 12721; or have competitive service eligibility based on employment under other merit systems. Registrants may be referred for positions being filled through noncompetitive sources. In such cases, they are considered in the same manner as other Priority 3 registrants.

Spouses may register at grades no higher than that previously held on a permanent basis. If the spouse's only federal service was overseas under time-limited appointment, he or she may register for the highest grade held if the spouse has appointment eligibility under E. O. 12721. Spouses who are not current federal employees who have E.O. 12721 and reinstatement eligibility may register under either option, whichever is more beneficial. Spouses who have no prior federal employment exercise preference at the grade for which certified on an employment register.

Spouses may register for the lowest grade for which qualified and available.

Referral through Program S of the PPP is the only means by which eligible, immediately appointable spouses will receive preference for appropriated fund competitive service positions. Personnel offices must maintain manual systems for spouses who are applying through delegated examining authorities, OPM certificates, or applying for nonappropriated fund positions.

Spouses should ensure that they have the following documents with them to register for preference:

• application or resumé

• copy of an SF-50 (or DA 3434 for NAF positions) documenting current or previous appointment(s)

• copy of last performance appraisal if currently working for the federal government

• Executive Order 12721 paperwork showing eligibility (if returning from the overseas area)

• DD 214, Member 4 copy

• SF 15, if claiming 10 point preference and letter from the Veterans Administration dated within the last year showing the percentage of disability

• Transcripts (may be necessary if education is relevant to qualifications for the position. Original transcripts are required if applying for health care provider positions)

• Licenses/certifications (if applicable)

• PCS orders documenting sponsor's assignment.

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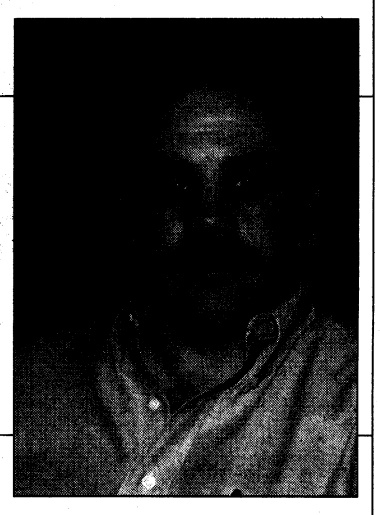

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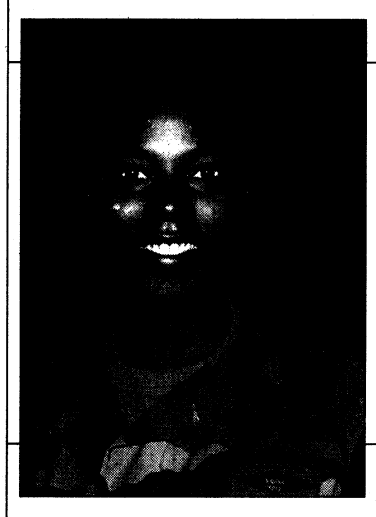

Capt. Deloris A. Turner, 49th Quartermaster Group — "I always make sure I fill out a customer service ballot and stick it in the comment box. I am more likely to do it for good service, though."



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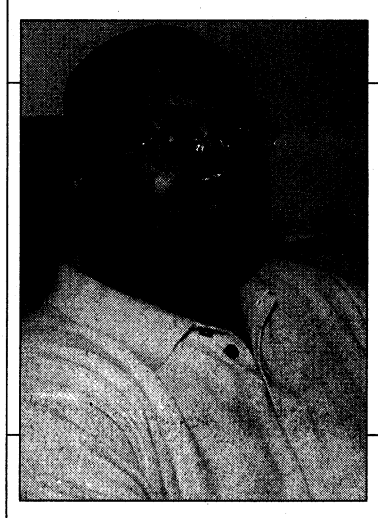

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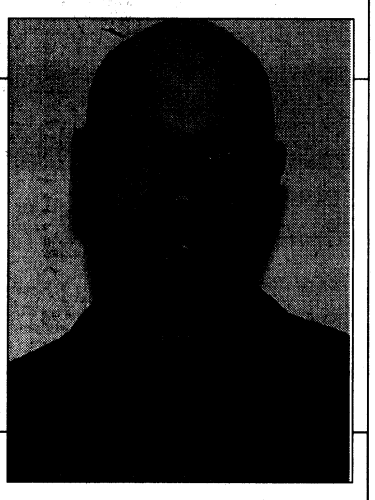

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Soldiers, civilians visit Tuskegee

Various sites teach about U.S. history

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff



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The museum houses the scientific equipment George Washington Carver used during his experiments at Tuskegee.

More than 110 Fort Benning Soldiers and civilians attended the fifth annual cultural awareness trip to Tuskegee University Feb. 26.

The trip took the group to the Tuskegee University campus to see the George Washington Carver Museum, Booker T. Washington house, Tuskegee Chapel and other sites. Other stops included the Tuskegee Human and Civil Rights Multicultural Center and Moton Airfield, home of the Tuskegee Airmen.

"The trip was a success," said Sgt. 1st Class Yvette Trejo, 29th Infantry Regiment Equal Opportunity advisor and trip organizer. "Everyone who went understood that it wasn't just African-American history we were learning about; it was American history."

The group started the tour with a visit to the George Washington Carver Museum, where they learned about Carver's life. They also learned how Carver extracted elements from peanuts to help create more than 300 products.

"It's amazing to see what Carver did during his lifetime," said Evelyn Jenkins, Defense Military Pay Office civilian. "I had heard about what he did in his lifetime. I never had the chance to see it. This was my chance to actually see all of his works."

After eating lunch in the university's cafeteria, the group went to the Multicultural Center, which presently houses exhibits on the Tuskegee Syphilis Study.

For 40 years, the U.S. Public Health Service used African-American men from the Tuskegee area as unwitting human guinea pigs in a medical experiment to document the effect of untreated syphilis.

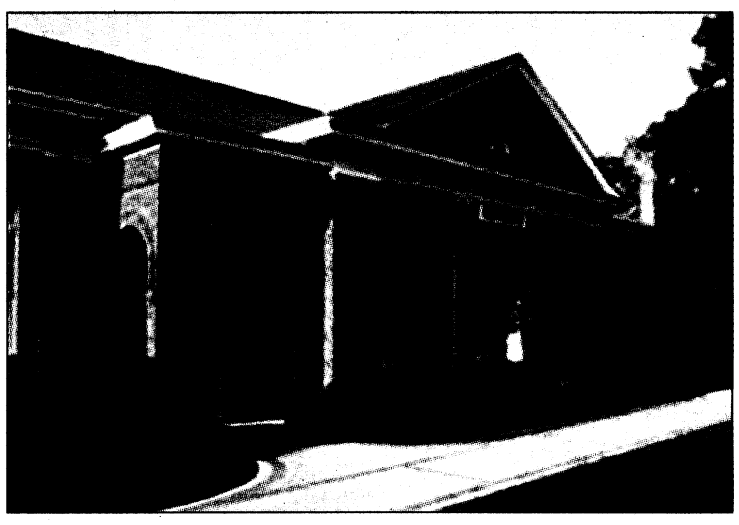
More than 600 men were involved in the study and many died prematurely or suffered because readily available treatment was knowingly withheld from them. The men were not told the truth about their medical conditions and were in the experiment without their informed consent.

"The Multicultural Center is a place I really wanted to see," Jenkins said. "My father grew up in nearby Elmo County, Alabama, and always traveled to Tuskegee. I didn't know if he had participated in the study, but after reading all of the names of those involved, I found out he wasn't," she said. "It answered a lot of my questions."

After visiting the center, the group went to the Tuskegee Airmen's Moton Airfield where they learned of the hardships black pilots went through to become Army Air Corps aviators. They also got the chance to hear one Tuskegee Airman's wife, Mildred Carter, speak about her experiences as both the wife of an Air Corps aviator and as a pilot herself.

"It was great to have (Carter) speak to us about her experiences," said Spc. Romonica Wade, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Infantry Center. "It really meant a lot to hear from her."

For more information about the Tuskegee sites, call (334) 727-3200.



Tuskegee University turned over the Carver Museum to the National Park Service in 1979.

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Columbus air show features historic aircraft

Thunder in Valley brings excitement to tricommunity

Spc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Columbus' upcoming annual Thunder In the Valley Air Show on March 20 and 21 will have more than just aerial acrobatics and amazing flight demonstrations. It will also give the community a glimpse of aviation history.

The show will feature a number of historic aircraft, including a B-29 — the same type of airplane as the Enola Gay, which dropped the atomic bomb.

People can actually tour the interior of this massive plane, known as the "superfortress," for a small fee.

"(The B-29) is a part of our history," said Greg Allmendinger, chairman of the event. "(This type of plane) dropped the atomic bomb. A chance to see it is a rare occurrence in this area. We never have the opportunity to see it up close except for at an air show."

There will be a variety of other planes there, both American and foreign, including a C-54, the type used in the Berlin airlift, P-51 Mustang, P-47 Thunderbolt and also the Russian Yakovlev or YAK-9, a WWII fighter plane and the modern YAK-55.

The YAK-55 is actually scheduled to do some flying.

"They're some unusual planes. You don't see a lot of them, and their shapes just aren't typical," Allmendinger said.

The aerial demonstrations are left to the newer and more acrobatic planes while the historic planes are seen as static displays because of their age. But at the air show, people will have an opportunity to watch history in operation and even have a chance to ride.

A B-52 "stratofortress" is scheduled to do a fly over, something that even Allmendinger hasn't seen.

At the air show, people will also have the chance to ride in the UH-1H "Huey" helicopter for about $40.

"Riding in a Huey is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," he said. "During the Vietnam War, they were used to transport troops and supplies. If you had relatives in the Vietnam War, you could get a feel for what they felt riding in an open aircraft."

The event will feature a combination of old and new aircraft and other displays of military vehicles and airpower.

"If you have the time, you need to go out and see the technology of today compared to the aircraft before the jet engine," said Frank Hanner, Infantry Museum curator.

"I recommend everyone go out there and immerse themselves in the history," he said.

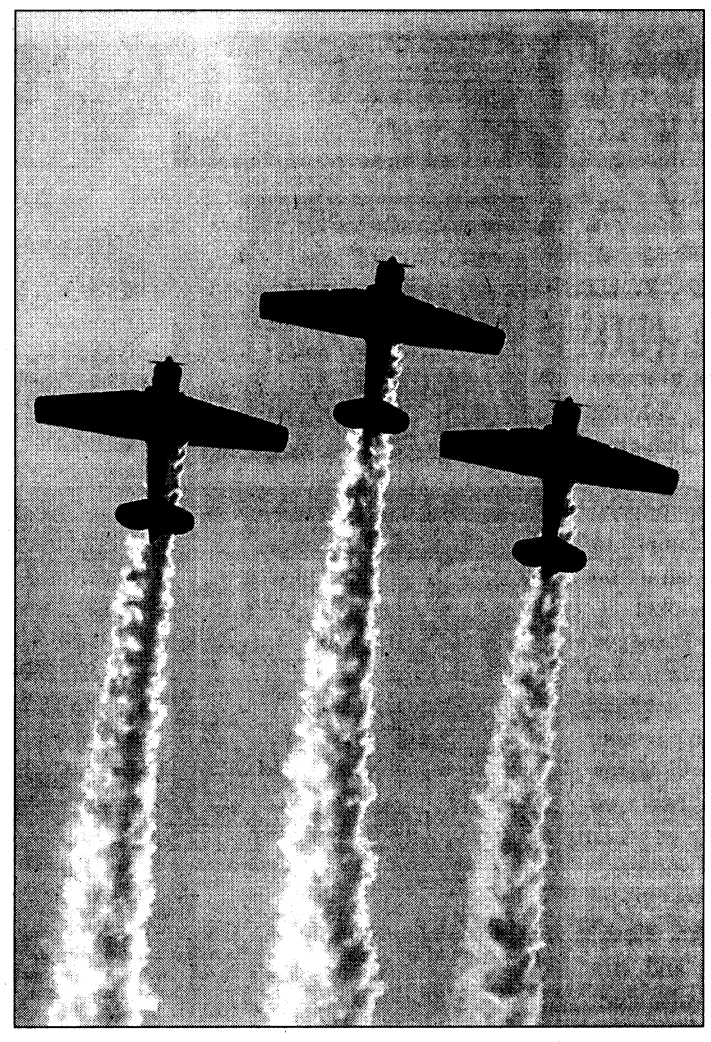
The Thunder In the Valley Air Show is one of Columbus' largest alcohol-free events, and all of the proceeds go to support the Chattahoochee Council of Boy Scouts of America which 11,000 youth in the surrounding community benefit from.

"I think this is one of the best shows we've put together," Allmendinger said.

Tickets at the gate are $10. Soldiers and their families can currently purchase discount tickets ahead of time for just $5.50.

The tickets will be available at Omega Travel in the Main Mall Post Exchange.

For more information, call the Boy Scout office at 327-2634 or visit the event Web site at www.thunderinthevalleyairshow.com.



Spc. David Foley

Last year, Columbus' Thunder in the Valley Air Show featured the Aeroshell aerial acrobatics team. The team will be back this year, along with a host of other flight fantastics.

Soldiers can hitch free rides on military flights

Space A seats provide no-cost travel

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Army has made it easy for Soldiers to take leave by allowing them to hitch free rides on military flights anywhere in the U.S. or overseas.

The Space Available Program, which allows Soldiers to fly to and from military installations for free, was designed for Soldiers who are on leave and would like a free ride to an airfield at or near their destination, said Rick St. Clair, air traffic controller specialist at Lawson Army Air Field.

"Fort Benning does not have the type of traffic flow that allows Soldiers to frequently fly in and out of post," St. Clair said.

He recommends Soldiers look for Space A flights at military installations that have a larger traffic flow, like Air Force bases.

"Space A flights are for people who have time to wait around for seats available — dependents, retirees or Soldiers on long leave," St. Clair said. "If the passenger can't afford to be late to a destination, they are better off purchasing a ticket on-line."

Family members were once only allowed to fly on Space A flights if their sponsor was flying with them, and only in the U.S. But as of April 1, 2003, the assistant deputy under secretary of defense approved a one-year test which allowed military dependents to fly on Space A flights within the U.S. without their sponsor. The end date of the test program was extended indefinitely Feb. 26, meaning dependents looking to hitch a free ride without their sponsor may still do so.

Soldiers trying to obtain a seat on a Space A flight must be on leave or pass status while waiting for a seat and throughout the time they are flying, St. Clair said.

"Space availability flights depend on where you're going, where you're flying from, and what locations are close to you," St. Clair said.

Space A seats are posted five business days before the flight at the base operations office at the air field. Registration for the flights begins at 8 a.m. the day the flights are posted and the manifest for the flight closes at noon the day before the flight departs.

"Once the passenger arrives at their destination, they have to register for a departing flight to ensure they get a seat for a flight back home," St. Clair said.

Passengers are allowed to carry two bags that weigh no more than 70 pounds and can't pay for excess baggage. No pets are allowed on Space A flights and passengers should bring their own food for flights within the U.S. Food is provided for overseas flights.

Although the flights are free, passengers should be prepared to pay for food and lodging while they wait for a flight.

To find out if an air field in your area offers Space A flights, call your local installation air field base operations office.

For a list of air fields, visit the Space A Web site www.spacea.com. Click on the AMC Pamphlet 24-203 to review all information necessary to sign up for Space A flights and view a list of air fields and their flight schedules.

Also, militaryliving.com provides a list of installations where Space A flights are provided, as well as lodging and car rental arrangements.

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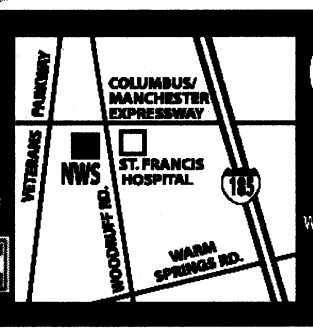

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Benning ranger named TRADOC instructor of year

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

A 5th Ranger Training Battalion instructor was selected as the company-grade Instructor of the Year by Training and Doctrine Command Feb. 17.

Capt. Timothy L. Gittins was chosen as the Fort Benning Instructor of the Year for 2003 prior to being nominated for the TRADOC title.

Once nominated to the TRADOC competition, instructors must submit a packet including narrative information and a 15- to 20-minute video of the instructor teaching a class, said Renee E. Estaphanos, program manager for the Instructor of the Year Program at TRADOC.

Estaphanos said the packets are reviewed by a preliminary panel. Five finalists in each of the rank categories are selected.

The finalists' packets are then reviewed by a director's panel comprised of Ph.D.s and colonels, she said. Winners are selected based on competence, comprehensiveness, variety, enthusiasm, grammatical and syntactical proficiency, among other criteria.

Winners are presented a TRADOC plaque and a TRADOC commander's letter for their records in addition to any incentive program initiated at the installation level.

Estaphanos personally viewed Gittins' video and said his performance showed he is an exceptional, innovative and remarkable instructor.

"Hopefully," she said, "this leader will continue to train the minds of the best Army in the world."

All this praise and glory hasn't gone to Gittins head, though.

"The Infantry School has some of the best trained, most professional instructors in the Army and they should all take some credit for this," he said.

As an RTB instructor, Gittins helps mold future rangers, who often take the training he and other RTB instructors provide straight onto the battlefield after graduation.

"It is a stark reality that most of the Soldiers we train in the Ranger Training Brigade will be going into combat in the near future," Gittins said. "That fact serves as a reminder that (instructors) have to give them the best training we can provide in order for them to be successful.

"Being assigned to the Ranger Training Brigade and training Soldiers to live up to the standards of the coveted Ranger tab is one of the most profound experiences of my life," he said. "This is what the Infantry is about — closing with and defeating the enemy."

The TRADOC Instructor of the Year Program was created in 1989, Estaphanos said, with the goal of recognizing the accomplishments of TRADOC instructors who contribute directly to the mission of training Soldiers to fight and win.

For more information regarding the Fort Benning Instructor Recognition Program, call Elaine Livingston at 545-6105.

For more information regarding the TRADOC Instructor of the Year competition, call Estaphanos at (680) 878-0854.

Post leader hangs up his boots

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Col. Walter Holton always told people who asked — "I'm stayin' for 30 or until I get fired."

Well, it hasn't quite been 30, and he's definitely not being fired, but Holton has decided "it's time to move on."

After 29 years and 23 days in the Army, the former TRADOC System Manager-Soldier hung up his boots after a retirement ceremony in front of Infantry Hall Feb. 27.

Holton, 50, always knew he would become a Soldier — it was a dream rooted in family honor and a little Hollywood pizzazz.

His father served in the 1940s, "a significantly different Army." His older brother served in the Vietnam War and his younger brother enlisted shortly before he did and retired as a sergeant first class.

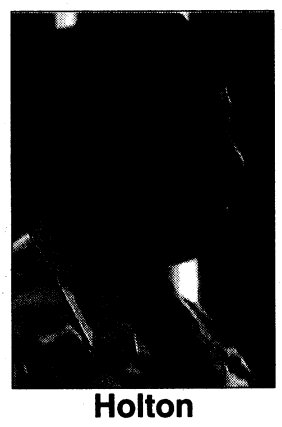
Meanwhile, television series like *Combat* and *Rat Patrol* and movies like *Green Beret* made him long to "start barking orders" throughout his years at Florida A&M University, where he enrolled in ROTC and anxiously awaited his commission as an infantry lieutenant.

When it finally came in 1975, Holton was ready. He headed off to Fort Benning with his wife, Deborah, in tow.

He found himself in an "uncertain career in a post-Vietnam Army," facing "rampant drug use and blatant racism." Despite its grim problems, the Army was also entering into a period of resurrection at this point, Holton said, improving leadership and enforcing strict principles.

Those leaders and principles had a lasting impact on Holton over the years.

"God knows that I am not the sharpest knife in the drawer," he said. "But because of his wisdom, he graced me and my journey with mentors to sharpen and guide me to journey's end."



Holton

As he was shaped and guided by the hands of such great leaders as Gen. John Hendrix, Lt. Gen. John LeMoyne and Gen. Barry McCaffrey, Holton trotted the globe, picking up missions in every corner of the world — Grenada, Honduras, Korea, the Sinai, Iraq, Croatia, Macedonia — the list goes on.

And he loved it.

"I enjoyed being a Soldier — going to the field, the deployments," Holton said.

One of the most "prominent moments" of Holton's career came when he was selected to deploy the first combat team, Task Force Able Sentry, to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia under the operational command of the United Nations.

Another claim to fame was Holton's role in TSM-Soldier, where Holton "believed and set the tone ... in a strong work ethic, focused on Soldiers, training and readiness," said Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley.

It was Holton, Freakley said, who energized the program — a program that saved lives on the battefields of Afghanistan and Iraq.

"When no one was too interested because it's a small program and not a big Army program, (Holton) was an advocate, saying, 'You know, Soldiers going into combat oughta have this equipment called interceptor body armor,'" Freakley recalled. "And today's Soldiers are surviving attacks in Iraq and Afghanistan because of (Holton's) persistence to get Soldiers the right kit to wear in harm's way and survive the outcome of the fight."

But it was simple for Holton, whose philosophy has remained the same over the years — "Mission first, but Soldiers always."

"I've always had a very strong love for Soldiers," he said. "They got me where I am today, and I give them all the recognition."

Well, maybe not *all* the recognition. As much as he has loved his years in the Army, it came at a price — one he couldn't have afforded without his wife.

Holton said if it hadn't been for her loving support and ability to put up with his "long hours, frequent traveling and bad attitude," he wouldn't have lasted a day on his own. While he led on the battlefield, Deborah led on the homefront, raising the couple's three children.

Deborah has been a trooper just like her husband, Freakley said.

"She certainly made her mark on Fort Benning, where she coordinated more than 2,000 volunteers for this post for the last several years," Freakley said. "Anything done by a volunteer, Deb Holton was in the middle of it, leading, guiding, loving, mentoring, coaching along the way."

Despite the bittersweet sentiments that come along with his retirement, Holton said it's time. It's time to go back to school and do fun things — painting, photography, fishing. It's time to be with his family for good.

"I'll probably work, but I have no intention of making work a priority," Holton said. "I'm going to enjoy my life, my wife and my grandbaby."

WHINSEC hosts academic seminar

Spc. Adrian Lugo
WHINSEC Public Affairs Office

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation hosted its third annual academic seminar, "Military, Media and Non-Governmental Organizations Conference," at Ridgway Hall Feb. 20.

The conference focused on "military operations other than war," addressing disaster assistance and peacekeeping issues that require the interaction of military, police and civilian organizations in a multi-national context.

Two panels discussed issues relating to their organizations with an audience of primarily U.S. and foreign students of WHINSEC's Command and General Staff Officer Course.

The seminar was aimed at preparing students to meet the new challenges facing the military in the 21st century, said Donald Harrington, WHINSEC dean of Academics and International Affairs.



Spc. Adrian Lugo

Jared Hoffman, Catholic Relief Services, and Col. David McWilliams, SOCOM, field questions during a Feb. 20 academic seminar.

Col. Richard Downie, WHINSEC commandant, welcomed the panelists and remarked on the institute's goal.

"WHINSEC is dedicated to educating the future military, police and civilian defense leaders of our hemisphere to respond to new challenges," Downie said. "This conference is one component within a rigorous program of training in democracy, human rights and operational skills that provides our students with the ability to succeed in a changing environment."

Presenters included Jarrod Hoffman, Catholic Relief Services; Col. David McWilliams, U.S. Southern Command; Carol Rosenberg, *Miami Herald*; retired Lt. Gen. Ed Soyster; Kay Reed, *Albany Herald* (Ga.); and Robert Buckman, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, La., Journalism Department.

Hoffman, McWilliams and Rosenberg formed the first panel of the day, addressing the role of the military, media and NGOs in disaster assistance.

After lunch, Soyster, Reed and Buckman discussed peacekeeping operations and how the military, NGOs and media interact.

Each panelist made a 20-minute presentation, then fielded audience questions and comments, which ranged from, "How does the media maintain journalistic objectivity in an embedded scenario?" to comments on how the military can best facilitate NGOs and the media in times of crisis.

Harrington said he felt the question and answer session underlined the need for frankness and honesty between media and military, no matter what the outcome of a particular story.

"While the military might take short-term pain under these (unfavorable) circumstances, it would maintain the precious asset of credibility," he said.

Panelist Robert Buckman seemed to share a similar outlook.

"The questions and comments we've heard as a panel have been very thought provoking ... I hope with more discussions like these, open and honest bonds are created between (military, media and non-governmental) groups," Buckman said.

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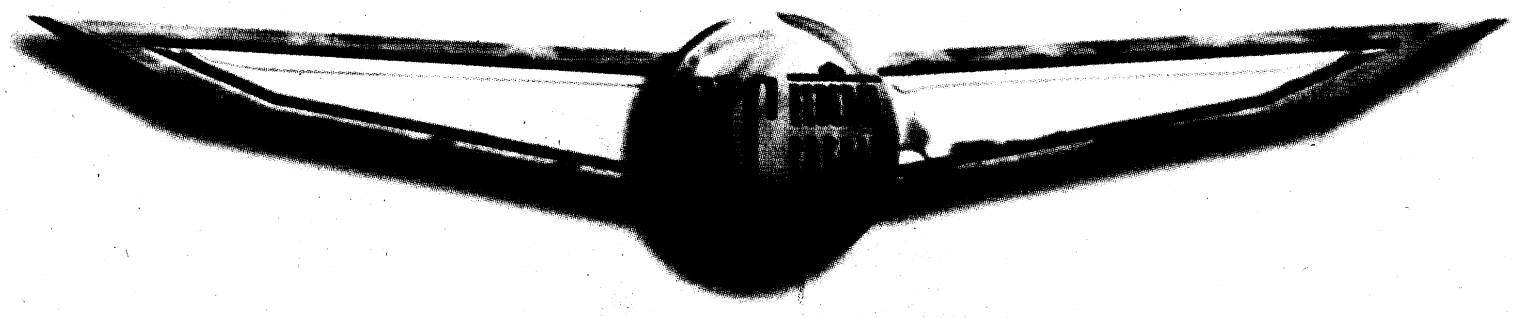

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Shaw, Tri-Star tests block scheduling

Contractors try to reduce work order wait time

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Talk about your "HoneyDo" list. The folks at Tri-Star and Shaw, the companies contracted to maintain Fort Benning's 4,000 family housing units, respond to nearly 50,000 calls each year. That comes to about 12 calls per house, or one call each month for every single home on Fort Benning.

Add to that their other responsibilities, like tree trimming and road maintenance, and it's no small wonder Shaw and Tri-Star officials are steadily looking for ways to make their companies run more smoothly and efficiently.

Toward that end, they're trying to educate their customers on the ins and outs of work order procedures and the best way to win at the waiting game.

"Our concern and the contractors' concern is quality and efficient service. That's the bottom line," said Ron Shehane, the chief of business management for Fort Benning's Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics. "Saving the customer time saves the companies' money. Everybody wins."

Tri-Star, which maintains the homes in Davis Hill, Bouton Heights, McGraw Manor and Perkins Place, and Shaw, which maintains the remainder of Main Post, Indianhead Terrace, Custer Terrace and Upatoi, prioritize work orders into three categories: emergencies — those that pose a safety hazard; priority — those that cause the family inconvenience, such as a clogged toilet, but do not pose a threat to the residents or structure; and non-priority, such as cosmetic problems or small nuisances.

Tri-Star, which operates 12 hours a day, six days a week, and Shaw, which operates Monday through Friday, are required to respond to emergency work orders within two hours, day or night. Priority work orders are given up to 15 days, though the average wait time for both companies is less than five working days. Non-priority work orders can take as long as 30 days.

In an attempt to minimize wait times, the companies have instituted an efficiency study — a trial run, if you will — to see just how much time they save by scheduling "block appointments." The secret to success lies in four little words, said Doug Ledford, the DFEL contract representative for Shaw.



Melissa House

Otis Larry removes old plaster to start a bathroom renovation.

"'I'd like an appointment.' That's all they have to say. That's the key," Ledford said.

Problem is, Fort Benning residents aren't aware of the new appointment policy, something they've been clamoring for four years, long before Tri-Star or Shaw came into the picture last year.

"If you just call with a problem, you'll be given a work order number, and someone will show up at your door within the time allotted," Ledford said. "But with this plan, if you call, state your problem and ask for an appointment, the Shaw housing shop will call you back to set up an appointment and tell you what day the (worker) will be there and whether it's morning or afternoon."

Residents who call Tri-Star at 689-5400, or Shaw at 545-2135, and request an appointment, should give alternative telephone numbers whenever possible, be it a cell phone or office phone. The resident must be home the morning or afternoon of the appointment or have someone 18 or older remain at the home until the workers leave.

If the resident does not answer the door, the contractor will leave a notice to reschedule.

If Shaw customers have not received a response to their work order call within the time allotted, they should call the company's Quality Control Satisfaction Line at 545-6231. They must leave a message and include the work order number.

If they still haven't heard a response after three working days, they should call Ken Hankins, the chief of Family Housing, at 545-3803.

Tri-Star also maintains its own quality control. Customers who have not heard from a repairman within the time allotted should dial the same number they first called, 689-5400, and reference their work order number. If, after three working days, they still have heard no response, they should contact the Family Housing Office at 545-6191.

"Traditionally, we've wasted a lot of our time and the customers' showing up at their door, and they're not there, and we have to return again," Shehane said. "We hope this (study) will prove efficient and save everybody a little time and aggravation."

Officers' Club welcomes new manager

Club gets new blood, fresh ideas

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

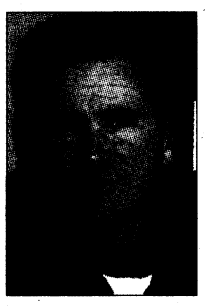
There's a new face at Fort Benning's Officers' Club — one you might want to get to know. He's the man behind the action, the one who makes sure you get the bang for your buck, the one creating new programs, ensuring quality products and services and looking to see your face in the crowd.

Of course, Mark Smith, the O' Club's new manager, is just getting started. But with only two and a half months on the job, he's already got the ball rolling.

"We're here to do our job and provide patrons with a top-notch product," said the Florida State University graduate, whose resumé includes hospitality service at Auburn University and Callaway Gardens.

That means focusing on three main areas, Smith said: Employee morale, club membership and what the membership's looking for.

Great service comes from happy employees, and to that end, Smith has instituted quarterly luncheons to recognize employees' birthdays and jobs well done.



Smith

Meanwhile, although membership in the club is "good" right now, "you can always do better," Smith said.

"The O' Club council has really been pushing membership, promoting it and setting it up for success," Smith said. "We want the club to do well."

And what better way to do that than to offer the members new, exciting programs, including those they ask to see.

Smith has hosted "brainstorming meetings" with members and spouses to come up with new activities — everything from sockhops to bingo nights to cooking classes and wine dinners are on the list of things in the works.

"The sky's the limit here," Smith said. "We want to try new things and bring the fun back."

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> **Mark Smith**
> Officers' Club manager

Another new way to do business includes unit's "sponsoring" the club's frequent brunches, which are open to everyone — not just O' Club members..

"The sponsor helps us advertise. They get the word out and get the majority of their people to go to the brunch," Smith said.

Sponsorship is intended to get new people out to the club, providing Soldiers who might otherwise not know about the club a little exposure.

Despite the bright horizon, Smith said there are always a few "bumps in the road."

Some challenges the club faces are competing with downtown organizations and adjusting the club's prices without losing its members.

"We have to increase the price to offset the cost of doing business these days," Smith said.

It's a necessary evil, he said, but it doesn't prevent the club from offering better prices than off-post establishments.

In fact, the club has added a bonafied chef and a food and beverage manager to its staff to ensure "higher standards to go along with higher prices," he said.

"We just want our membership to be happy (with the club)," he said.



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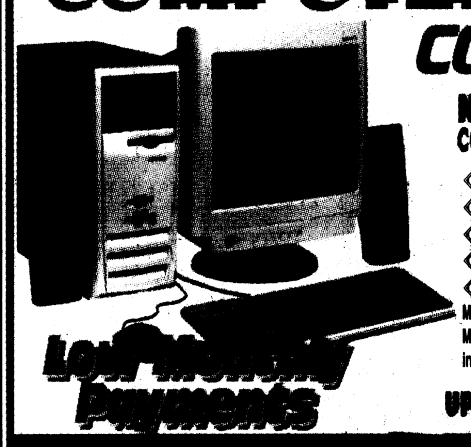

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USAMU shooters return from Iraq

USAMU shooters train Soldiers in Iraq

Paula J. Pagan
USAMU Public Affairs

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team spent more than a month in Iraq training more 250 Soldiers of the 1st Armored Division in combat weapons marksmanship.

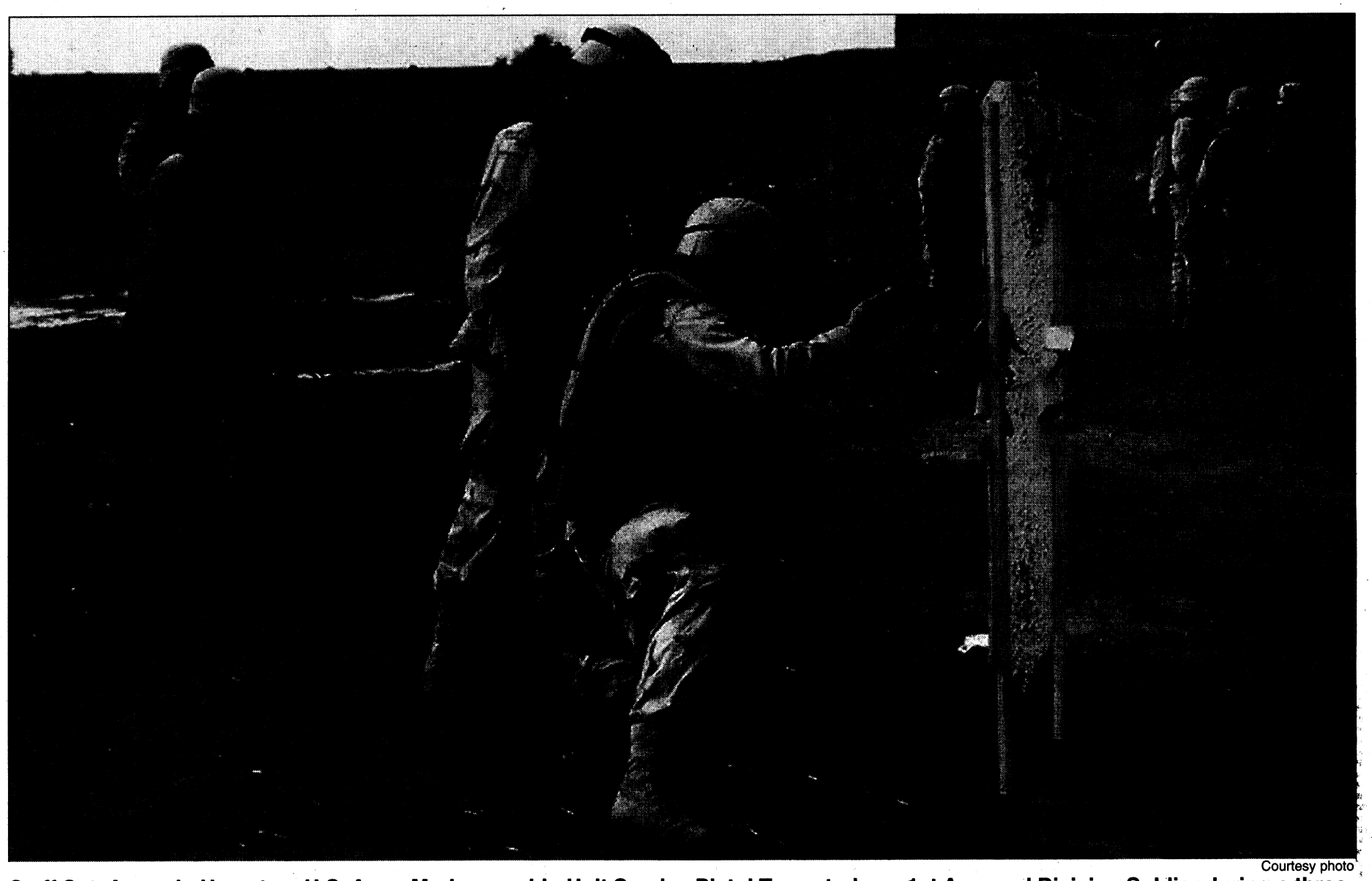
The shooters provided an introduction to close quarters marksmanship at six of the division's forward operating bases throughout Iraq.

USAMU Sgts. 1st Class Charles E. Gibbs and Roger C. Jacobson, Staff Sgts. Aaron L. Hampton and Thomas A. Rose and Spc. Sean P. Watson left Georgia Jan. 14 on their way to Baghdad and returned to Fort Benning Feb. 20.

The nine three-day train-the-trainer marksmanship classes consisted of two 10-hour days and one 14-hour day of training, including a night fire. The training consisted of five hours of classroom instruction, followed by 24 hours of hands-on training on the range. Training included instruction on the M-4 Carbine, M-16A2 and M-16A4 rifles, the M-9 pistol, the M-240B machine gun and the M-249 squad automatic weapon.

"The training went amazingly well," Hampton said. "We have been overwhelmed by the response to the instruction. We were surprised at how receptive the Soldiers were to the training. High performance shooting in urban environments is outside the box; we expected some resistance.

"The Soldiers commented positively on all aspects of the training," Hampton said. "They felt the most beneficial aspect of the training was the night fire and the vehicle live fire. All Soldiers were excited about the shooting while moving and commented that the ballistics test greatly increased their understanding of the capabilities of their weapon system."



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Staff Sgt. Aaron L. Hampton, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team, trains a 1st Armored Division Soldier during a three-day train-the-trainer course in Iraq.

Hampton added that the USAMU marksmen also experienced some hostile action while in Iraq.

"We encountered three roadside improvised explosive devices, two mortar attacks and two rocket attacks," Hampton said.

"The closest was a 127 mm rocket that exploded 37 meters from our tent," he said.

> " We learned a lot ...This was great training for both us and the 1st Armored Division Soldiers."
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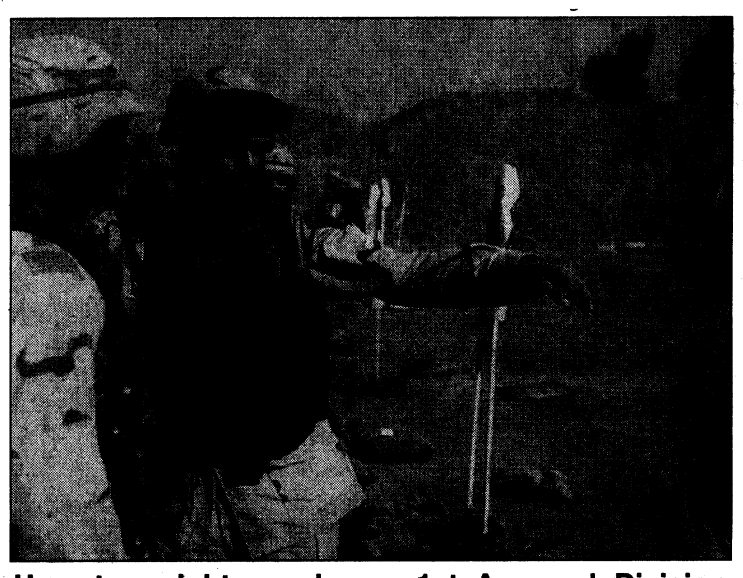
> **Staff Sgt. Aaron L. Hampton**
> Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team

The Service Pistol shooters commented that the 1st Armored Div. troops were not the only Soldiers who learned something from the training.

"We increased our ability to train effectively," Hampton said. "We learned a lot about the current situations and threats. This has helped us update our course and training program. This was great training for both us and the 1st Armored Division Soldiers. It would be great if we get a chance to go back to train the 1st Cavalry Division once they get settled."



Hampton, right coaches a 1st Armored Division Soldier on centering his shot.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Founder's Day celebration

Graduates and friends of the U.S. Military Academy are invited to attend a Founder's Day celebration at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Fort Benning Officers' Club. The guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Leo A. Brooks, commandant of cadets.

For more information, call Capt. Ali Palmer at 544-8826 or 544-9222.

WHINSEC change of command ceremony

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation changes commandants and honors the service of Col. Richard D. Downie with a retirement ceremony in front of Ridgway Hall at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Lt. Gen. William Wallace will host the ceremony that passes WHINSEC's guidon from Downie to Col. Gilberto Perez. Downie's retirement ceremony will follow the change of command.

For more information call, 545-1923 or 545-2576.

St. Patrick's Day brunch

The Officers' Club and Basic Combat Training Brigade will host a St. Patrick's Day brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 21. All members of Fort Benning and Columbus active-duty, retired and civilian government employees and their guests are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Capt. Arnold Noyola at 544-8583.

Women's History Month Luncheon

The Women's History Month Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. March 30 at the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

The guest speaker will be Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones, the Army Reserve command sergeant major. Tickets are $7.50 and are available from the installation Equal Opportunity Office.

Last day for ticket sales is March 26. For more information call your unit EO advisor or call 545-3198.

EO 2004 Luau

The Equal Opportunity Office is searching for ethnic performers to perform Asian or Pacific Islander songs or dances or willing to display cultural items during the 2004 Luau at Uchee Creek. This year's Luau is for scheduled for 14 May.

For more information call, 545-6666 or 545-3197.

USAMU classes

The champion shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle and Service Pistol teams are available to teach shooting techniques to Soldiers on the M-4, M-16 and M-9 weapon systems.

To schedule rifle training, call Staff Sgt. Kyle Ward at 545-3250 or 545-5614.

To schedule pistol training, call Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gibbs at 545-7022 or 545-3893.

16th Infantry Regiment Association

The 16th Infantry Regiment Association is looking for former members of the regiment. The 16th Inf. Regt. Association is a non-profit veterans organization founded in 1989.

Its sole purpose is to perpetuate the history and heritage of the regiment and to sponsor and support activities for the regiment and the Society of the First Infantry Division.

Visit the 16th Inf. Regt. Association Web site at http://16thinfantry-regiment.org/sir/DesktopDefault.aspx.

To volunteer or for more information, call Lt. Col. Tony Turner at 689-9449.

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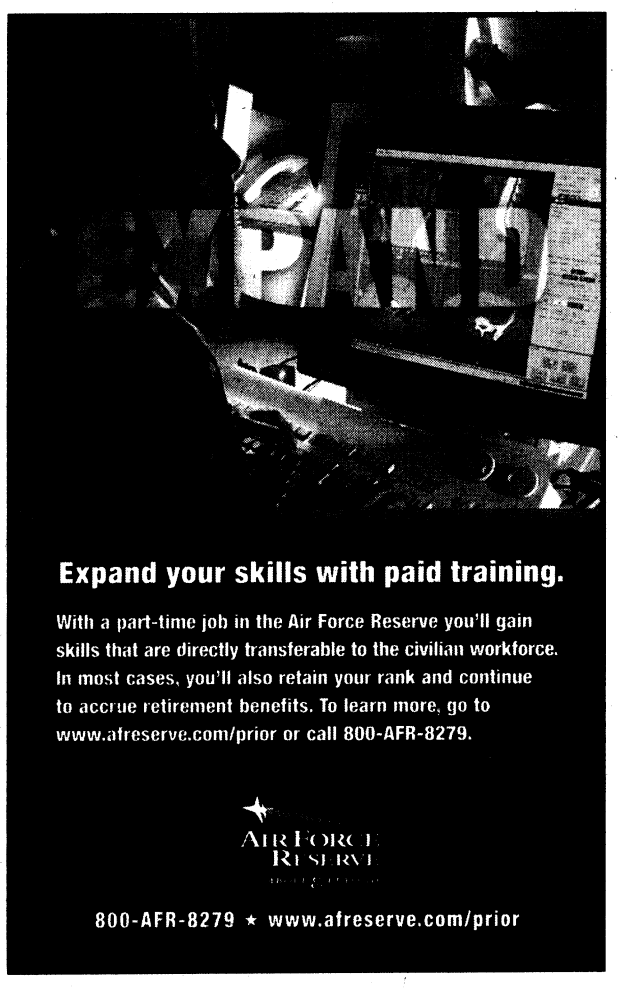

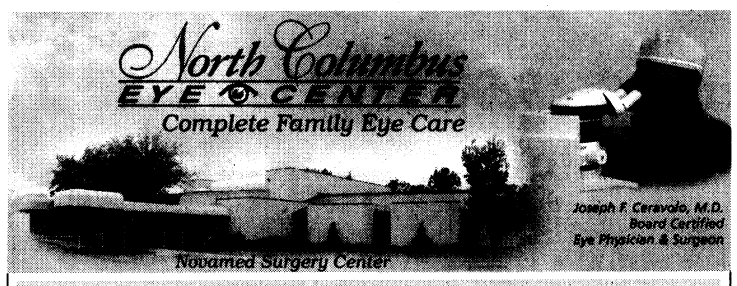

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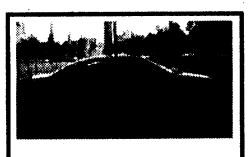
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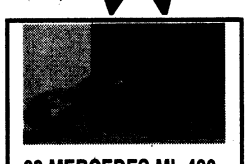
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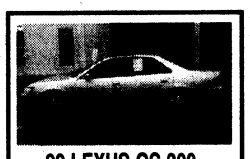
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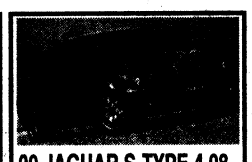
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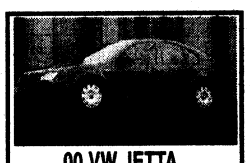
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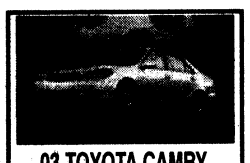
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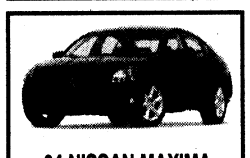
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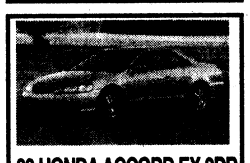
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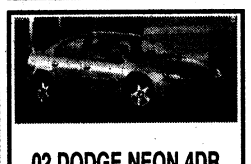
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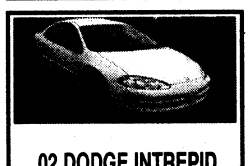
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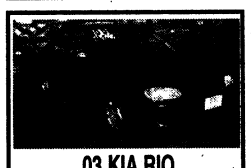
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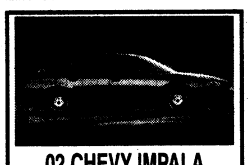
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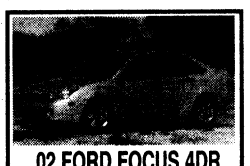
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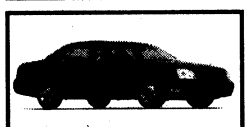
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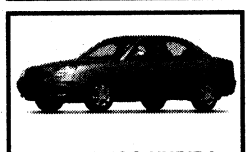
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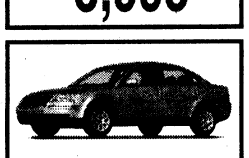
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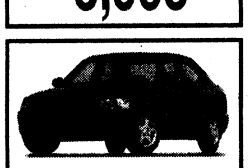
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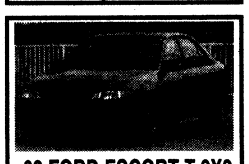
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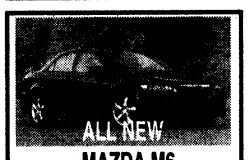

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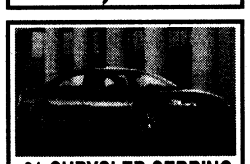
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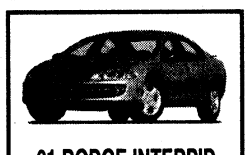
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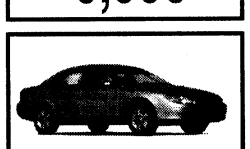
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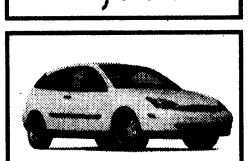
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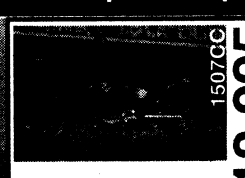
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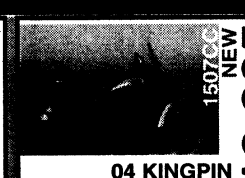
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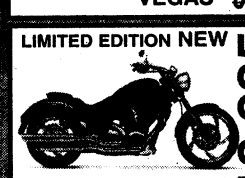
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Sgt. 1st Class Andy Hill and Staff Sgt. Chris Miller demonstrate grappling techniques to Soldiers in the level-one combatives class.

Combatives give Soldiers confidence

3rd Brigade troops hone warrior skills

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Seventy-eight Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, attended the U.S. Army Combatives School last week to help prepare the unit for future operations.

The brigade, which recently returned from operations in Iraq has seen a need for hand-to-hand combatives training that will help them deal with working in urban environments, so they sent two Soldiers from each company to the school.

The nature of missions being conducted in Iraq right now requires Soldiers to have close contact with the civilian populace, where a lack of combatives skills can be a major concern, said Maj. Jon Segars, 3rd Brigade training and operations officer.

The modern Army combatives program was developed using lessons learned from past programs as well as feedback from the operational force.

Soldiers are taught to dominate opponents by seizing the initiative in a fight rather than reacting to enemy attacks as most civilian self defense courses teach.

Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Brown, a Combatives School instructor, said the school is using feedback from Soldiers who were deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and the Balkans through after action interviews to further develop the curriculum. For example, the Soldiers felt they weren't prepared to deal with large numbers of detainees.

In response to the feedback, the school developed a generic training module that teaches Soldiers about escalation of force guidelines similar to those used by police officers, and ways to be proactive in detaining and controlling possible threats.

"The same Soldiers who raced across the desert and captured Baghdad almost immediately switched to stability and support operations" Larsen said. "Our training plan must teach soldiers to handle both types of operational environments."

The Combatives School program is considerably better than other military programs which are now defunct, because it teaches Soldiers to assess the situation and act on it rather than wait for the aggressor to attack, forcing the Soldier to react, Brown said.

The course teaches Soldiers to fight, but it also has an indirect effect on the Soldiers, he said.

It also instills aggressiveness and confidence in the Soldier and embodies what warrior ethos represents, he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Matt Larsen, the school's NCOIC, said combatives is one of the warrior tasks mentioned in the Soldier's Creed and is one of the primary tools for the warrior ethos initiative.

Brown said combatives training gives Soldiers a lot more than just the ability to fight — it helps them to remain calm under stressful situations, enabling them to develop a course of action which could save lives on the battlefield.

"When a Soldier in the class is caught in a choke hold, his first reflex might be to panic, which would lead to his defeat," Brown said. "But if the Soldier remains calm and develops a course of action, he will most likely escape the hold."

Brown said that ability to remain calm directly relates to the battlefield.

If a squad is pinned down by enemy fire and the Soldiers begin to panic, the squad will most likely be defeated, but if they are able to stay calm and develop a plan, they have a much better chance, he said.

The Soldiers who are attending the class are scheduled to return for level-two qualification in the near future, which will enable them to teach the core combatives tasks to the rest of the brigade.

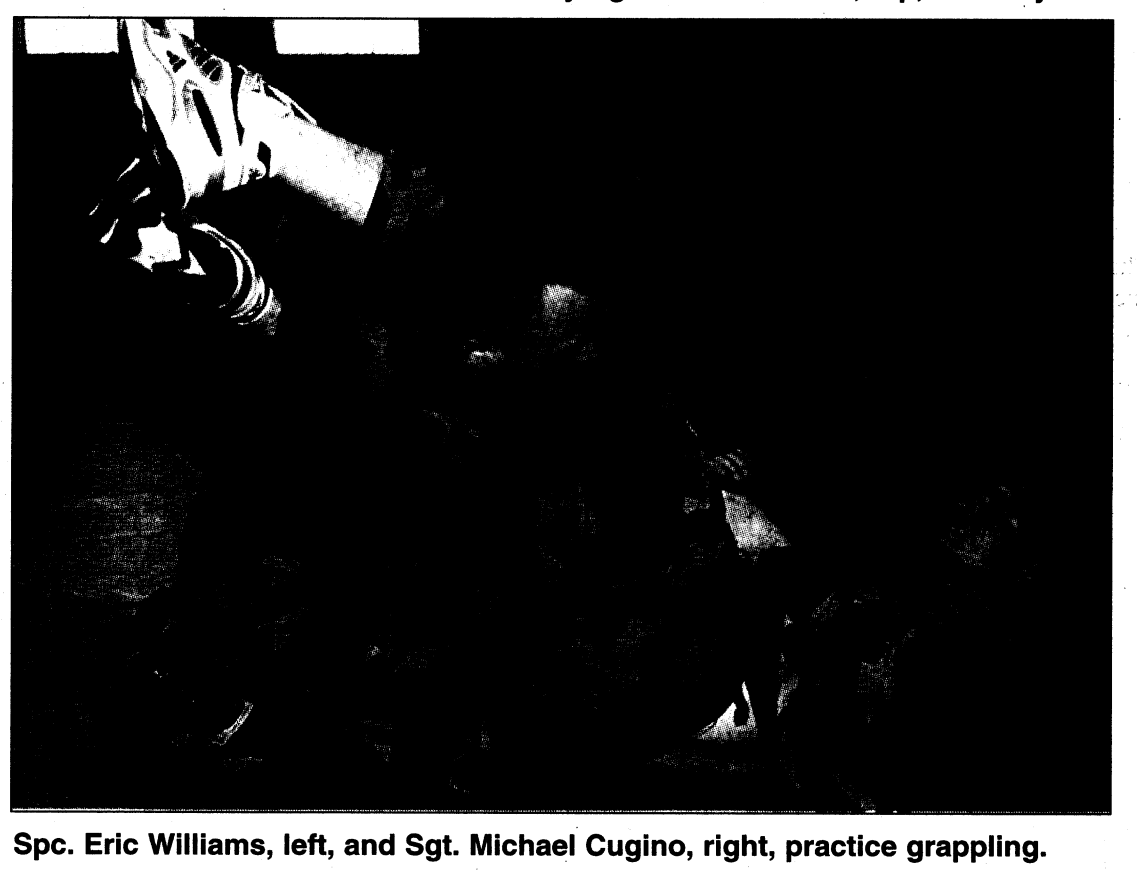
Segars said the whole brigade should have a basic understanding of U.S. Army combatives within the next 12 months, increasing their readiness and capabilities for future operations.



Pfc. Marc Dibernardo reverses a hold by Sgt. John Dehaven, top, Tuesday.



Staff Sgt. Rebecca Smithhart tries to keep Spc. Zachary Woods from reversing her hold while training at the U.S. Army Combatives School.



Spc. Eric Williams, left, and Sgt. Michael Cugino, right, practice grappling.

AER: Kicks off Fort Benning's fund raising campaign

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"The campaign is only two months long, so it's a bit of a sprint," Freakley said. "But it's over four pay periods. You can get out there. Let's go make that goal."

Another goal for the installation is 100 percent notification.

"We want 100 percent notification," Freakley said. "We want to ensure every single member who can contribute has the opportunity to. We want 100 percent — even if that means calling a Soldier on TDY, we need to do it."

"We don't look to specific Soldiers to give a high dollar amount," Deane said. "If you have a Soldier who gives more, we will accept that, too, but even the smallest donations count. They all add up. Each year we conduct the campaign, we achieve the goal.

"I believe this installation will come through and meet and exceed its goal and do better than we did last year," Deane said.

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AER is a private, nonprofit organization incorporated in 1942 to provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers.

The money Fort Benning contributes is funneled into a central bank, and from there, all contributions are consolidated and made available worldwide.

"One of our Army values is selfless service, and this is an opportunity to (demonstrate that)," Freakley said. "You get a lot more out of life from giving rather than receiving. It's like at Christmas — you feel better giving your kids something than when you get your presents."

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Budget: Benning posts proposed projects for '05

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kinds of problems," said Glen Hall, industrial engineer with the master planning branch of DFEL. "Over the years, the Army changed space requirements, and the old ones don't meet the standard.

"(New barracks will) improve the quality of life for Soldiers, so hopefully we can retain and recruit more and happier Soldiers," he said.

The Kelley Hill barracks will include two battalion headquarters, classroom buildings and a brigade headquarters building.

"This should finish up the barracks and headquarters need on Kelley Hill," Hall said.

Construction for a hazardous cargo loading pad and associated taxiway at Lawson Army Air Field for simultaneous loading of two aircraft with ammunition, "hot loaded" track vehicles and other hazardous cargo will cost, $3.85 million. After the air strip's extension, the original loading area isn't useable while the air strip is in use due to restrictions on distances from taxiing aircraft.

"Because of archeological and environment constraints with the air strip extension, we sort of painted ourselves into a corner," Miller said. "The new apron will be very big. We'll have the space to load two C-5s at once and have a direct tank trail to the loading pad from ammo storage."

Until the new apron is completed, the air field has a waiver, but the project needs to be built to certify LAAF as an aerial port of embarkation and departation, said John Campbell, air field manager. "Now when I have a unit that moves out with hot cargo, I would have to shut down the air field."

The fitness center, priced at $18.5 million, will be outfitted with a pool, a number of basketball courts and seating for 1,600, with a headquarters and classroom for the Army Physical Fitness School.

Currently, an inadequate pre-Korean War vintage field house and four brigade gymnasiums, along with a converted 200-man classroom, are providing the services. Existing facilities are small and dispersed, and there's not enough space available to support the physical training activities.

The construction for the consolidated health clinic, projected to cost $6.6 million, will solve some of the issues with the current medical services provided to Soldiers at two separate 1950s era troop medical centers and one 1970s era aviation medicine clinic on the Fort Benning installation, according to the project proposal.

"The health clinic will provide care and services they don't currently have," Hall said. "The other buildings will be returned to post and used for other things."

This project releases these three antiquated facilities from the medical inventory and consolidates their functions into one new location, providing improved health care treatment to Fort Benning Soldiers and their dependents in a cost-effective, efficient manner appropriate to modern medical practice.

Immigrant: U.S. Soldiers become U.S. citizens

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Soldiers for their service.

He told the audience about Staff Sgt. Jorge Nunez, an immigrant from Honduras who earned a Bronze Star for his service in Iraq with 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment. Nunez was raised by his grandmother, who died while he was deployed.

Aguirre spoke to Nunez in Spanish saying, "Your sacrifice in service to this great nation is a tribute to the memory of your grandmother."

He told the 72 Soldiers, 19 airmen, four sailors and two Marines, representing 38 nations across the globe, that the country is behind them and completely supports them.

"You are carrying out a just and noble cause, for freedom will triumph over terror," he said.

Following the oath, Aguirre presented each the service members with their naturalization certificates, and Rosemary Melville, Atlanta District Director of the USCIS, handed each a small American flag.

Some of the new citizens went through with little fanfare. Others, like Spc. Serafina Lily Bermudez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 36th Engineer Group, had a crowd from her unit in attendance to cheer her on.

To the cry of "Seahorse," the unit motto, Bermudez accepted her certificate and flag, as her "fan club" clapped.

Bermudez, a former Mexican national, received hugs and roses from her siblings, who traveled to Fort Benning for the ceremony.

"This is a big event," said Rose Bermudez Luczak. "She's the baby of the family. We're very proud of her."

Her brother, Pedro Bermudez, traveled from Dallas.

"This is wonderful," he said, "for the Soldiers who are willing to give their lives to get their citizenship."

On July 3, 2002, President George W. Bush signed an Executive Order giving legal permanent residents actively serving the U.S. military immediate eligibility to apply for naturalization.

According to the USCIS fact sheet, more than 13,000 military personnel have requested expedited citizenship, and the CIS processes more than 40 applications each day.

Lawanda Earley, a human resources assistant in the Personnel Actions Branch, said she sees about 30 Soldiers each month who have naturalization questions.

"Once a day, someone comes in," Earley said.

She then gives them all the paperwork, including personal forms, and forms that go to the Soldiers' commanders and personnel offices.

The good news, Earley said, is that the process is about twice as fast as it was last year.

"It's now about 6 months to a year," she said.

Whether the process took 6 months or a year, the smiles were all the same Feb. 27 as Soldiers like Spc. Purnel Jeanpierre, with 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt., and formerly from Haiti, received bear hugs from relatives and friends alike.

"It's a great day," Jeanpierre said.

690th: Returns

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leader. "I just have one more formation, and it will be all over."

Soldiers' children were waiting in the crowd, too.

"I'm happy my mom is coming back, because I missed her and I was waiting too long," said Maliki Smalls, 5. "I'm going to stay with her. I came from Columbia, South Carolina, to see my mommy. We're gonna have a party with her."

"It's harder for a mother to leave her children," said Peggy Smalls, Maliki's grandmother. "She missed both birthdays, Christmas and Thanksgiving. It's been really difficult, and sometimes there was no communication.

"Her youngest was only 6 months old when she left, so they have to learn each other all over again."

When the crowd was finally able to see their Soldiers, Staff Sgt. Leticia Smalls just held her children.

"It's great to be back," she said. "I'm going to go home and see my son's first basketball game."

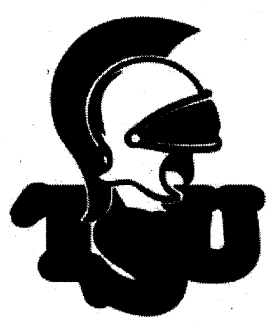
"All my Soldiers came back. That's my definition of success," said Capt. Kevin Hamilton, company commander.

"It's really hard to explain, what it's like to be back," he said. "It's a great thing, something all commanders try to do. It gives a great sense of pride and accomplishment."

Now, the Soldiers are taking their time to get back to their old lives while they catch up with their families and return to old routines.

"Words couldn't describe how excited we are," Thoemke said. "We didn't even get to see him off because it happened so quick."





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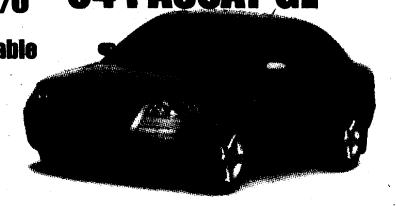
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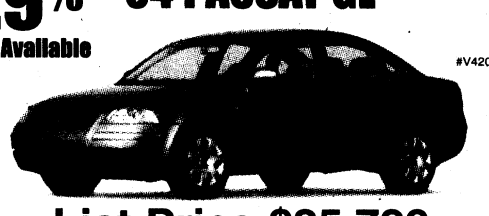
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Post officials address AFAP issues

Symposium tackles quality of life concerns

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Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley asked delegates to "scrape away the bureaucracy and tell us the real deal" at last week's Army Family Action Plan Symposium. They did just that, passionately.

Among the many changes delegates clamored for were better customer service, improved health care and quarters maintenance and a more concise, clear discipline plan at Faith Middle School.

"You have set the azimuth here for the year ahead," said Col. Rick Riera, Fort Benning's garrison commander, after representatives from eight delegations out-briefed commanders and representatives from every post directorate Feb. 27 after two days of deliberation. "You've told us what's important to you, what we need to do to improve the quality of life here at home and across the Army. You have given us a focus and a mission."

The symposium brought together volunteers, more than 100, from every demographic — Soldiers, active, Guard and Reserve, civilians, family members, retirees and teens — for two days of roundtable discussion, and often debate, about the issues and concerns of the Fort Benning community.

Delegates brought issue forms submitted by post residents and employees during the two months prior to the symposium.

The results of the annual Fort Benning AFAP will be forwarded to the 20th annual Armywide AFAP in Washington D.C. in November, said Sarah Hertig, Army Family Team Building coordinator. Until that time, post officials will "work" local issues.

Freakley set the tone early on in the final day of the symposium, plainly stating what he expected from the proceedings and participants.

"It's been my experience that there are two kinds of people at an (after action review)," he said. "There is the excuse-based group ... and the responsibility-based group. We're going to be a responsibility-based group.

"When these issues come up, somebody's going to say, 'Hey, that's my responsibility,' or the commanding general — that's me — will tell you whose responsibility it is."

To everyone's delight, Freakley drove home his point after Ali Palmer, the spokesman for the Consumer Services delegation, named the group's number one issue, the need for continuity in banking as Soldiers travel from post to post.

"Now ask whose mission it is," Freakley said to Palmer, who looked momentarily confused. Rehearsals for the out-brief included no such instructions.

"Say, 'Sir, whose mission is that?" Freakley repeated.

"Sir, whose mission is that?" Palmer asked, grinning.

The room was silent for a split second before Riera spoke.

"Sir, that's my responsibility," he said, and the crowd cheered.

The rest of the out-brief followed suit, with one spokesman after another listing their delegation's top three issues and commanders responding in kind.

At one point, after the need for additional funding and allowances was broached for the third time, Freakley urged delegates to find solutions within the existing budget.

"I am not for it at all," he said, when the Family Services spokesman recommended the Montgomery GI Bill be passed to a dependent upon a Soldier's death.

"The Army budget is $100 billion dollars," Freakley said. "Sixty percent of that is pay and allowances. We cannot continue to heap onto that or we will not have a trained and ready Army."

"We have to find ways to work smarter with what we've got," he said.

Riera reiterated the message later, when poor customer service and efficiency was blamed on the need for more staffing.

"Additional resources are not the solution," he said. "They're simply not available. We live in hard times, but the community will be better served with better service than with more services."

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> Commanding General

Housing, Relocation and Employment delegates asked for immediate attention to the maintenance of quarters, insisting that the construction of new homes under the Residential Community Initiative, slated to start in 2006 and take up to 10 years, should not be used an excuse for neglecting the current condition of quarters.

"We think 10 years is too long to wait," said Karen Moody, who spoke for the delegation. "We think Soldiers deserve a nice place to live now. They deserve the keys to a clean, bug-free place."

Freakley acknowledged the need and assured the group, "We are not going to sit and wait on a promise. I'm heated about this. There are people out there paying money to get their house cleaned when they leave, and then the next person comes in and says it's not being done."

Besides prioritizing issues, delegates were asked to name the three most important services on post and list strengths and weaknesses in the areas of mobilization, deployment and family readiness.

The hospital, commissary and housing were named the three most important services. Family readiness groups were listed repeatedly as both a strength and a weakness, depending on each group's perspective, and the Family Services delegation listed the need for FRG leader certification among their top three issues.

Improved communications, i.e. e-mail, teleconferences and phone calls, were repeatedly listed as a strength, though "snail mail" made the weak list. Deployment "clubs" and counseling services in post schools got two thumbs up, while the lack of support in off-post schools was noted as a weakness.

The spokesman for the Reserve and Guard delegation — a first for the Fort Benning AFAP — listed an increase in the support for Reservists and Guardsman from civilian employers as a great strength. Lack of support and information for the families of activated Guardsmen and Reservists continues to be a problem.

The teen delegation, which met for one day only, asked for a coffee shop and paintball court and the revision of Faith's 20-point discipline plan.

"We think 20 points is way too much," said Matt Charlton, the group's spokesman. "We think reducing it to five would motivate teachers to enforce it, too."

"When the students are asking for more discipline, you know it's a serious matter," said Riera. "We'll move out on that quickly and work with the school system to come up with something that works for everyone."

As for the coffee shop, Riera heartily agreed it would be an asset to Fort Benning.

"I'm a latte man myself," he joked.

And the paintball court?

"No problem — we'll put it at Riverside," said Freakley, referring to his residence on Main Post.

Freakley ended the symposium with a call to arms.

"It's easier to critique than it is to create. Now it's time to get creative," he said.

"We've got to be mature and take responsibility. We've got plenty of work ahead. Let's get going."

CLOSER LOOK

Of the 542 AFAP issues submitted to the Department of the Army in the last 20 years, 82 have resulted in legislative changes, 130 in policy changes, and 140 in programs or service improvements. On Fort Benning, the renovation of the Briant Wells Fitness Center and implementation of uniform school hours were a result of last year's AFAP. The top three issues in the eight work groups at last week's AFAP Symposium were:

- Teen Support:
  1. Faith Middle School's 20-step discipline plan is too complicated to be practically enforced. Delegates recommended reducing it to five steps.
  2. Teens want a place to play paintball and a supply shop nearby.
  3. The teens want a coffee house with a bookstore.
- Consumer Services:
  1. Delegates would like the Army to contract with a reputable national bank to establish continuity for Soldiers as they move from post to post.
  2. On-post libraries need to update their materials and automate services.
  3. The process whereby baggers are hired at the Fort Benning Commissary. Delegates would like to see a waiting list established and made public.
- Family Services:
  1. Exempt military families from school zoning restrictions.
  2. Family readiness group leaders should be certified within 60 days of assuming role.
  3. The Montgomery GI Bill should be transferred to a dependent upon the death of a Soldier.
- Housing, Relocation and Employment:
  1. Adjust the Basic Housing Allowance incrementally based on family size.
  2. Improve the condition of quarters at the time they're signed over.
  3. Improve customer service at the Housing Office.
- Force Support:
  1. Implement a policy allowing Soldiers to sell more accrued leave time.
  2. Control traffic congestion at the PX and Commissary.
  3. Post caution lights at Riverwalk crosswalks.
- Medical and Dental:
  1. Increase medical funding.
  2. Establish an acute-care clinic for after hours.
  3. Expand Tricare Prime to include chiropractic care.
- Reserve and National Guard:
  1. Increase awareness and education for installation staff.
  2. Designate a personnel and finance expert within the active command and unify active-duty, reserve and guard personnel and finance information.
  3. Require all installation AFAPs to include a Reserve and Guard delegation.
- Retirees:
  1. Provide equal compensation to dentists for retirees and active duty.
  2. Provide written information at pharmacy to tell retirees how to get medication when it is unavailable at the pharmacy.
  3. Increase provider compensation.

Benning schools celebrate 'Seussentennial'

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."
Theodor Seuss Geisel, a.k.a Dr. Seuss

And certainly not on that greatest of days — that of the Seussentenial.

It's a worldwide celebration, and one that is not overlooked in the schools of Fort Benning. From the elementary schools to Faith Middle School, the spirit of Seuss was alive and well Tuesday.

Known as Dr. Seuss Day to the students who celebrate it, the Seussentenial marked the great author's 100th birthday and called attention to *Read Across America*, a program created by the National Education Association to motivate children to read.

The initiative is aimed to bring home the importance of reading by making it fun, and what better way to do that than by celebrating "the creator of ... a madcap menagerie of the best-loved children's characters of all time, who stands alone as the preeminent figure of children's literature?" asks the Web site, www.seussville.com.

Looking around post schools Tuesday, it was hard to argue. From Cat-in-the-Hat headgear to Thing 1 and Thing 2 look-alikes roaming the hallways, Seuss was in the air.

As was laughter. Seuss' rollicking rhymes, nonsense words and crazy characters had students in fits at Benning's elementary schools at the hands of a variety of special guests.

McBride Elementary School welcomed Columbus' mayor, Bob Poydasheff, to share stories with them.

Meanwhile, White Elementary School played host to several Soldiers from their Partner in Education, Officer Candidate School.

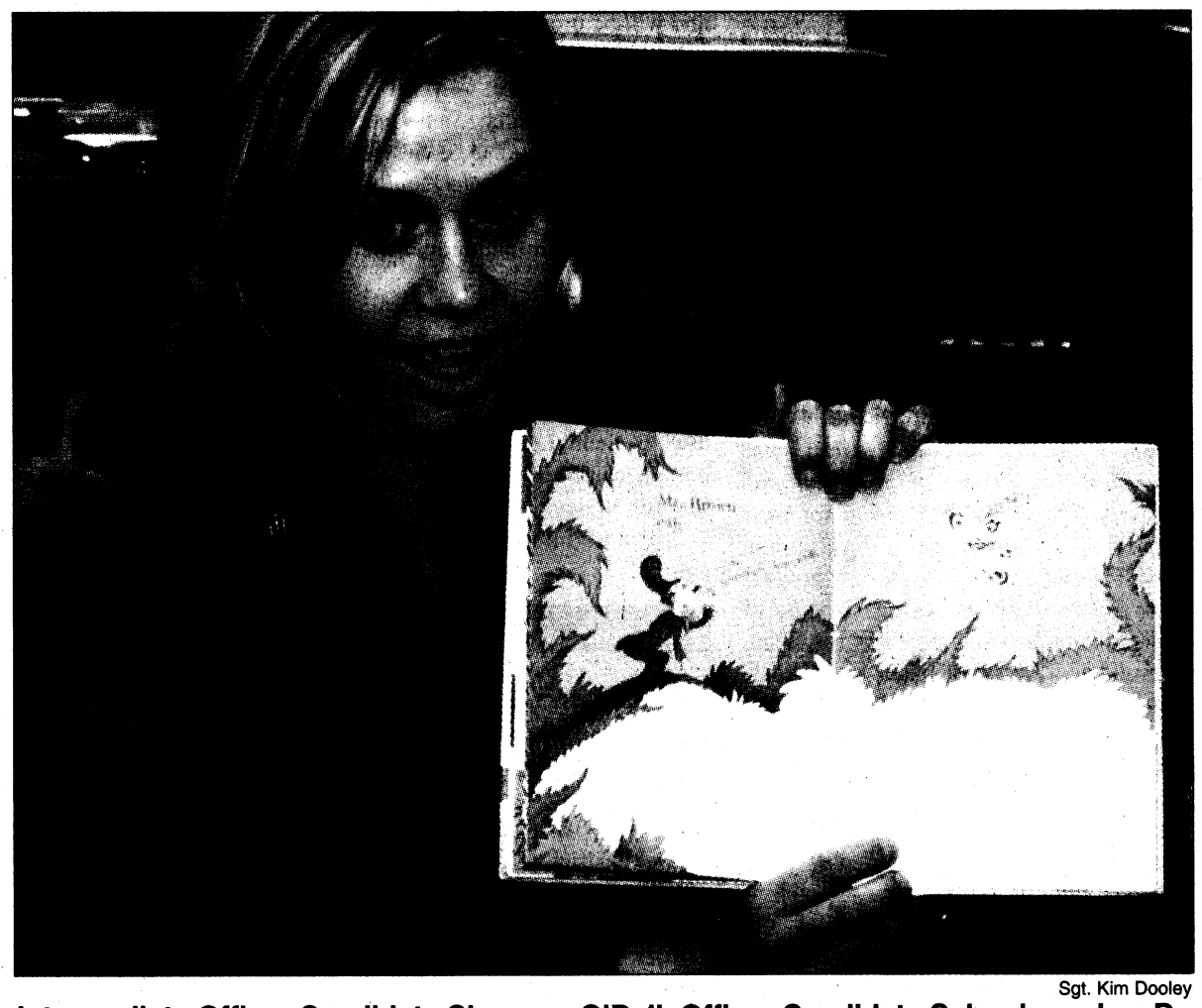
Each class at White was treated to the Seuss story-telling stylings of a different candidate — 16 in all, said Capt. James Morgan, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment.

"This ties into the overall reading program for the whole year," Morgan said. "And trust me, the candidates love leaving the training environment to come do things like this."

Intermediate Officer Candidate Shannon O'Dell wasn't one to argue.

"This is a wonderful way to promote reading," said O'Dell, who shared *Mr.Brown Can Moo, How About You?* with a first-grade class.

"It helps with their education and gets them excited about reading," she said.



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Intermediate Officer Candidate Shannon O'Dell, Officer Candidate School, reads a Dr. Seuss book to McBride first-graders Tuesday morning.

Self-Help welcomes Spring

Flowers, shrubs available for residents

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

It's time for post residents to dust off their lawn mowers and gardening spades in preparation of the coming months.

For many, yard work is a dreaded chore; for others it's a time to get outside, get a little dirty and feel good about their homes.

Fort Benning officials want to help everyone enjoy caring for their yards, and starting the week before Easter, the Self Help Center will provide post residents with flowers and shrubs to help beautify the housing areas.

The Self Help Center has already ordered 24,000 flowers and will issue one flat containing 16 flowers. The flowers will be an assortment of vinca, begonias and impatiens.

While providing post residents with flowers is something Fort Benning has done for the past 20 years, shrubs are a new item.

The shrubs will be encore azaleas, a breed that blooms several times throughout the year, and each resident will receive about eight plants, said Ken Hankins, housing chief.

"We are doing this to motivate everybody for spring cleanup," Hankins said.

The center will stop distributing winter rye grass seed and start issuing Pennington green special mix grass seed in April. Pennington green special mix is a mixture of grass seed designed to grow in Fort Benning's summer climate and shouldn't be planted until after the last frost, said Dean Miles, self help lead at the Self Help Center.

Fertilizer and lime are also available at the center and should be spread over the lawn between now and April.

The flowers will be given out at the rear of the building, and as with everything else at the center, people will need to show their military ID card and their Self Help Card before they receive them.

It is also a good idea for people to stop inside the center while they are there to pick up any household items they need, Miles said.

Two of the more important things they will need to pick up are air filters for their heating and cooling system, and carbon monoxide detectors, he said.

Post residents are required to replace the air filters once a month, and they will be issued a two-month supply.

In addition to air filters and carbon monoxide detectors, the Self Help Center stocks a variety of household items that can save Soldiers from having to call in a work order, he said.

The center stocks light fixtures, cabinet hinges and knobs, replacement toilet and sink parts, safety treads for stairs, painting supplies and much more.

The Center also stocks lawn care equipment that Soldiers and their families can borrow.

Some of the loaner equipment includes lawnmowers, leaf blowers, weed eaters, lawn edgers, shovels, post hole diggers, broadcast spreaders and hedge trimmers.

"One thing to remember with the loaners is that they need to be returned in 48 hours," Miles said. "After that, they fall into delinquent status."

If a loaner item is kept for more than 30 days, a statement of charges is placed against the Soldier and the cost of the item will be taken out of the Soldier's check.

Miles said the best way to avoid problems with delinquency is to clean and return the item immediately after using it.

"People will put things in their shed, planning to return it the next day, and just forget about it," he said.

Collecting money for loaner items is not something the people at the Self Help Center enjoy doing, he said. They want to help the Soldiers have a better life.

"We are here to serve the Soldiers and help them keep their quarters updated," Miles said.

"Our main priority is customer satisfaction, because without the Soldiers, we wouldn't have a job."

BIRTHS

Boys

Keoni Josue Acosta — born Feb. 15 to Cindy and Pfc. Nelson Acosta.

John .Sebastian Cady — born Feb. 15 to Tanja and Sgt. 1st Class Harold Cady.

Girls

Ellyn Kay Stinchfield — born Feb. 14 to Brooke and Capt. Michael Stinchfield.

Lily Anna Howe — born Feb. 15 to Jennifer and 2nd Lt. Jonathan Howe.

Mary Alizabeth Baka — born Feb. 15 to Seungmin and Lt. Col. Michael Baka.

Riley Leighanne Ellis — born Feb. 16 to Stefanie and Pfc. Steven Ellis.

Dahlia Renee Pigott — born Feb. 18 to Amanda and Pfc. Brucious Pigott.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

ESC meeting — The Enlisted Spouses' Club will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Main Post Bowling Center. All enlisted spouses are invited to bowl.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the ESC clubhouse, Building 241, next to the Infantry Museum.

For more information, call the ESC voicemail at (334) 373-0347.

Tax Center open on Saturdays — The Fort Benning Tax Center will be open for business from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

- March 13
- March 27
- April 3
- April 10

For more information, call the Tax Center at 545-4267.

Children's writing contest — The Officers' Spouses' Club *Communique* (a monthly newsletter) is hosting a writing contest for students in grades K-12.

- Grades 9-12 can write up to 300 words.
- Grades 6-8 up to 300 words.
- Grades 3-5 up to 200 words.
- Grades K-2 can write up to 100 words or a picture with description.

The contest is open to all students with a current military ID card residing in the tri-community area.

There will be one winner in each grade category.

Winners will be published in the May issue of the *Communique*.

Prizes are donated by Barnes and Noble.

Deadline for submissions is March 15.

Mail entries to: OSC-*Communique*, P.O. Box 51978, Fort Benning, GA 31995.

Quality awards nominations — Fort Benning's Quality Awards Program was established to recognize military and civilian personnel and volunteers for their exceptional contributions to mission accomplishment and process or product improvement. Quality awards consist of Individual Quality Champion Awards, Team of Excellence Awards (Single and Cross-Functional), Commander's Award for Customer Service Excellence and the Commander's Award for Best Self-Help, U-Do-It Project, Installation Volunteers of the Months, Volunteer of the Quarter and Exceptional Civilian with 40 or more years of service.

The awards will be presented at the quarterly CG's Recognition of Excellence Breakfast. The second quarter Excellence Breakfast and Awards Ceremony is scheduled for April 23 at the Officers' Club Supper Club.

Forward nominations no later than March 19 to the PAI Office via e-mail to Janie.Pearson@benning.army.mil or fax to 545-1942.

Open auditions — Auditions for the dinner theatre production of Neil Simon's *California Suite* will be held at 7 p.m. March 22-23 at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center.

Show dates will be May 21, 22, 28 and 29.

Casting is looking for six women ages 20-50 and five men ages 20-60. Auditions are open to the public.

For more information, call 689-4342.

Lifeguard training — The American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5-8; April 17 and 18; and April 24-25.

Classes are $125 and are held at Briant Wells Indoor Pool and American Red Cross Office.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Food program — The Department of the Army announces the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. The same meals will be available at no charge to enrolled participants at the centers listed, and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

The centers are: Main Post Child Development Center, Santa Fe CDC, Tot Town CDC, School Age Services, Middle School, Teen and various Family Child Care Homes.

For more information, call Astrid Moore at 545-9264.

Loaner car seats — GEICO has donated eight infant and toddler restraint seats to the Army Community Services for use in their Loaner Program. Military parents can borrow an infant or toddler car seat for 30 days at no cost.

For more information, call ACS at 545-4485.

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Education Symposium — The NAACP will host an Education Symposium from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Liberty Theatre. Issues affecting all children within the Muscogee County School District will be addressed.

For more information, call 322-1437.

Job fair — St. Francis Hospital will hold a job fair for nursing and allied health positions from 9 a.m. to noon March 13 at the main entrance of the hospital. Highlights will include interviews on site, tours of the hospital and opportunities to meet directors and staff. Openings in nursing, radiology, respiratory, laboratory, home care, pharmacy and rehabilitation will be presented.

For more information, call Judy Walsh at 594-4071.

Health Matters luncheon — St. Francis' Oncology Director Robert Hall, M.D., Ph.D., will discuss lung cancer and key factors to consider when making treatment decisions at a program to be held at noon March 12, at Health Matters of St. Francis. He will also cover the latest and most progressive treatments available and provide insight into the realities of caring for someone with lung cancer.

Lunch is included with this free program. Space is limited.

Call ASK-A-NURSE at 596-4170.

Parking ticket amnesty — Anyone with an overdue parking ticket can pay it at face value throughout the month of March without being assessed a double fee for failing to pay within 10 days.

Payments can be made in person or at a drop box at the RiverCenter parking garage, located at 919 Broadway; a drop box at the Public Safety Building, 510 10th Street and at Recorder's Court, 702 10th Street or mailed to: Metra Transit System, P.O. Box 1340, Columbus, GA 31902-1340.

Make checks payable to Metra Transit System — do not send cash.

For more information, call the Parking Management Division at 653-4647.

Toddler fitness — Child & Youth Services will begin a "ToddleTime for 2s" program at Tot Town CDC beginning on April 5. The program will run from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., including lunch, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and will offer toddler gymnastics, and other physical activities.

For more information, call the CYS registration desk at 545-2079.

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- **Thursday:** turkey pot pie, garden salad, yeast roll, fruit, milk
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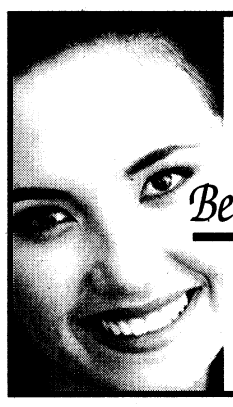
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Benning Backstage to hold play auditions

Eleven actors needed for production

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Benning Backstage is looking for five men and six women to perform in its upcoming production, Neil Simon's *California Suite*.

Auditions are open to the public and will be held at 7 p.m. March 22 and 23 at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center.

California Suite is a "classic" Neil Simon comedy about four groups of people who stay in a hotel in California for various reasons. Each couple's story is totally different and separate from the others.

Peggy Cornwell, director and producer, said the males should be between the ages of 20 to 50 and the females should be between 20 and 60, and all should have some level of comedic timing.

"They don't have to be professional actors," she said. "As director and producer, I'll be happy to mold them into the part."

There is no reason for the applicants to develop a monologue, because auditions will be a "cold" reading from the script. However, Cornwell said, it would be a good idea for the applicants to get a copy of the script and review it before they audition.

Scripts for the play are available in most public libraries.

Cornwell said this production will have a relatively light rehearsal schedule, because the play doesn't have an ensemble cast and each scene can be rehearsed on different days.

In the beginning, the actors will only need to rehearse about once or twice a week, but as production time gets closer, rehearsals will increase to three or four nights a week.

Because the rehearsal schedule will be light, the actors will need to do a lot of the work on their own, Cornwell said.

"Rehearsal is no place to practice," she said. "You need to practice on your own time."

Jennifer Trip, who performed in both of Benning Backstage's previous productions, said it is a lot of hard work, but it pays off in the end.

The theater is a great place to make friends and escape the reality of day-to-day life, she said.

As a single mother, Trip said "it is good to get away from everything after a hard day at work, and become someone else for a while." She said acting is something everyone should try, and having prior experience is not all that important.

"In the last two shows, we had people with no experience," she said. "But everyone is nice, and they will help you out."

The production is scheduled for May 21, 22, 28 and 29 and tickets will cost $19 for adults and $12 for children under 12.

For more information about tickets, call 682-1120.

GPS game provides outdoor fun for everyone

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

If you own a Global Positioning System, or are looking for an excuse to buy one, there's a sport out there just for you. It's called geocaching, and it's an adventure game just for GPS users.

The name is a combination of the words "geography" and "cache," a hiding place. In geocaching, individuals or organizations set up caches all over the world and share the locations on the Internet. Columbus and Fort Benning are home to around 15 caches, both physical and virtual.

To start out, individuals log onto the geocaching Web site, www.geocaching.com, and enter their zip code to get a list of caches near them. Then, it's time to track down the cache using a GPS. Each cache has a difficulty rating, which tells about the terrain en route to the cache as well as how difficult the cache is to find. At physical caches, geocachers make an entry in a log book. Usually, there are items inside the cache, and etiquette says if the finder takes an item, they should leave one in its place, and return the cache to its hiding place.

The last step is to log in again on the Web site and include details in the entry to verify what was found in the cache. For virtual caches, there is no physical box to find. The finder must enter a fact about the site that can only be learned from physically visiting the site.

Columbus resident and Marine Corps veteran Tim Steele has been geocaching here for the past six months. He's found 35 caches and is the owner of several caches, which he maintains on a regular basis.

Steele, whose background is in photography, said after a while, he could only take so many pictures.

"Having a GPS is like that," he said. "You've got this great tool that you don't use. (Geocaching) is a reason to use it."

Steel finds caches with his sons and said it's a great activity for kids because it's like a treasure hunt. Many of the caches contain items like inexpensive toys and games.

"It's a great reason to go outside," he said. "You'll go all sorts of places you'd have no reason to go."



Photos by Melissa House

Tim Steele checks out new items in his geocache on the Riverwalk Wednesday.

He said he went geocaching one day to find a point on the Riverwalk and had no luck, but saw the Port Columbus museum instead, since he was parked in the museum's lot.

Steele receives e-mails letting him know of new caches in the area, and tries to be the first one to find them. So far, he said he "keeps missing by one."

But geocacher Pfc. Aaron Foist and his wife found two new caches the first time they went out.

Although there's no award or prestige for being the first at a cache, Foist said it was fun to be the first to make an entry in the log book.

Right now, Foist said, he's hot on the trail of a cash cache, located somewhere between here and Atlanta, which has a fairly high difficulty rating. He said once you get to the point, you follow additional clues to a point with money, placed by the owner of the land the cache is on. It's not a lot of money – but enough to cover the cost of travel to and from the cache. And Foist is in it for the challenge.

"It's more than just finding a point," he said. "It's addictive if you're an outdoorsy kind of person. It gets you out of the house."

Foist said geocaching also has potential for military training.

"It would make a good (physical training) event if you do a timed set of caches," he said, and it would make for good competition.

Local geocacher Matt King owns the virtual cache at the National Infantry Museum, where cachers must answer a question about an item outside the museum in order to get credit for finding the cache.

He said he created the cache to get people to the museum, get them to walk around the outside and hopefully entice them to see what's inside.

"We must never, ever forget how our armed forces have fought so hard to ensure our freedom," King said.

Sgt. 1st Class Paul Kilgore logged in the museum cache on Jan. 3. He's assigned to the 6th Ranger Training Battalion at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and started geocaching while stationed in Alaska. He learned about the sport from an Air Force newspaper while on leave.

"When we got back home, we looked up the geocaching Web site and tried a few and got hooked," Kilgore said.

He and his family cached all across the country on their way to Florida, logging points in eight states and Canada along the way.

He and his brother own a cache located in Silverton, Ore. Kilgore, like Steele, has also started several "travel bugs."

Travel bugs are items, often beanie babies, with a traceable number, that may be trying to reach a final destination. Steele has one trying to get to Ireland, one heading for Australia, and one stuck in California trying to get to Texas.

Kilgore said two of his travel bugs that belonged to his children were lost in a travel bug hotel in California. He's planning to start new bugs in their place.

"Caching is a great, fun sport for the entire family to get outdoors and enjoy," he said.

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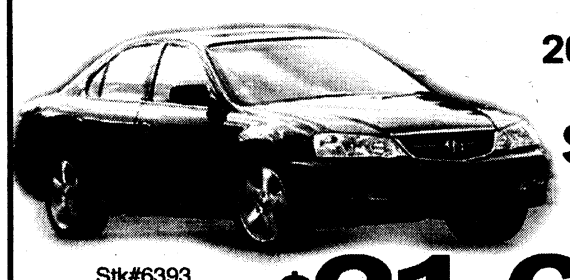

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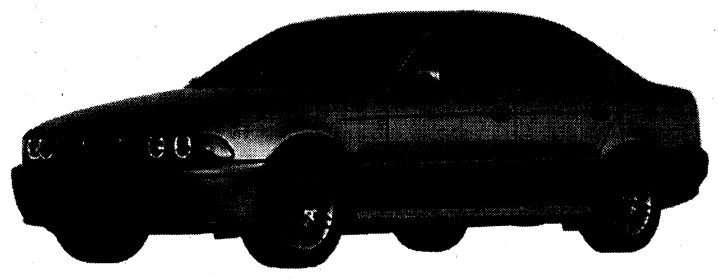

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Columbus' mayor visits McBride

City official joins in Seussentennial celebration

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Mayor Bob Poydasheff is a big fan of *The Foot Book* by Dr. Seuss, because "sometimes I put my foot in my mouth."

At least, that's what he told a group of McBride Elementary School's first-graders, to which they heartily responded, "Ewww!"

The mayor's comedic antics and animation went a long way with the students Tuesday morning, when he shared a variety of Seuss stories with them to celebrate Seuss' 100th birthday.

The school tries to get a different leader to come every year to read to the children, said McBride principal Del Hicks, and this year, they settled on Poydasheff, who has another special connection to the school. His daughter, Katherine Ross, is a second-grade teacher at McBride.

"Now, does Mayor Poydasheff look like anybody you know?" Ross asked the students before she introduced him to each class, elliciting excitement when she finally revealed him as her father.

But as all good things must, Poydasheff's visit came to an end, and the children returned to their classrooms, where they continued their celebration of Dr. Seuss Day.

Activities at the school included everything from reading favorite Seuss classics and Seuss-based creative writing to memorizing a special Seuss-style poem, which the children recited for Poydasheff.

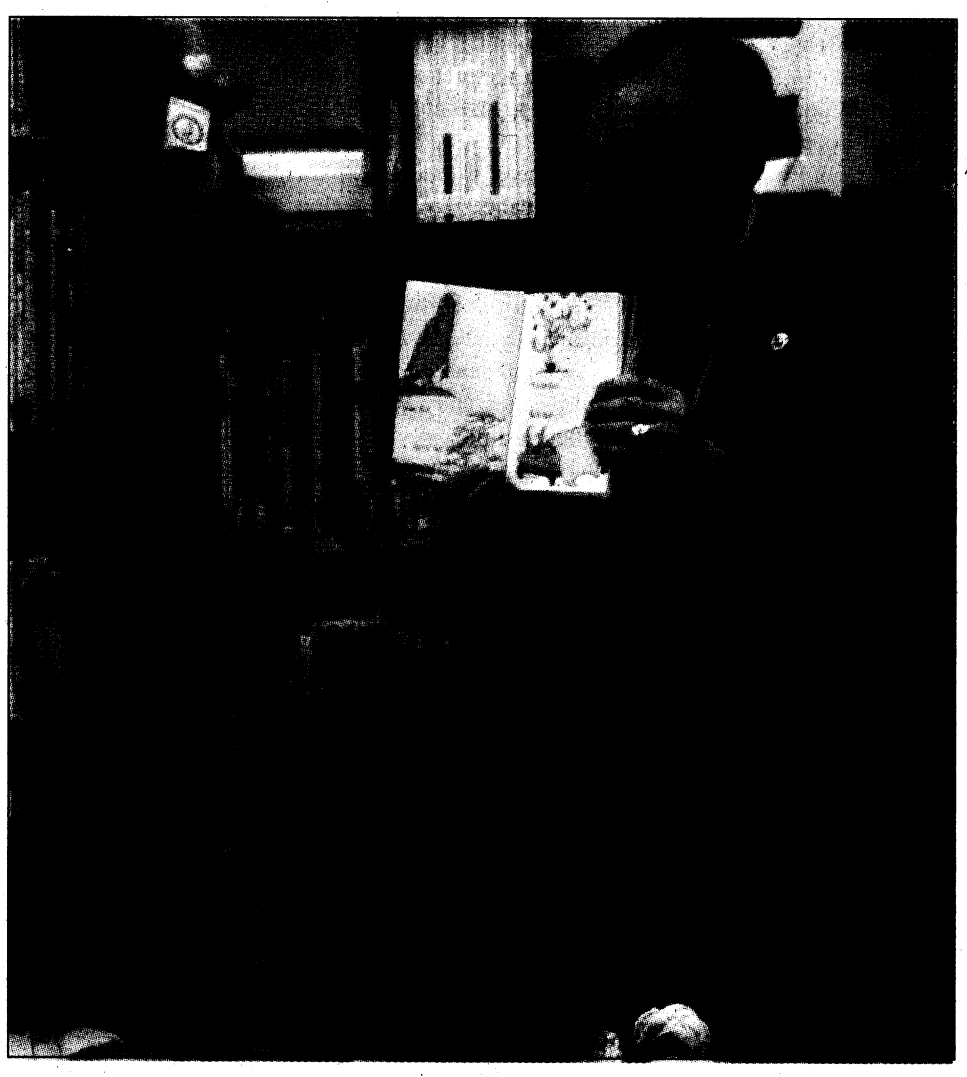
Lisa Roush, a first-grade teacher, went a step farther with her students, and made it a true Dr. Seuss Day. Everything the class did from beginning to end somehow involved Dr. Seuss, she said.

Roush even invented half of a "Yill-iga-yak," a creature the children had to finish drawing. The project also required them to describe the character, explaining what he ate, where he lived and the like.

"Their imagination is the limit (with projects like this)," Roush said. "Some of them gave him duck feet or wings ... it's just a chance to incorporate their creativity."

This is important, she said, because it makes learning more fun for the children, and anything you can do to heighten their interest is key.

"You'll find that when you get them excited and interested about something, the learning follows right behind it," she said.



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Columbus' Mayor Bob Poydasheff shares a Dr. Seuss book with students at McBride Elementary School Tuesday. The mayor spent the morning reading to kids at the school.

McBride students reached a Reading Counts milestone Tuesday. The children have read 14,170 books this school year.

CYS to offer preK classes to post children next school year

Child and Youth Services

Child and Youth Services will operate two preK classrooms during the next school year. One class will be held at the Santa Fe Child Development Center, and one class will be located at the Tot Town Child Development Center. The maximum number of children in each class is 20. Children will be selected through a lottery.

Here's some information about the preK classes:

• Pre-registration dates: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 15,to 19 at Building 359.

• Eligibility: Children must be 4 by Sept. 1 and must live in Georgia.

• Program hours: 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Classes begin in August.

• Cost: There is no cost for the preK program; however, parents who need care for their child before or after the preK program must pay for that service.

• How to register: A form for Georgia preK must be completed and returned to CYS, Building 359, during the pre-registration days. At the end of the pre-registration, a disinterested party will pull 40 names. These 40 families will be contacted to come to the CYS Central Registration Office to complete registration paperwork. Remaining names will be placed on a waiting list. Pre-registration forms may be picked up at any CYS facility on post or at the CYS Central Registration Office, any time prior to pre-registration.

• Documents needed to register: If selected, parents must complete registration by providing the child's birth certificate, current shot record, LES (if applying for before and after school care in addition to Georgia preK) and an emergency contact name and number to the Central Registration Office. Families must also provide a Georgia 3231 Immunization Form and a Georgia 3100 Ear/Eye/Dental Certification Form and a CYS Health Assessment Form within 30 days of registration.

For more information, call CYS at 545-3064.

CLOSER LOOK

There are only 40 slots. So, to determine who will be in the preK classes:

- Pre-registration forms may be picked up at any CYS facility on post or at Building 359
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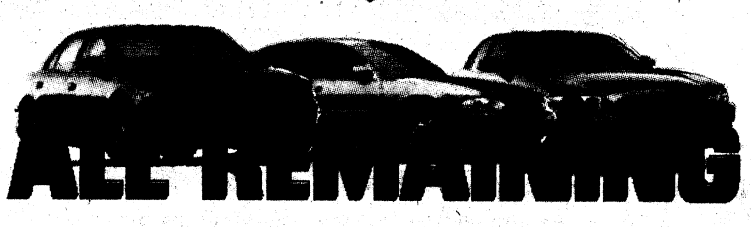

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Hope, faith and love constitute 'aliveness'

Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth F. Revell
30th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception)

Hope is the power to look up
Faith is the courage to get up.
Love is the power to stay up.

These elements constitute the essence of life. But the road to life and meaningful relationships is often fraught with intense difficulties. Life involves a fight.

Our doubts cling to us like shadows, and our frustrations eat on us like debilitating cancers. Yet, in spite of all this, we can still crawl out of our disasters and setbacks.

This is done only when we nurture the hope that's in us, practice the faith that keeps us, and honor the love that holds us.

These are the real questions we have to ask if we are going to stay alive: Are we more committed to our successes or our failures? Are we more committed to our potentials or deficiencies? Are we more committed to the parts of us that are broken or the parts that are whole?

As human beings whose lives are bombarded with a constant flow of problems, we must make a vigorous effort not to draw conclusions from crisis. Let me leave you with the following words of encouragement:

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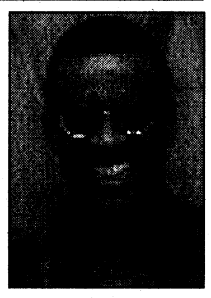


Revell

• Don't throw a curtain across tomorrow. Miracles and breakthroughs are still available for the despairing soul. The capacity to believe in tomorrow keeps us alive today.

• Don't resign yourself to despair. Learn to live out of your will, not just your emotions. Feelings may be real, but they are not always right.

• Seek perspective and broaden your horizons. Realize that you are not the only person in the world in pain.

• Gradually risk positive relationships again. I know of nothing that wards off crippling depression better than the listening ears and the healing words of a trusted friend.

• Place your faith in a higher power. For me, that higher power is Jesus Christ. And in my faith walk, I have discovered that Christianity is not the subtraction of problems from life; it's the addition of power to meet those problems.

• Make goodness happen for somebody else. Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep sunshine from coming into their own.

• Seek help from a professional counselor, chaplain or pastor. The suppression of problems is the real weakness in our human condition.

The person who arms himself or herself with faith, hope and love need not be intimidated by the heartbreaks in life.

CHAPEL NOTE

Catholic Women of the Chapel — Catholic Women of the Chapel meet the first Friday of each month at Sightseeing Road Chapel at 10 a.m. for business, religious study, rosary and Mass. They also meet the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. for Bible study. Child care is provided at both meetings. For more information, call 687-0894.

Parenting challenges even the best

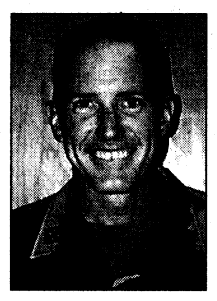
Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Have you noticed? Parenting seems to be more challenging than it's ever been, doesn't it?

I love being in the military. For one thing, you're never without a set of instructions! Wanna drive a humvee? You get a set of instructions, a TM. Wanna jump out of an airplane? You get a set of instructions, an FM.

But when it comes to the far more complicated task of raising a child, guess what? There is no TM, FM, or SOP, no single set of instructions to tell you how to be a great parent.

When 35,000 parents were recently asked what was the greatest frustration in raising their children, the answer surprised the experts. They didn't focus on the shortcomings of their children. Instead, they expressed their own inadequacies. "I just can't cope," was the most common reply.



Hawkins

I know I've certainly felt that way at times.

However, the good news is, through a healthy dose of divine wisdom from the creator, parents don't have to succumb to a "crisis of confidence."

You can thrive, not just survive, as a parent.

How do you do that? Here are three suggestions to give you a shot of parental adrenaline in executing your mission as Mom or Dad:

1) Be careful which playbook you're using. If I wanted to win the Super Bowl, I wouldn't run plays drawn on the back of a napkin. If we are interested in being solid parents, we need to get our info from solid sources.

The Bible, the Book of Proverbs specifically, is a wonderful place to start. Hey, 3,000-plus years of time-tested wisdom isn't too bad of a track record!

Looking to add a more contemporary tool to your bag? Try www.Family.org — that's Focus on the Family's website.

2) Rules are a child's best friend. So many times we assume children think there is nothing worse than rules. Wrong. In fact, children will often tell care-givers how they prefer to live in a place with rules that reflect care and consistency.

3) Rules without relationship lead to rebellion. Rules are only half the equation. Relationship is the rich soil out of which rules grow. Without relationship, rules don't seem care-*full,* they seem care-*less*.

Want to know more, call The Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760 or stop by Building 2606 in Soldiers' Plaza.

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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- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

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Sunday Worship Services

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9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6

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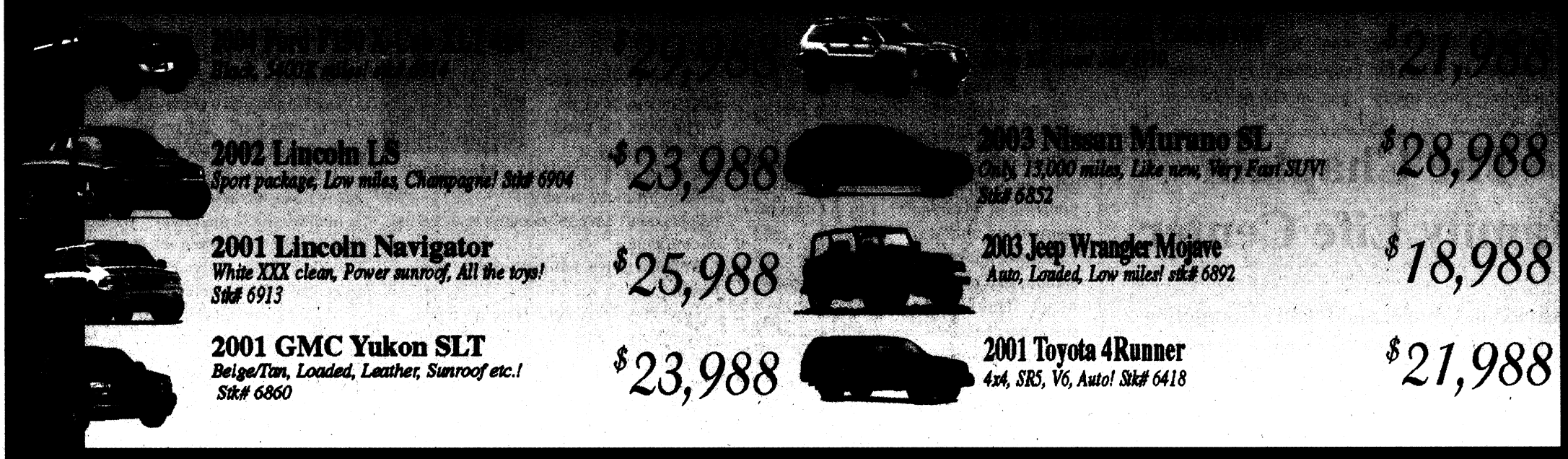

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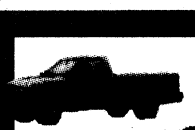

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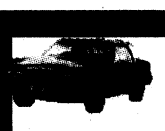

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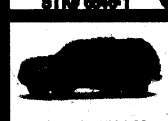

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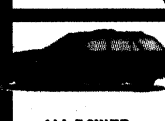

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SPORTS



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The West Point Women's softball team played three of the top college teams in the nation and the U.S. National Team in the NFCA Leadoff Classic in Columbus.

Black Knights play top softball teams

Army softball puts opponents on heels

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The West Point women's softball team competed against some of the best college softball teams in the nation in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Leadoff Classic over the weekend at South Commons.

Although the Black Knights didn't pull out a win in the tournament, they gained experience.

"This team showed a lot of guts and courage during the tournament," said head coach Jim Flowers. "There were many times that we could've given up, but we didn't. The team continued to give it their all."

The tournament started slowly for the Black Knights, who lost their first two games to Washington 8-0 and Florida State 10-0.

"We made a few mistakes in those games, and Washington and Florida State capitalized on them," Flowers said. "That's what great teams do — they capitalize on your mistakes and take advantage of them. I hope our team learned from them, so that we will be able to do the same in the future against our opponents."

Saturday, the team played the University of Texas in a close game that wasn't decided until the final pitch.

They scored their first run of the tournament in the top of the second inning after sophomore outfielder Abbie Gottschall singled in junior first baseman Lisa Huntington, who, earlier, hit a double and stole third.

"It was nice to know that I helped give our team a jump start," Huntington said. "It really helped our team's confidence."

In the top of the third inning, the Black Knights again scored runs after junior second baseman Lindsay March and junior shortstop Lauren Gobar scored off sophomore catcher Jamie Gjurgevich's two-run double.

But, after two errors in the bottom of the third, Texas' junior outfielder Sarah Wieszcak hit a two-run triple, then scored after another Texas hit.

Texas ended the third inning, scoring a total of four runs to give them a 4-3 lead.

In the bottom of the seventh, with Texas up 6-3, the Black Knights had runners on first and second base with two outs, with the tying run at the plate, but weren't able to capitalize, losing the game 6-3.

"It feels good knowing that we competed well against a high-caliber team like Texas," Huntington said. "We gave it our best and we kept ourselves in the game. We were in the game until the very end."

For the Army team; the highlight of the tournament was the opportunity to play the U.S. National Women's Softball Team, Huntington said.

"Playing the U.S. National Team is something every girl dreams of growing up," Huntington said. "It's an experience that I will always remember."

Although the Black Knights knew they had a tough opponent in the U.S. team, they fought for every pitch during the game and never gave up no matter what the score was.

The high point of the game was when Gjurgevich hit a homerun off Team U.S.A pitcher Lori Harrigan in the top of the fourth inning.

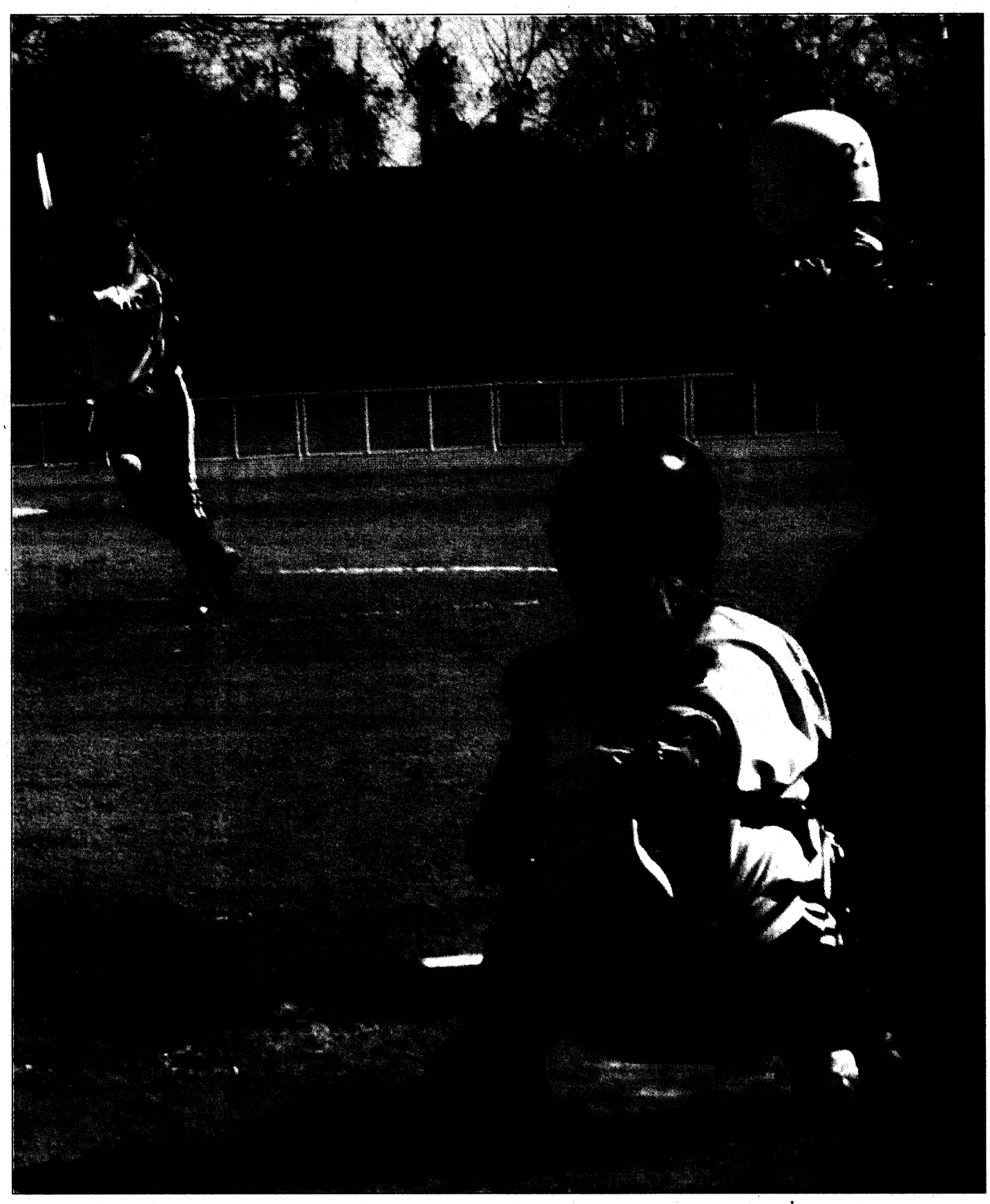
"I never imagined that I would hit a homerun off Team U.S.A.," Gjurgevich said. "I've watched them since I was little, and to hit a homerun off of them is a dream-come-true. I'm still in shock. I really don't know what else to say about it."

The homerun was also the only run that was scored against Team U.S.A. in the exhibition games they played.

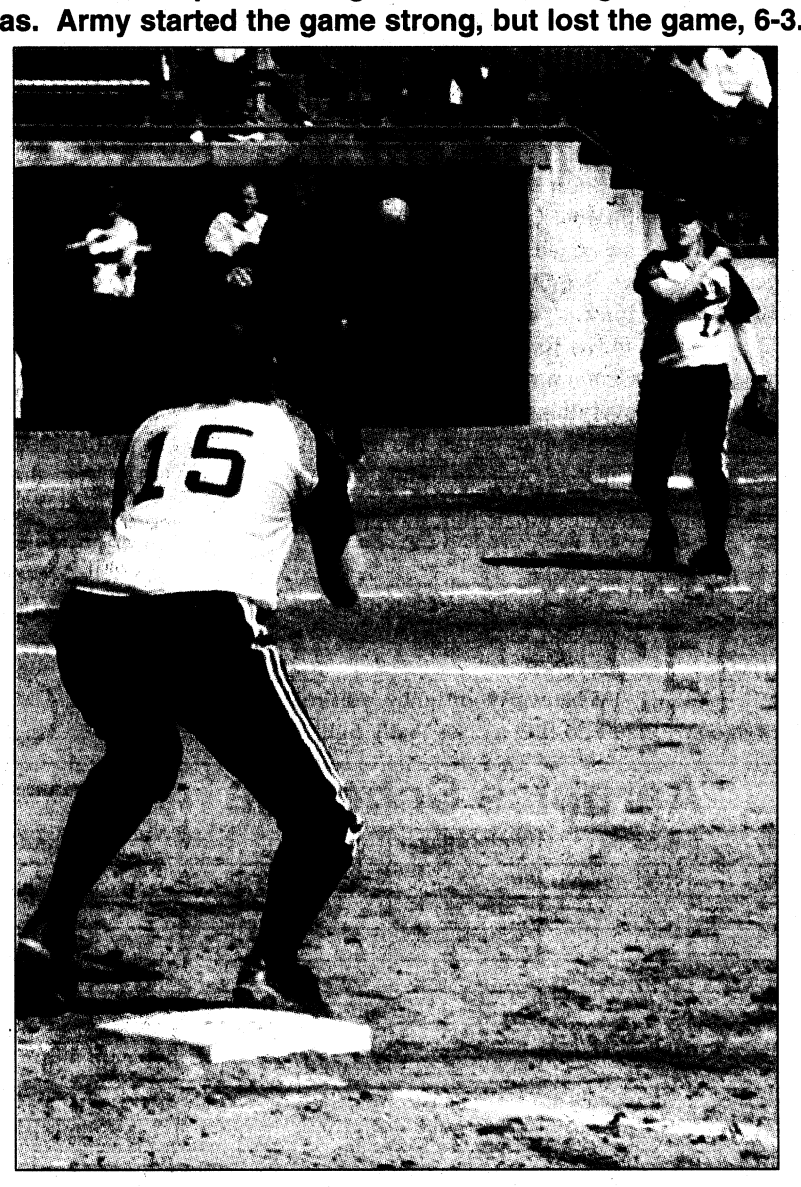
"To be the only team that scored against the U.S. Team is something special," Flowers said. "It wasn't just the run I was proud of however, we had two other good, clean hits and had three more baserunners," he said. "To me, that shows me that my team gave it their all throughout the game. I'm proud of them."

The Black Knights head into future games with the confidence they gained playing on the same field as the top teams in the nation.

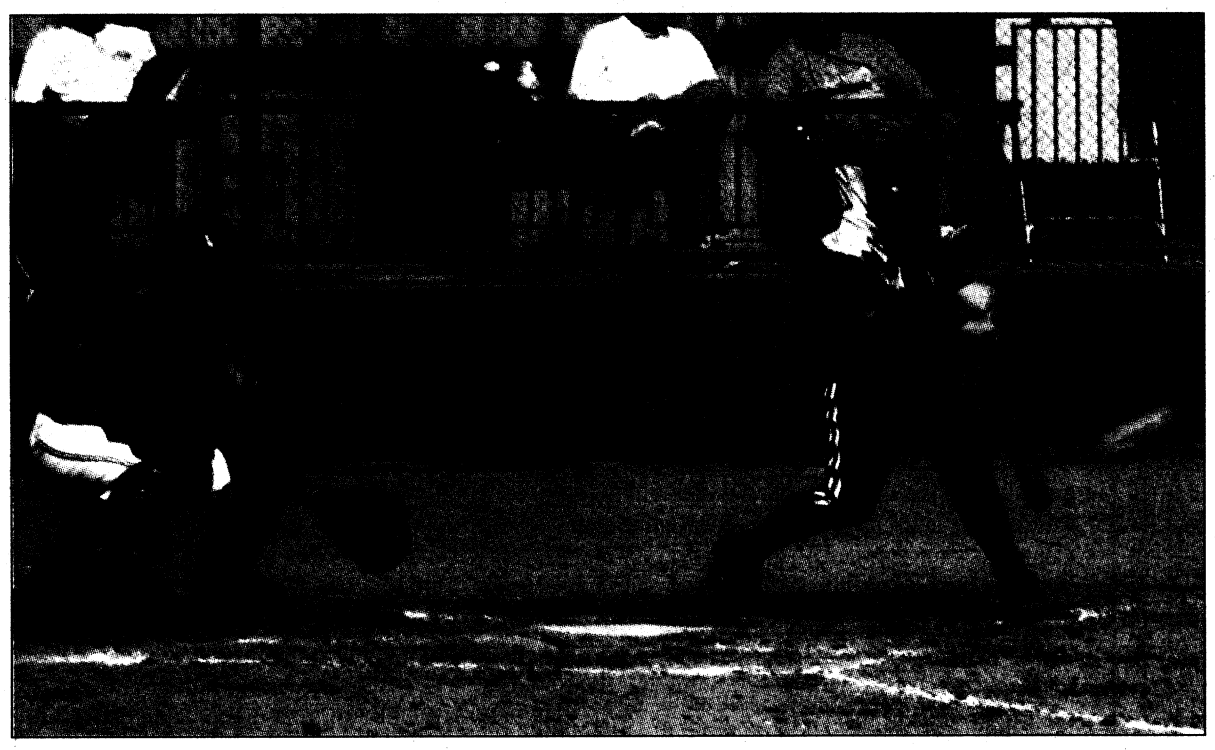
"They've played on the same field with the top teams in the nation," Flowers said. "They want to experience the same thing at the end of the season in the NCAA regionals, and I believe they can do it."



Senior pitcher Ashlie Christian delivers a pitch during the fourth inning of the Black Knights game against the University of Texas. Army started the game strong, but lost the game, 6-3.



Sophomore third baseman, Darcy Wilson, right, throws the ball to junior first baseman Lisa Huntington to record the out in the bottom of the first inning.



Freshman designated player Veronica Lauzon swings on the first pitch during the second inning of a game against the University of Texas.

Riverdragons gain lost momentum

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Columbus Riverdragons came into the 2003-2004 season with a totally revamped roster — only three players returned from last season.

The Riverdragons, part of the National Basketball Developmental League, have won four of their last six games and are looking to move up in the standings during the second half of the season.

"We got off to a slow start at the beginning of the season," said Jeff Malone, Riverdragons head coach. "We've constantly gained and lost people throughout the season, and it wasn't until about 10 games ago (that we got) our current roster.

"With that going on, it's hard to build team chemistry," he said. "Team chemistry is the most important thing when you step onto the court."

The Riverdragons began the season with high expectations after selecting Terrance Morris as their first pick in the NBDL draft. Morris, who played last season for the Houston Rockets in the NBA, also won an NCAA National Basketball Championship in 2001 with the University of Maryland.

"When I step out on the floor, I try to bring the confidence of knowing you can achieve anything that you set your mind to," Morris said. "Winning a championship at Maryland helped me with that, because we were the only ones who believed at the beginning of the season that we could win it all."

Morris said at the beginning of this season, the team couldn't get their chemistry down.

"However, as the season has gone on, we've grown together as a team and we're playing a lot better," he said. "We're clicking on all cylinders right now."

All the team needs now is support at their games. They hope to fill the stands for home games at the Columbus Civic Center.

"It means a lot to the players to see a lot of people out to watch the games," Malone said. "These players feed off the fans' enthusiasm. The fans are the sixth man for this team."

The Riverdragons offer many activities and promotions throughout the game, including a free-throw contest and the "dress and dash."

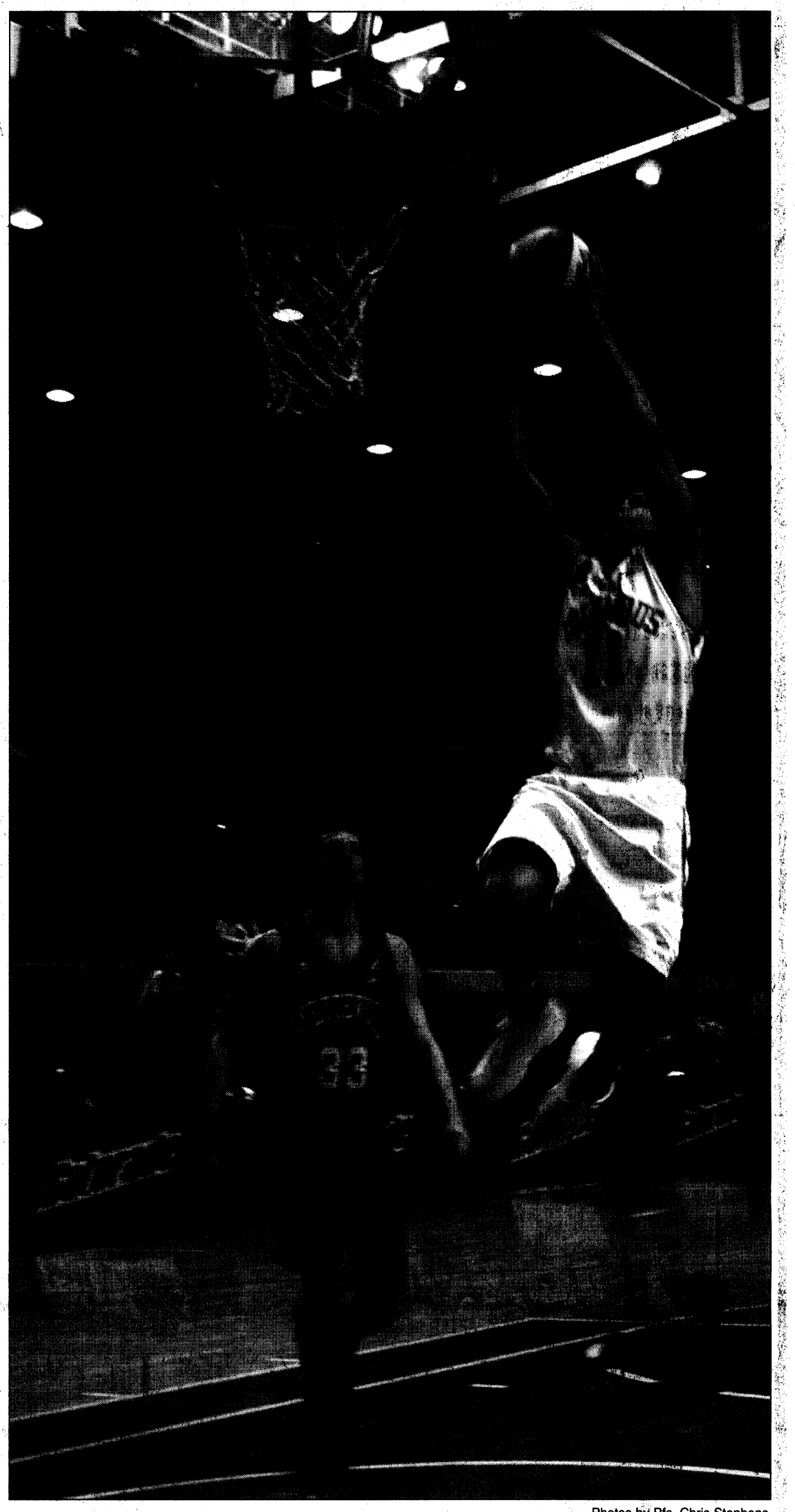
"The dress and dash is a fun way for the fans to put on an NBDL uniform," said Tim Becwar, Riverdragons public relations manager. "A lot people dream of doing that."

Tickets for the games range from $10 for upper level tickets to $25 for courtside seats. Children 12 and younger get in for $5.

"This is great family entertainment at an affordable price," Becwar said. "Everyone will have a good time when they come watch a game. It's a high-energy atmosphere where you never know what will happen next.

"The NBDL is one step below the NBA," Becwar said. "When you come to a game, there's always that chance that one of the players you are watching on the court is one shot or one rebound away from getting called up to the NBA. It doesn't get any better than that."

For more information on the Riverdragons, or to order tickets, call 225-1112.



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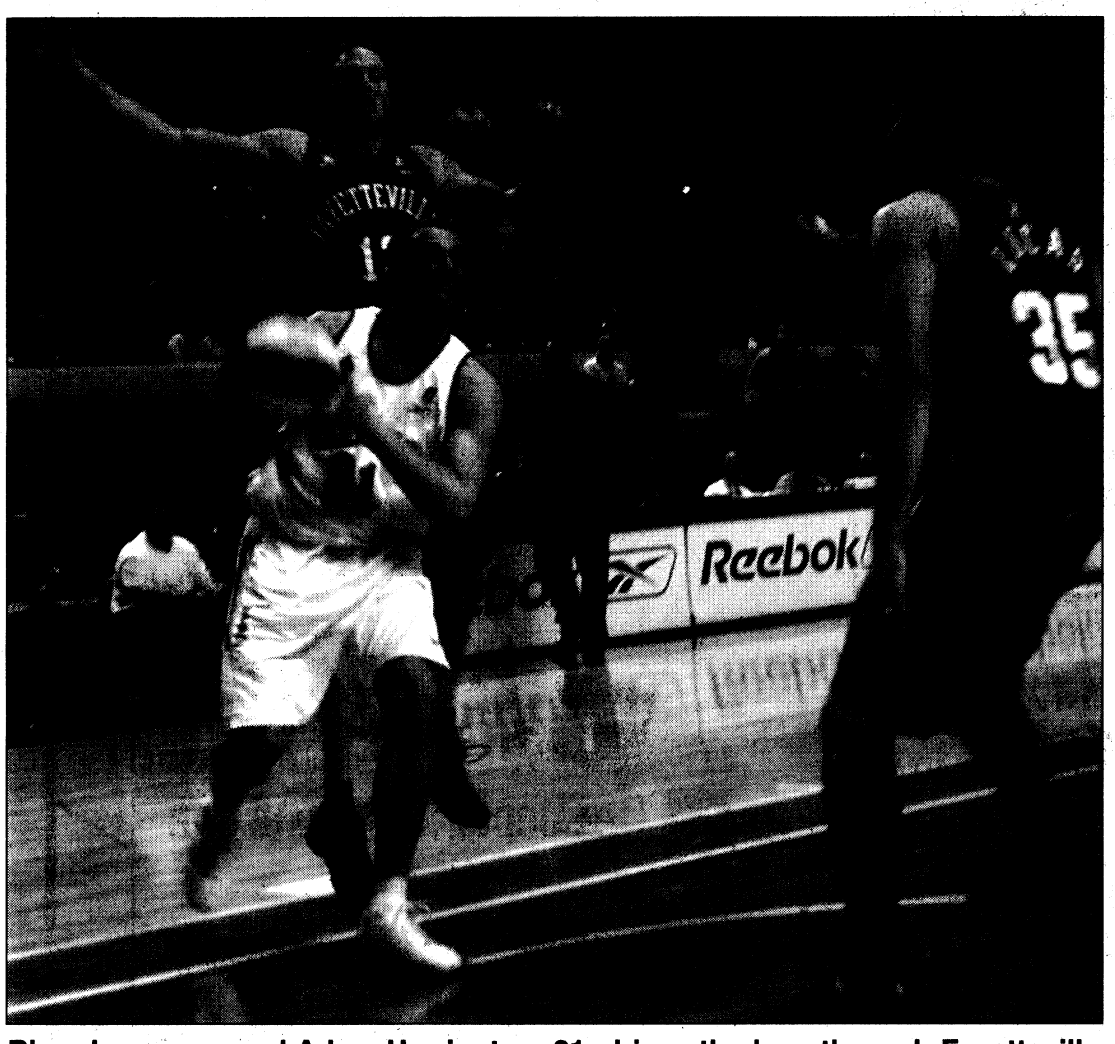
Riverdragons guard Derrick Bird slams the ball home as Patriots guard Kent Williams looks on. Columbus won the game 100-94 Feb. 16.



Riverdragons guard Adam Harrington, 21, drives the lane through Fayetteville Patriots forwards Britton Johnsen, 13, and Bryan Lucas, 35.

Bow down to the aerobics queens ... and kings

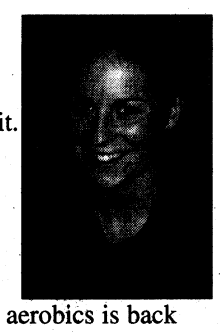
Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Let me just say that I have been waiting for this for more than a year. A year of nearly bursting into tears after catching brief teasers of aerobics shows on T.V., resorting to watching hours-long infomercials for The Firm and Winsor Pilates (which I actually bought).

You see, there was a time when I was somewhat of an "aerobics queen." Tae Bo, pilates, jazzercise, spinning ... if it was an aerobics fad, I was there.

But when I came to Fort Benning at the beginning of last year, I was met with a dire situation — there were no aerobics classes.

So I, along with my fellow aerobics queens and kings, was forced to wait.



Fourteen *looong* months.

But it's finally happened — aerobics is back on Benning. And in full force.

The Bryant Wells Fitness Center aerobics schedule has everything from step classes to boxaerobics (think Tae Bo) to yoga, aeromix and funk step (I'm curious about that one). And those are just the classes I'm taking.

There's more — core crunch, aqua and something called interval.

Whatever your fancy, you're sure to find a class that's right for you. And all for the bargain price of $3 a class or $25 a month for all the classes you can fit in your schedule. And believe me, with four to five classes a day, you'll be able to make it to at least one.

I know I'll be taking advantage of it. Judging from my first week of classes, so will a lot of other people on this post.

And not just women, either. Every class I went to had a number of men in the mix.

Whether you're looking to lose weight, stay in shape or just get out of the house, I heartily recommend hitting the next aerobics class.

A little advice, though — get there early. The classes are conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. And trust me, you don't want to miss out.

Aerobics Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00-10:00	Aeromix	Step Combo	Aeromix	Step Combo	Aeromix	
9:30-10:30						Step Combo
10:00 -10:30	Core Crunch		Core Crunch		Core Crunch	
10:00-11:00		Yoga		Yoga		
10:30-11:30						Funk Step
12:00-1:00		Step Combo		Step Combo		
5:00-6:00	Step Combo	Aeromix	Step Combo	Aeromix	Interval	
6:00-7:00	Box Aerobics	Aqua Aerobics	Box Aerobics	Aqua Aerobics	Box Aerobics	
7:00-8:00	Yoga		Yoga			

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Aerobics classes — The Briant Wells Fitness Center Aerobics Program is in full step. The fitness center offers box aerobics, aeromix, step combo, core crunch, yoga and aqua aerobics.

The cost is $25 per month or $3 per individual class.

For more information, call Briant Wells at 545-4388.

Hunting committee meeting— The Fort Benning Hunting Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in the Commander's Conference Room at Martin Army Community Hospital.

For more information, call Tommy Garnett at 544-1536.

Hunter safety course — The next Hunter Safety Course will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, in Classroom 9, Infantry Hall. This is a review and test class.

Persons interested in attending this class must get a Hunter Safety CD from Outdoor Rec, Building 1707, and complete the requirements of the CD, take the test at the end and bring the printout to class.

Persons who wish to attend must also register online at gogeorgiahunter.com or georgiawildlife.com, look under Hunter Education and look under Chattahoochee County.

For more information, call Harley Chase at 545-4812 or 545-3267.

Saturday bike rides — Saturday bike rides are in full gear.

Riders meet at 10 a.m. Saturdays at Briant Wells Field House and can choose from 10, 15- or 20-mile rides. Additional miles can be added on demand. All you need is a bike, helmet, water and plenty of energy.

For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

Youth Soccer coaches needed — Child and Youth Services is in need of 19 coaches for the spring soccer season.

Anyone interested in coaching in one of the five age groups should call 545-3582.

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Softball players — Post-level softball players are needed to play in the Downtown League.

For more information, call Jimmy Armstrong at 566-2015.

Celebrity Classic 5K/10K — The 2004 Celebrity Classic 5K/10K run to benefit the John B. Amos Cancer Center will begin at 8 a.m. April 17 along the Columbus River Walk.

Registration for the race is $18 per person before April 16 and $20 on race day.

For more information, call 660-6559.

St. Pat's hike — Callaway will host a St. Patrick's Day hike from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 13.

This adventurous hike leads visitors through various habitats in the preserve, from lush bottomlands to slopes of the Pine Mountain Ridge.

The hike length is five miles, is moderately strenuous and recommended for ages 12 and older.

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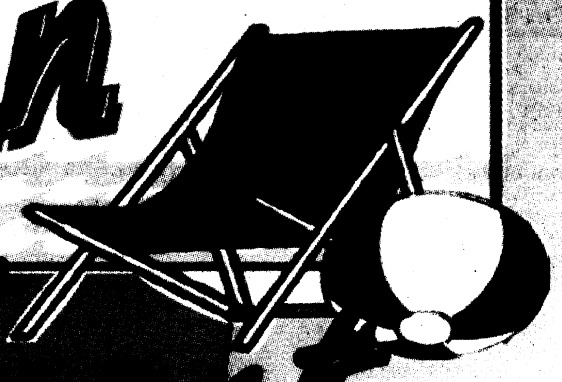

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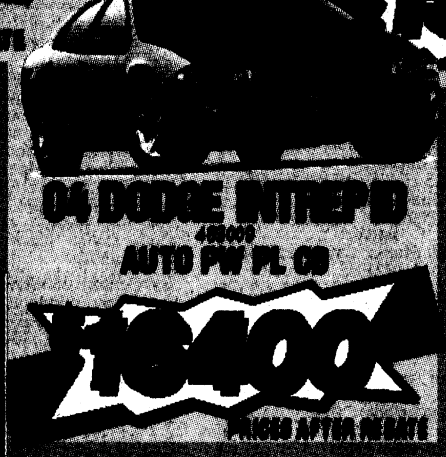

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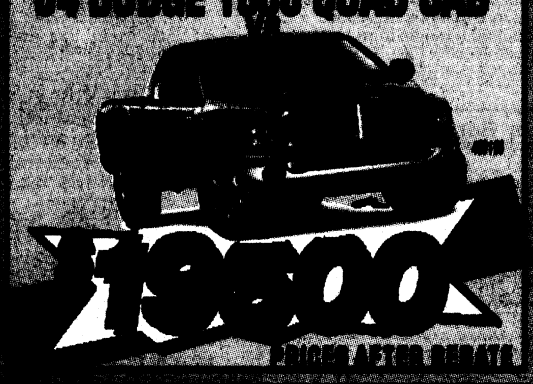

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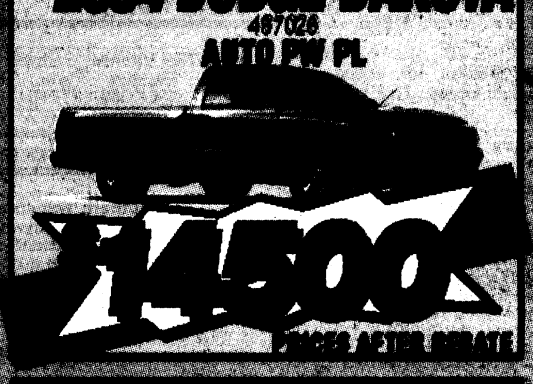

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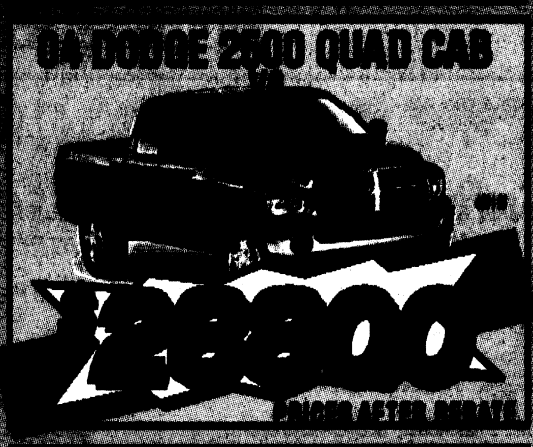

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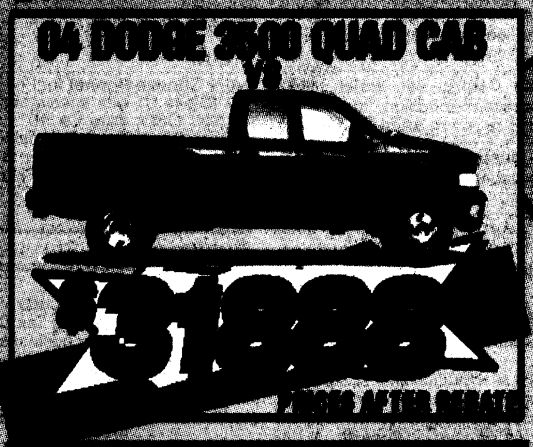

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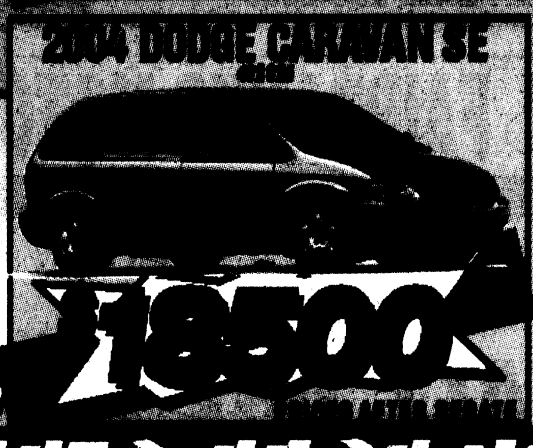

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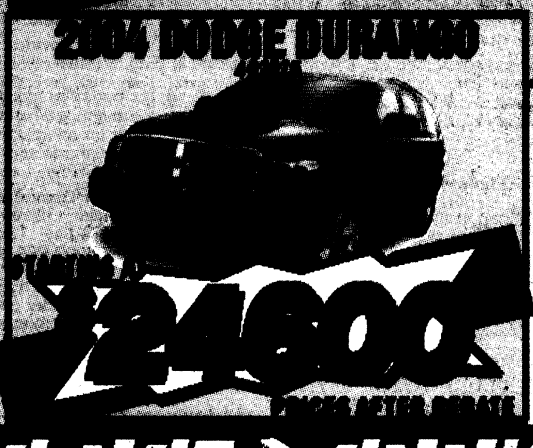

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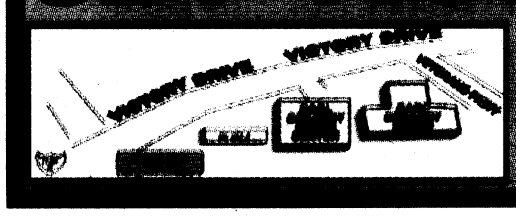

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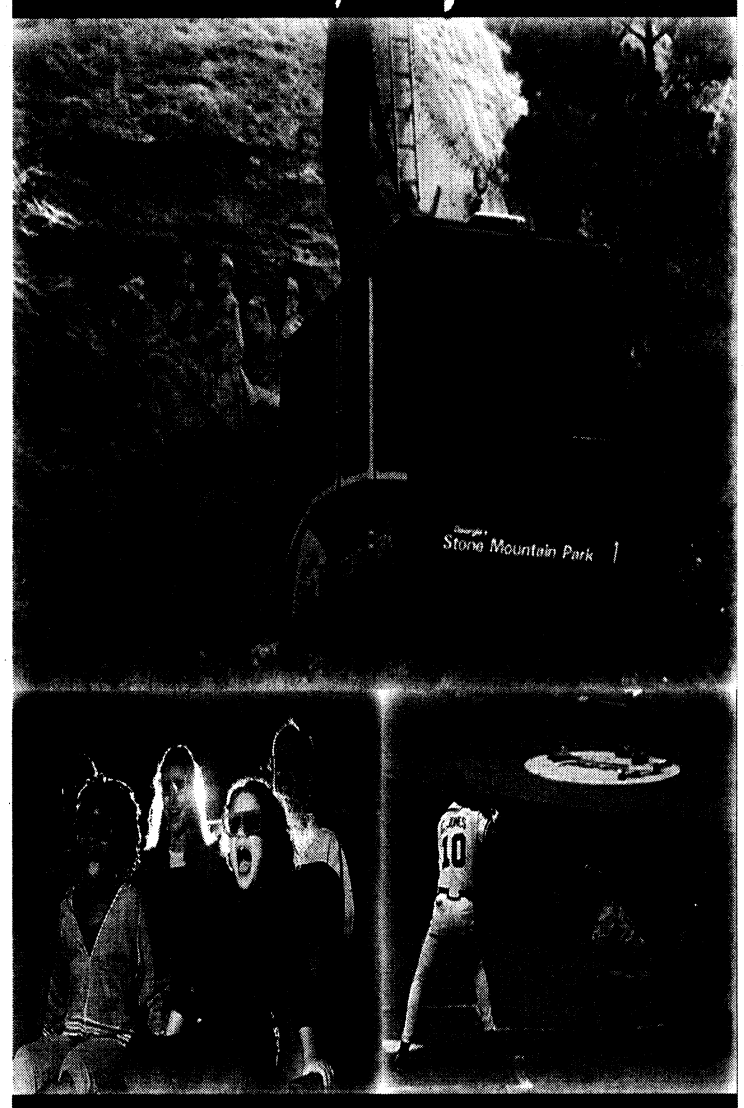

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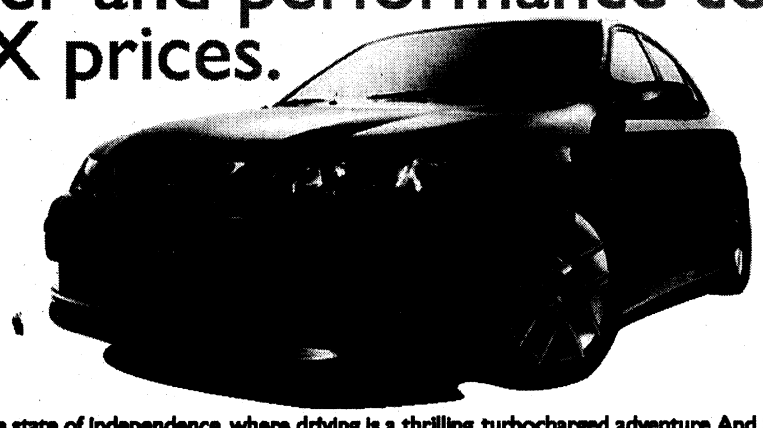

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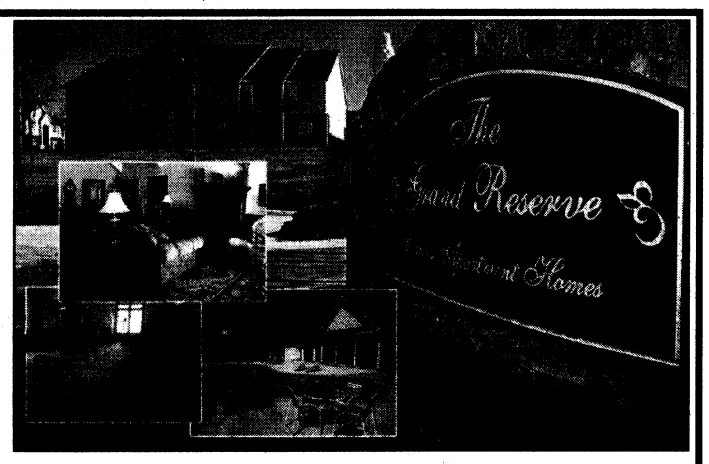

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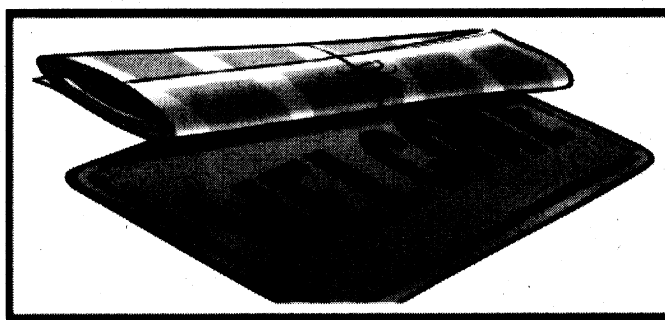

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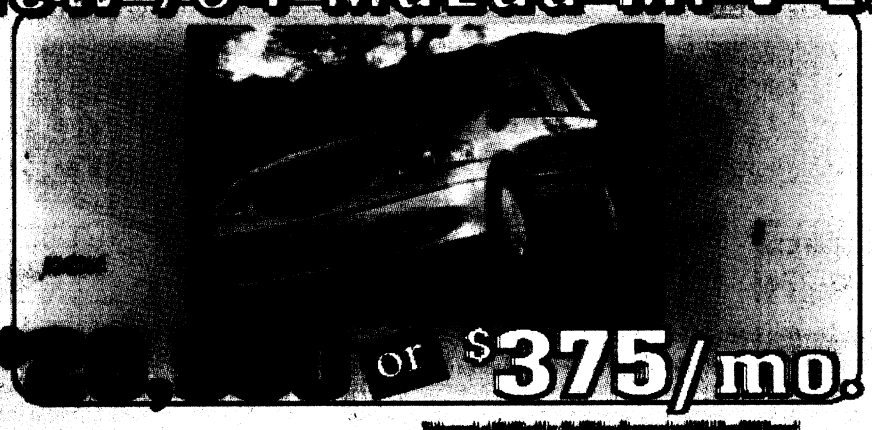

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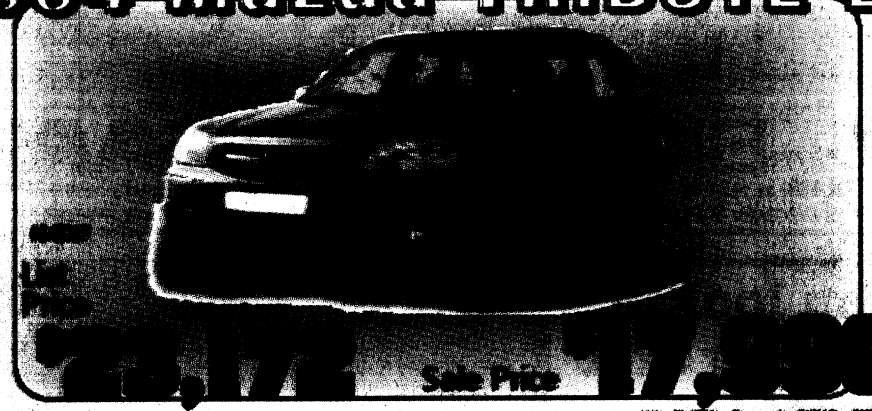

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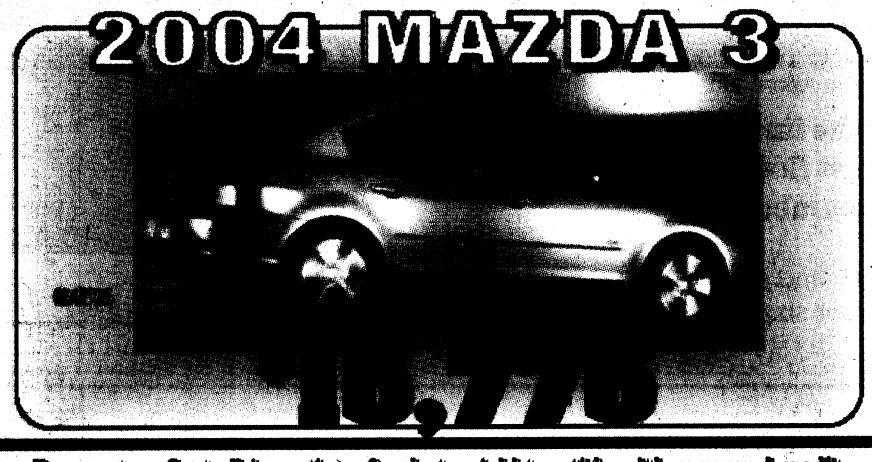

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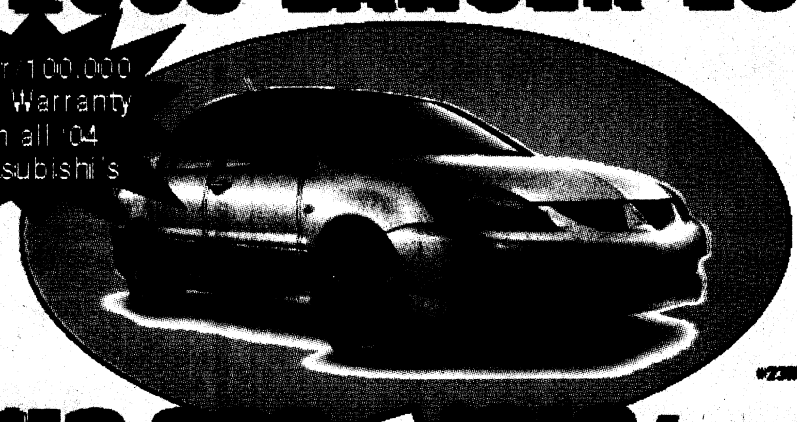

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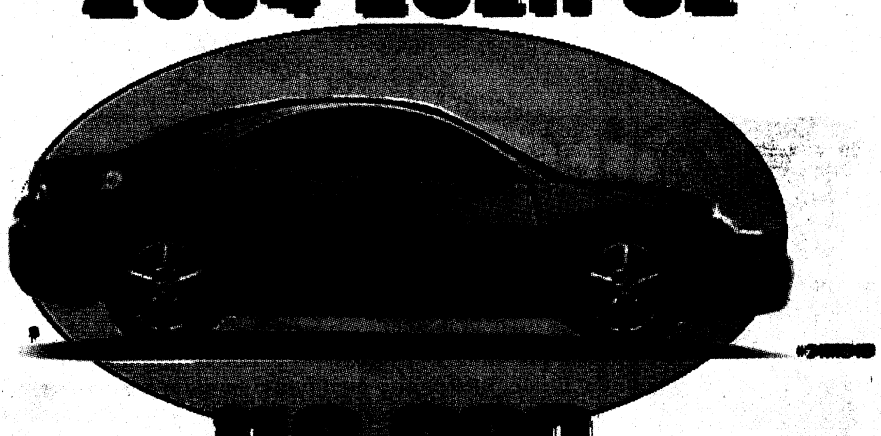

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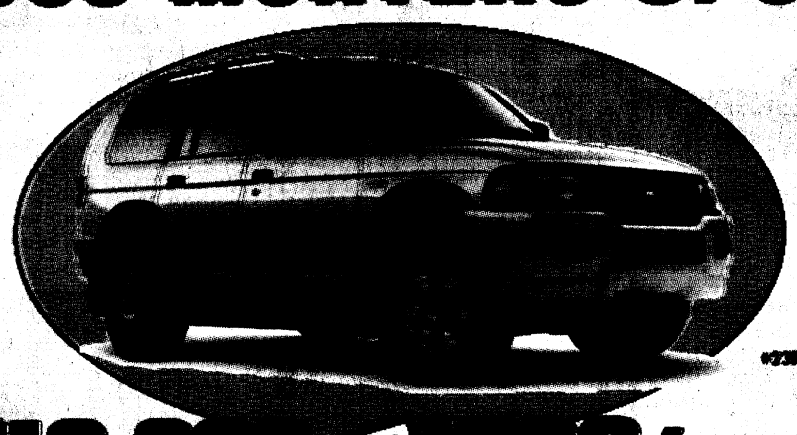

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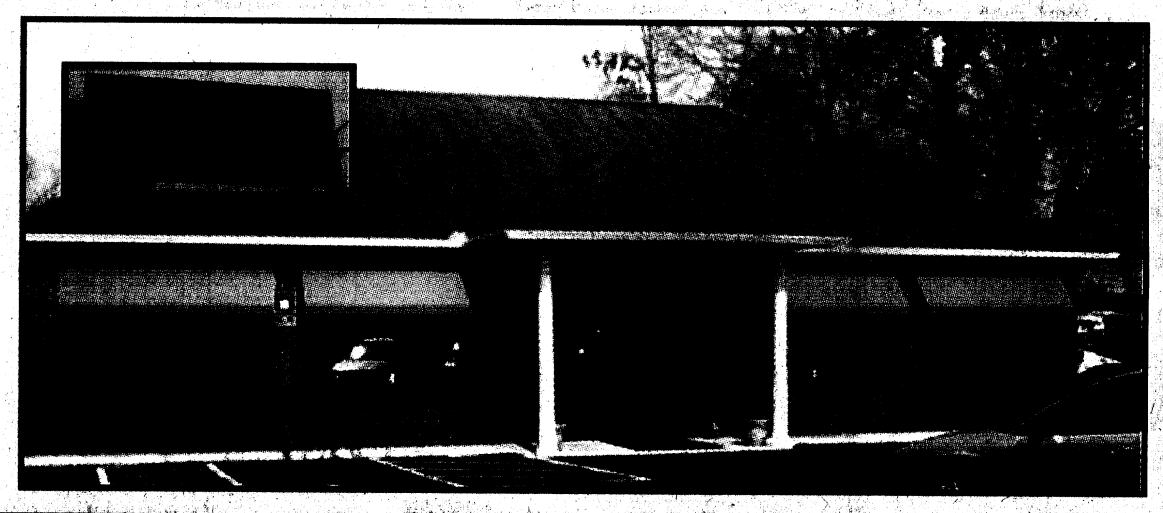

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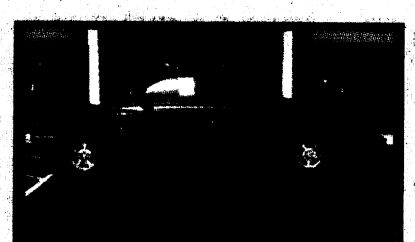

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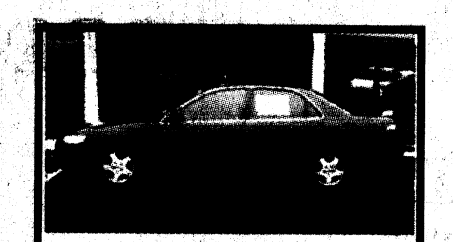

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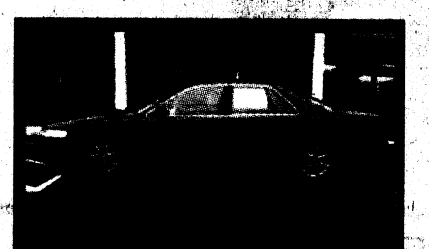

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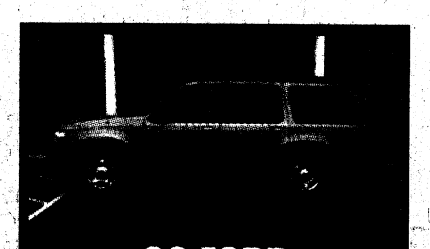

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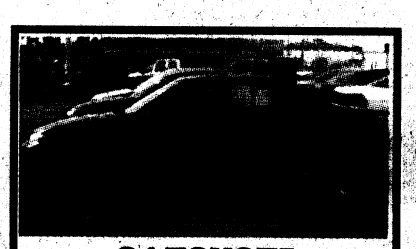

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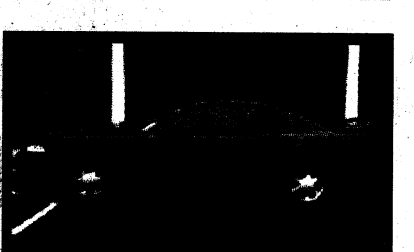

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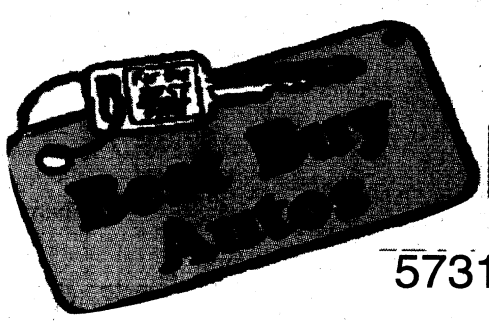

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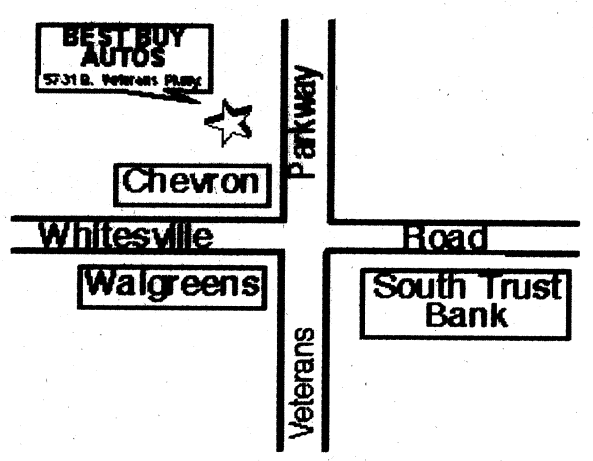

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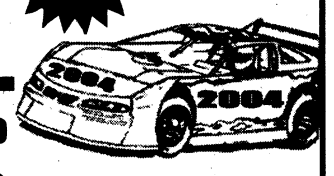

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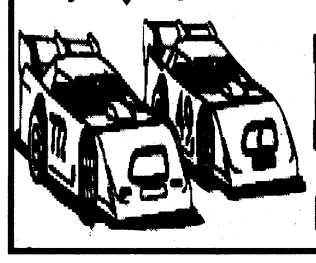

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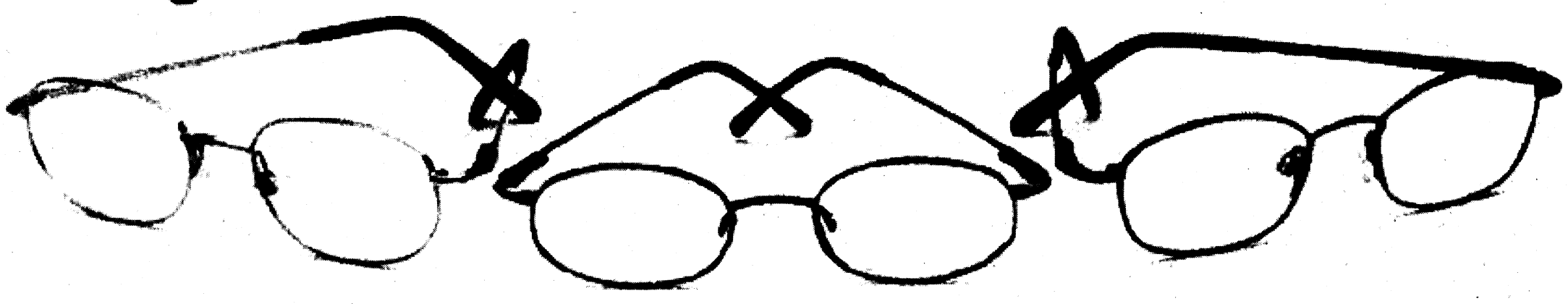

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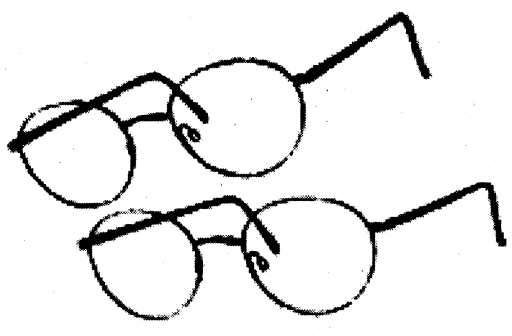

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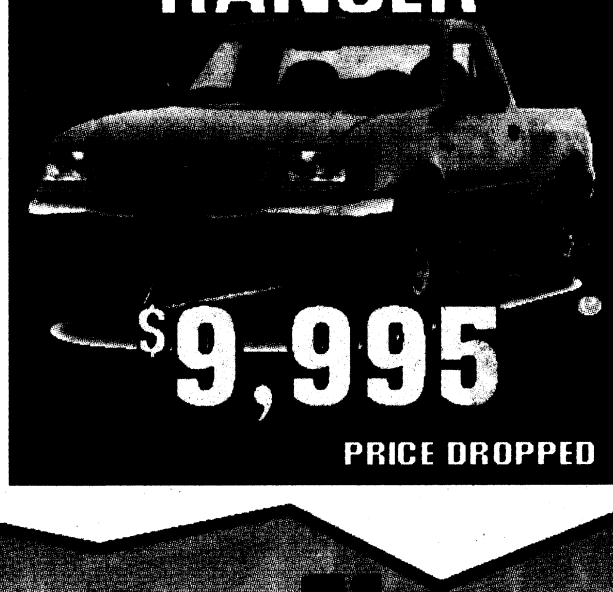

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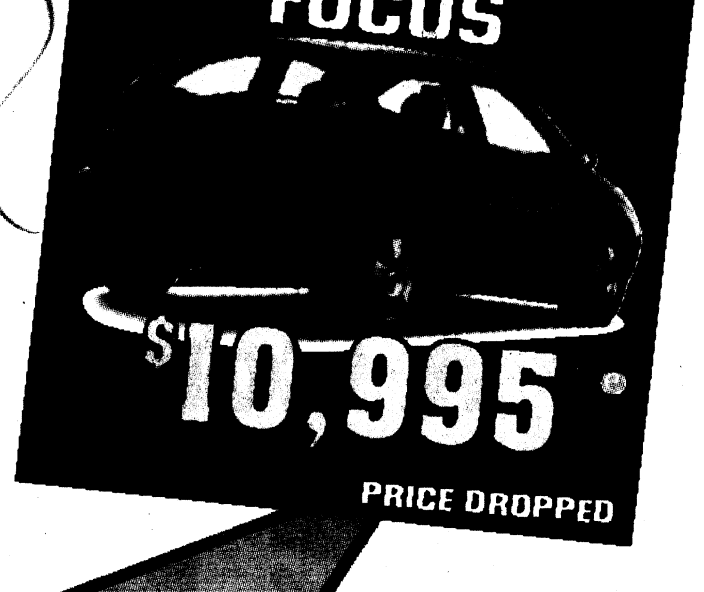

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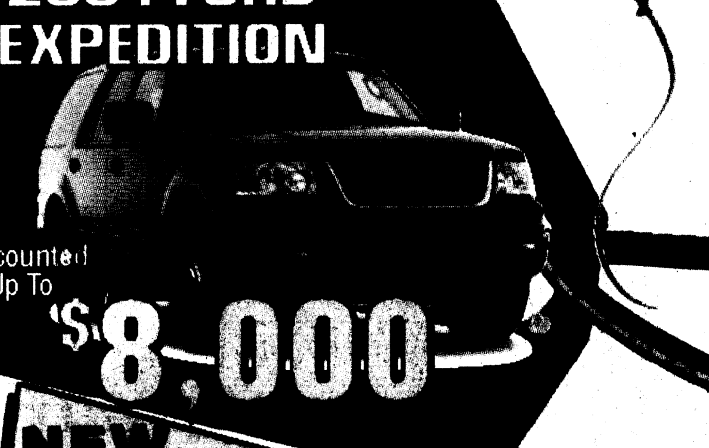

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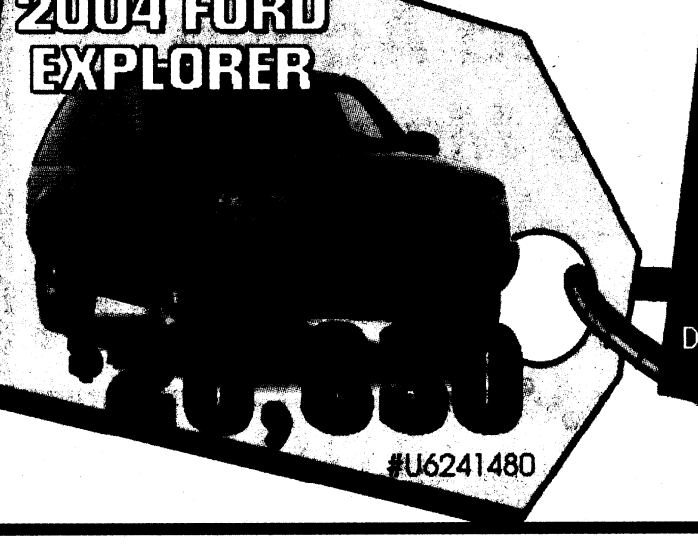

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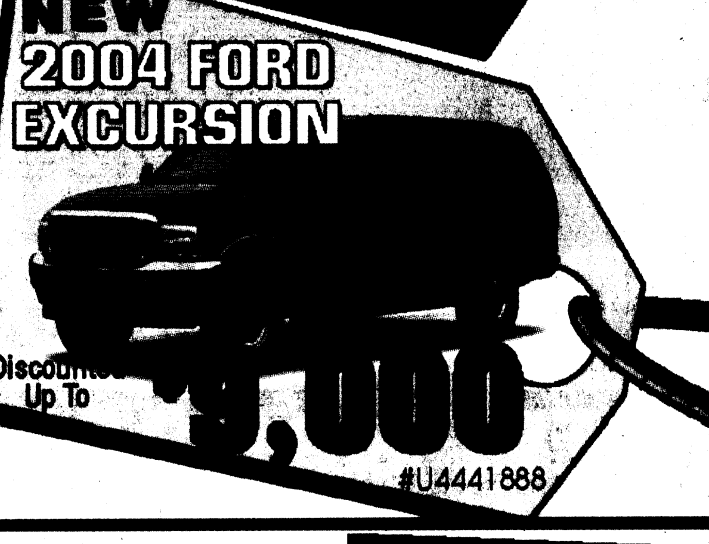

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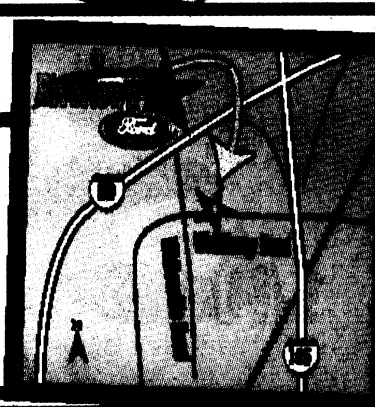

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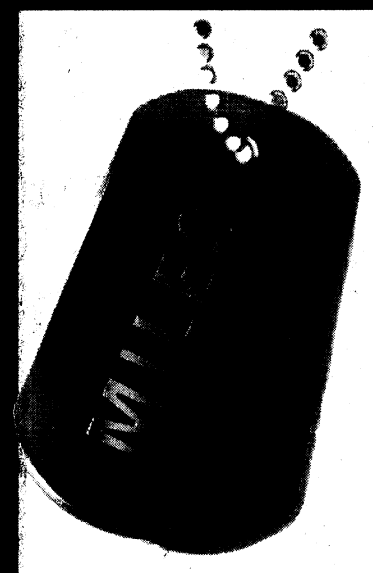

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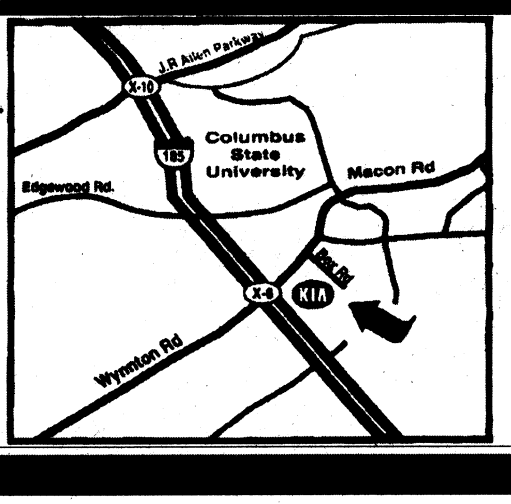

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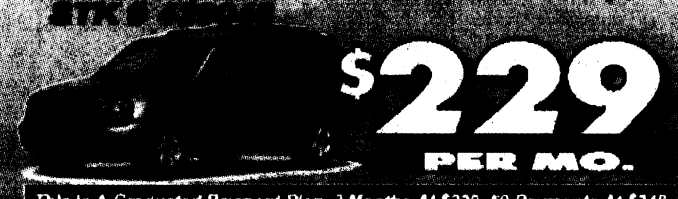

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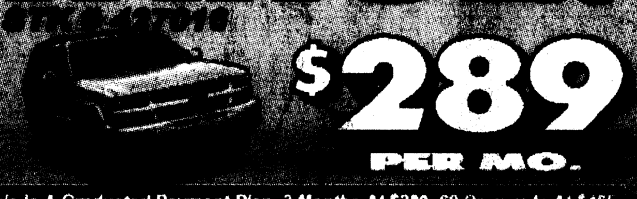

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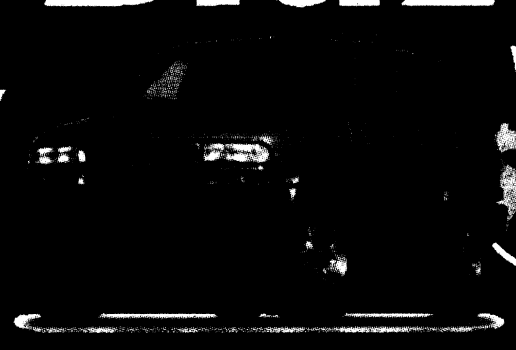

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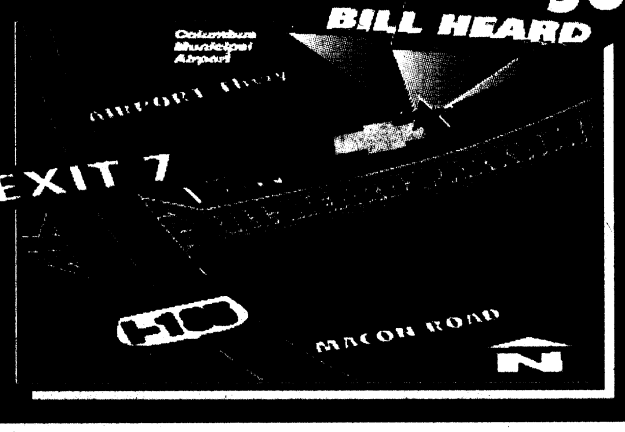

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Single troops move to housing

Change will increase occupancy rate

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning Housing Office began moving single Soldiers into post residential neighborhoods this week, a change that's bound to pay dividends when the Army's top brass decides just how many new homes will be constructed under the Residential Community Initiative.

More than 100 Soldiers, private through staff sergeant, from the 29th Infantry Regiment will began moving today into Indianhead Terrace from their barracks in Building 73, one of the Main Post quartels slated for renovation. The 11th Infantry Regiment, the 988th Military Police Company and various elements from other units will follow suit in the next few weeks, said Ken Hankins, chief of Housing Division, Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics.

"It just makes sense. If you go downtown, you'll find single Soldiers living next door to families," he said, adding that Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., adopted a similar policy recently with positive results so far.

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Ken Hankins
Housing chief

The relocation will serve two purposes, Hankins said. It will free

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Courtesy photo

The Fort Benning Command Exhibition Parachute Team, known as the Silver Wings, will jump on April 15, its first since it was disbanded nearly four years ago.

Silver Wings return to skies

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The skies above Fort Benning and Columbus will soon be spotted with silver and black parachutes bearing the Follow Me patch.

Disbanded July 18, 2000, because of budget constraints, the Fort Benning Command Exhibition Parachute Team is scheduled to be reborn — airborne, in fact.

The team, known as the Silver Wings, will hold its first demonstration at the Airborne Awards Festival April 15.

The post command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Kelso, said Fort Benning is reactivating the team because it is important to have the ability to reach the public.

"The purpose, in my book," Kelso said, "is to get the message of the Infantry Center out to the public to enhance the prestige of both Fort Benning and the infantry."

The team currently has seven members with hopes of having an average operating strength of 10 to 12 qualified parachutists once the

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Marne Soldiers prep to deploy

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It's been a busy month on Kelley Hill, and it doesn't look like things will be slowing down any time soon. In the few weeks since 3rd Brigade returned from its rotation at the National Training Center, the unit assumed the mission as the Division Ready Brigade, received a warning order for deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and began reorganizing into a brigade unit of action.

As the DRB, the six battalions of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team must be ready to deploy anywhere in the world within 72 hours, said Lt. Col. Daniel Kessler, the brigade's deputy commanding officer.

Right now, though, the unit has not been alerted to deploy. Despite some rumors circulating that some of the brigade's units have been alerted to deploy to Haiti, Kessler said the "brigade has no orders potentially sending anyone to Haiti."

In fact, 3rd Brigade assumed the role as America's "strategic deployment force" when the Marine unit originally designated as the DRB, deployed to Haiti, Kessler said.

What the unit does know is that it is next in line for deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom 3, which could last up to one year. The division expects this deployment to begin on or after Thanksgiving, Kessler said.

However, that timeline could be affected by a change in the

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Sgt. Kim Dooley

Sgt. Jose Acevedo, 498th Air Ambulance Detachment, hugs his daughter, Ashley, 3, before deploying to Iraq March 4.

498th heads to Iraq

Unit returns to Middle East to support OIF

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

About 150 Soldiers from the 498th Air Ambulance Detachment left for Iraq March 4, less than nine months after returning from a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in June.

This time, the deployment is projected to last up to a year.

The unit will work out of Tikrit — their mission, to provide medevac support for the sick and the wounded, prisoners of war, and "anything else asked of us," said 1st Sgt. Alfonzo Dixon, detachment first sergeant.

"We're there to do whatever we're called upon to do to serve our country," Dixon said.

For some Soldiers, that means more than performing their duties in a foreign and hostile environment.

Spc. Samuel Bowlin, a crew chief with the unit, said he isn't daunted by the mission at hand — after all, he's done it before. The hardest part of the deployment for him will be parting with his wife of less than three months, Yasmin.

The couple was married in December after Samuel returned

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WARRIOR ETHOS

Soldiers first, foremost

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

One of the funniest things I have ever witnessed happened years ago, when I was a private going through the Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, Texas, to become a Patriot Missile crew member.

It was December 1997 or January 1998 and tensions on post were wired like Claymore mines, ready to blow at any second. The Army was mobilizing troops for rapid deployment to Kuwait with the escalation of the situation in Iraq, and Air Defense was short — really short.

As I stood there listening while the names of Soldiers tasked to go to the Middle East were called off, I stared down my squad and was riveted by the stony faces of boys, most too young to drink, struggling hard to be men and seem brave.

Those 83 Bradley Linebacker crewmen had drawn the infamous card. You know, the one that reads, "Do not pass go, do not collect $200, don't even report to a unit. Upon graduation, catch a C-130 straight to combat."

It was pre-dawn and this formation was cold, dark and extremely unpleasant as the grim reality of a war on foreign shores settled in. A million thoughts raced through my mind as I imagined what they must have felt like.

Then an explosion tore through the air and rained fire on the drill pad.

One minute we were a company of green, young Soldiers, standing safe and sound on American soil under the sheltered care of drill sergeants, and in an instant all hell broke loose and we were transported into a war zone.

I have never seen 250 Soldiers, four drill sergeants and a commander hit the ground and start low crawling so fast in my entire time in the military. It looked like someone had hit the lights and a small army of roaches was scattering for cover.

A few minutes of ordered chaos ensued before a drill sergeant gave the all-clear, and there wasn't a person there not laughing when we realized the "mortar barrage" was an enormous transformer that had blown about 20 yards away on a power line behind us.

In my life, I have seen a lot of things that at the time seemed comical and inconsequential but later took on a new meaning for me. Maybe it's because I am older and somewhat wiser, or maybe it's just because this world we live in has moved on and everything has taken on a serious connotation.

I'm not the most "hooah, hooah" Soldier in this Army. Sure, I'd love to go be an airborne ranger and do something I feel warrants the check I get twice a month from Uncle Sam, but they don't let 5-foot-1-inch females do that sort of thing. So now I sit in front of a computer all day and write about all the cool things the "real" Soldiers get to do, and that's not such a bad thing. But when I read stories about my comrades in non-combat-MOSs drawing fire and dying in the sands of Iraq and Afghanistan, my mind wanders back to that day at Fort Bliss.

We didn't have weapons, cover or a battle plan, but we reacted.

Within 15 seconds, an entire company had dropped to the deck and low-crawled to form a perfect perimeter. A buddy team had disembarked to go secure communication with higher command. Squad leaders were relaying information to the drill sergeants. We were as ready as we possibly could have been for whatever may have come next.

Maybe if it had been a different day, things would have gone differently.

If a man hadn't used his truck as a battering ram to get through the front gate and led the MPs on a high-speed pursuit all the way to within a block of post headquarters the previous day, maybe we would have all turned around and looked at each other like idiots when the "mortar" went off. Or maybe if 83 of our battle buddies hadn't just been told they were being sent to war, we would have taken off running like chickens with our heads cut off.

But that day was the day. And that day, everything we had learned in basic training, all the sweat we spilled, all the mind-numbing hours of repetitious practice paid off.

Thinking of that moment serves as a powerful reminder to me that the battlefield has changed. We are at war around the world with enemies who don't play by the rules. The battles aren't necessarily ones we get on a C-130 with two duffel bags and an M-16 and fly halfway around the globe to.

The battle has come to us. Here on the streets of America. Our enemies don't care that most of us desk jobbers only pick up an M-16 once a year and haven't stepped foot on an obstacle course since basic training. They can strike at anytime, anyplace. Whether it's standing in formation outside a schoolhouse at Fort Bliss, sitting in a tent doing admin work over in Iraq or sitting in an office on the sixth floor of Infantry Hall writing commentaries about things beyond our pay grade.

No one thought in a million years there would ever be a direct attack on the Pentagon, the bureaucratic capital of the world — 125 desk jobs opened up in that "safe haven" on Sept. 11, 2001.

We are Soldiers first. Military occupational specialty is secondary. Remember that the next time you moan and groan because you actually have to throw on a Kevlar and go attempt to qualify at the range, or when you get to spend a Thursday afternoon (probably somewhere around October) doing all that fun CTT training. Would you be ready if the battle came to you?

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VARIOUS VOICES

What's your opinion of *The Passion of the Christ?*

There will be a discussion of the movie at 4 p.m. Sunday at the TIC annex.



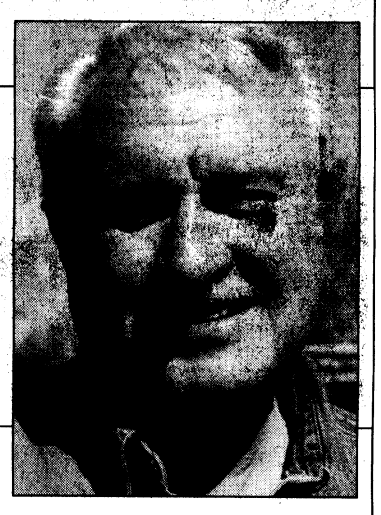
Staff Sgt. Leo Cayabyab, NCOA — "I thought it was good. I mean, I'm Catholic, so I pretty much know the story, but there were some parts that surprised me. It was very detailed."



Jeanna Larsen, family member — "It was tough. As the mother of a little boy, it made me think of it from Mary's point of view. I just felt it showed her loss and the great sacrifice she made."



Renee Doyle, family member — "I liked it. I'd see it again. It was a very powerful portrayal of what Christ went through on my behalf, and it made me realize what an incredible sacrifice it was."



Retired Master Sgt. Jack Studdard — "We haven't seen it yet, but we will. My wife is very religious, and it's important to her that people see just how terrible it was. From what people are saying, Mel Gibson succeeded in doing that."



2nd Lt. Steve Carmichael, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "It was a good movie, powerful and moving. They humanized him a lot. It was nice seeing it on the screen instead of reading it."



Jennifer Sparks, AAFES employee — "I'm a Christian, but it really made me think. It helped me understand more of what he went through so we could be here. I think everybody should see it, believers and nonbelievers."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

HOPE too important for Georgia youth

Georgia, the peach state with HOPE, is trying to leave Muscogee County's youth without hope.

Out of all the programs in the state of Georgia they could have cut, they felt that cutting our school programs was the most efficient. Yet they, Georgia's governor and general assembly, complain about how Georgia has the lowest graduation rate, the lowest SAT scores and how Georgia's youth can barely pass what they call a "simple" graduation test. "Hard times call for hard decisions" is what they said about the elimination of programs. However, I have a different opinion.

I am an 18-year-old Carver High School student. A proud senior, who passed the graduation test on the first try and who has taken the SAT, I am looking forward to what my coming years have to offer. But for some of my peers, their future is much more bleak. If you cut the schools' funding for afterschool activities, such as afterschool tutoring, SAT prep programs and preparatory programs for the Georgia High School Graduation Test, you won't be hurting anyone but yourselves.

Who will be upholding key positions in the years to come? Who will be the ones leading Georgia into the future? We will, and when I say "we," I mean the thousands of teenagers and children in schools today. Those kids who work their hardest to maintain that B average so they can go to school with a HOPE grant. That student who stays after school with their teachers and has to walk home. Or what about that one student who is trying their hardest to pass their high school graduation test but misses with a 499 out of a possible 500? You're not only cheating them out of a bright future, but you're cheating yourselves as well.

Now I plea to my fellow youth. You see what they are trying to take from you, and you can fight back. You can register to vote and let your voice be heard.

Don't waste away a privilege so many fought and died for. I am only one voice out of a large and determined choir. So please join in and let's be heard.

— Triesta Johnson
Columbus

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GO ON, GIRL!

Post's women's conference a success



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Felix Davila holds a pad up for Cheri Meyer to kick during Empowering Yourself through Self-Defense. Davila instructed the class for the women's conference Wednesday.

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Talk about tough choices. Self-defense, a beauty escape, scrapbooking, house decorating, hair care and aromatherapy ... the list goes on.

And with only enough time to take three classes, the about 200 women who attended the post's first-ever Women's Conference Wednesday faced a daunting decision: What am I willing to forego?

Thanks to the hard work of the event's 13-member committee during the past six or seven months, though, that was the most taxing part of their day.

The rest of the five-hour conference was spent learning new crafts, meeting new friends and just enjoying doing what *they* wanted to do.

The conference offered 11 classes to choose from, all of them hand-picked by the participants themselves, said Kim Akers, who headed up the event's committee.

Akers said the conference was actually the brainchild of P.J. Eaton, the former commanding general's wife, early last year.

"We had this $2,000 grant available, and Mrs. Eaton wanted to see a women's conference," Akers said.

But Eaton didn't want just any conference — no breast cancer lectures or tax-filing classes ... just a "day of fun," Akers said.

Akers volunteered to take on the project. As a new Army wife, she knew firsthand how hard the transition can be, and she knew other wives were feeling it, too, she said.

"I knew of wives who never left their homes, who didn't know where anything was or even who to talk to," Akers said. "They seemed very unhappy."

And Akers noticed that what activities Fort Benning's Army spouses were participating in were generally officers' wives.

"We needed to reach out and strengthen the community of wives," Akers said. "And I especially wanted to reach out to the enlisted wives."

So Akers hit the street, literally.

"I just went on a door-knocking campaign, mainly in enlisted housing," she said.

It was that campaign that garnered the support team — the committee who helped coordinate and organize the event — and the feedback she needed to get the ball rolling.

Akers and her committee handed out surveys, asking the wives what they wanted to see at the conference, winding up with more than 50 suggested classes.

Of course, not all of them were feasible, but the committee arranged for the most-recommended classes:

• Empowering Yourself through Self Defense taught its students how to protect themselves and their loved ones.

• A Beauty Escape brushed them up on the importance of skin art and "demystified" the art of make-up.

• Antiques 101 offered a step-by-step to shopping for antiques.

• Making Memories Last covered the basics of scrapbooking.

• Easy Entertaining with Food gave its students some insight into home entertaining and averting the need for catering simply and on a budget.

• People, Places and Things to Do gave the Chamber of Commerce a platform to share with Benning wives the variety of leisure and recreation activities in the local area.

• Let Your Creativity Bloom was a 101 in taking care of plants and using them as home decorations.

• It's a Cake Walk introduced the women to cake-decorating.

• Pottery Painting Made Simple gave the women a chance to create their own masterpieces and even have it fired at a local pottery shop.

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>
> **Kim Akers**
> committee head

• The Beauty of Military Housing gave its students ideas for making the best of drab military quarters.

• Harmonious Journey with Avant-garde, one of the most popular classes, relaxed its students with aromatherapy and then "got a little hairy" with fun, funky hairstyles.

Come Wednesday the event's participants seemed more than happy with the chance to attend the conference.

"I decided it would be good to come out and spend some time on myself," said Diane Fausti, who ended up narrowing it down to self-defense, scrapbooking and the beauty escape. "I think my creative self kind of got pushed to the side over the years, so I'm just trying to find out if it's still in there."

The conference offered Fausti the perfect opportunity to do just that, and a few other things to.

"This is a great way to meet people and make friends and just see what's offered," she said.

If you missed it this year, don't kick yourself too hard. Akers said the committee is committed to offering another conference next year.

"That's definitely our goal," she said.

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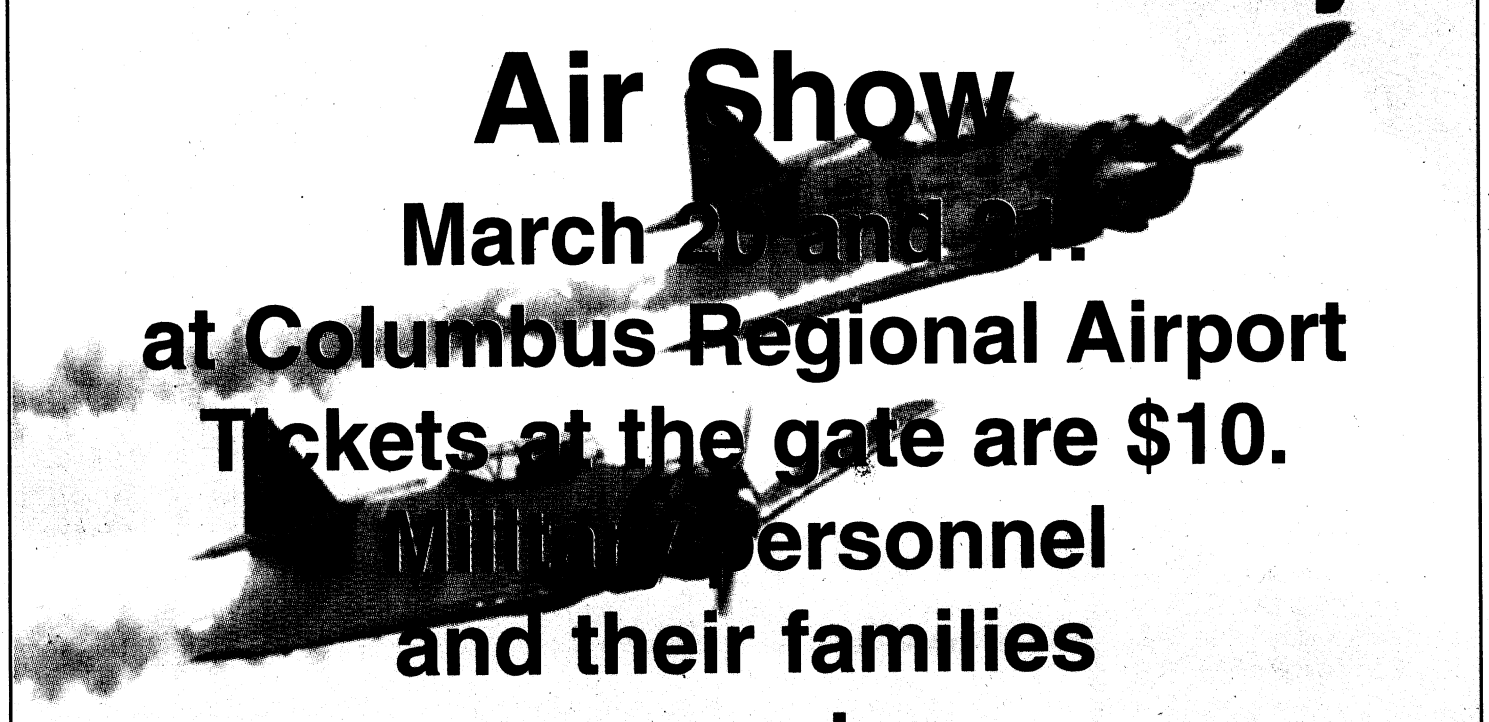

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Cheap degrees can cost Soldiers money

Diploma mills take Soldiers' money

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Emphasis has always been placed on having a good education. For many Soldiers, being able to get an education is one of the reasons why they are in the Army.

Soldiers count on the degrees they work hard for to get a head start on their career in the military or once they separate from the military.

There are, however, some Soldiers who can't make the grades. Some Soldiers who just don't have what it takes to earn their degrees. What do they sometimes do if they need a degree for a promotion or for a better job?

They buy one.

Education centers in the Army have been presented with degrees and transcripts showing Soldiers taking semester hours at colleges that are not accredited.

"Some Soldiers try and find an easy way to get their degrees without having to do the work," said Paul LaPointe, the education service officer at the Education Center.

"One Soldier came in with transcripts showing a bachelor's of science degree with a major concentration in Business administration from Trinity College and University," LaPointe said. "He paid $800 and admitted he did not take one class with.the college, although he reported 124 semester hours."

TCU is one of the recent "diploma mills," selling degrees to Soldiers with the claim that they have a national accreditation, LaPointe said.

All accredited institutions must be publicized on the American Council of Education, LaPointe said. Only transcripts from institutions published in the ACE are accepted by education centers in the Army.

Situations like these are why the Army Continued Education System was developed, he said.

Diploma mills keep a low profile and use the Internet to advertise. Those who want to find them search for them, and people who purchase degrees from them should be aware of the possible illegitimacy of the institution.

Diploma mills aren't necessarily illegal. Some of these institutions barely meet the legal requirements of their states, LaPointe said.

"As an education center, we recruit institutions from around post to come on post and offer their services to Soldiers. Soldiers are required to go to their education centers to receive information about schools and tuition assistance," LaPointe said.

Civilians who buy degrees could lose their jobs. Soldiers who try to present these degrees for promotions lose their opportunity to be promoted, not to mention the money they wasted.

To avoid these situations, Soldiers are now required to visit the Education Center before they apply to any institutions to design an education plan and obtain tuition assistance.

DA Dorm 2171 authorizes the Army Education Center to pay for tuition and fees.

The Education Center now has new guidelines for Soldiers looking to enroll into college and receive tuition assistance:

- Soldiers must see an Education Center counselor prior to enrolling with any institution.
- You must have a DA Form 2171 prior to enrolling if you wish to receive tuition assistance.
- Mandatory counseling from the Education Center before enrollment.
- No TA will be provided after the formal Add/Drop period.
- If you enroll at a school prior to receiving DA Form 2171, the education center is under no obligation to provide TA.
- Soldiers must notify the Education center of all withdrawals or changes in courses.

Failure to comply will result in loss of TA.

For more information on tuition assistance, call the Education Center at 545-2911.

Soldiers advised on campaigning restrictions

Soldiers may campaign as individuals only

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

As elections loom on the horizon, Soldiers may be interested in participating in their favorite candidate's campaign. However, there are limits to how much a Soldier can participate.

It's important for Soldiers to vote for the person who's going to run their country because that person is going to be representing them," said Lawanda Earley, human resources assistant.

Although every Soldier has the right to vote and express his opinion, there are restrictions to what Soldiers may or may not do when participating in political campaigns — anything they do must be as an individual and not as a representative of the Armed Forces, Earley said.

The Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, sets the rules and guidelines for members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty to adhere to.

Soldiers that violate what Directive 1344.10 states may be prosecuted with Article 92 under the Unit Code of Military Justice, said Capt. Josh Shuey, Chief of Criminal Law.

Members of the Armed Forces on active duty MAY:

- Register, vote and express his or her personal opinion on political candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the Armed Forces.
- Promote and encourage other military members to vote, as long as they don't constitute an attempt to influence or interfere with the outcome of an election.
- Join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform.
- Serve as an election official if such service is not as a representative of a partisan political party, does not interfere with military duties and is performed while not in uniform.
- Sign a petition for specific legislative action or a petition to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot, if the signing does not obligate the member to engage in partisan political activity and is done as a private citizen and not as a representative of the Armed Forces.
- Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing the member's personal views on public issues or political candidates, if such action is not part of an organized letter-writing campaign or concerted solicitation of votes for or against a political party or partisan cause or candidate.
- Make monetary contributions to a political organization, party, or committee favoring a particular candidate or slate of candidates.
- Display a political bumper sticker on the member's private vehicle.

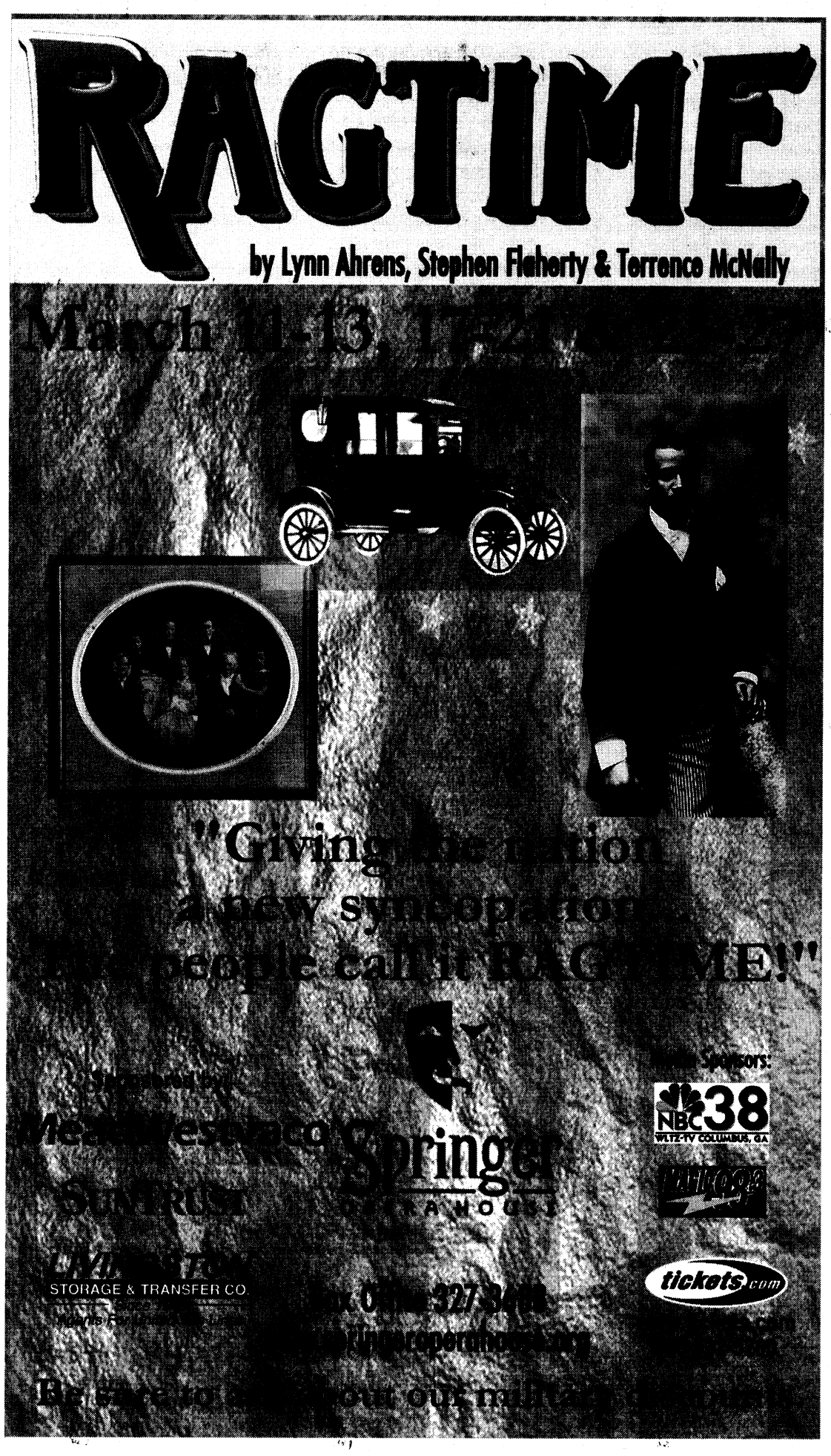
Members of the Armed Forces on active duty MAY NOT:

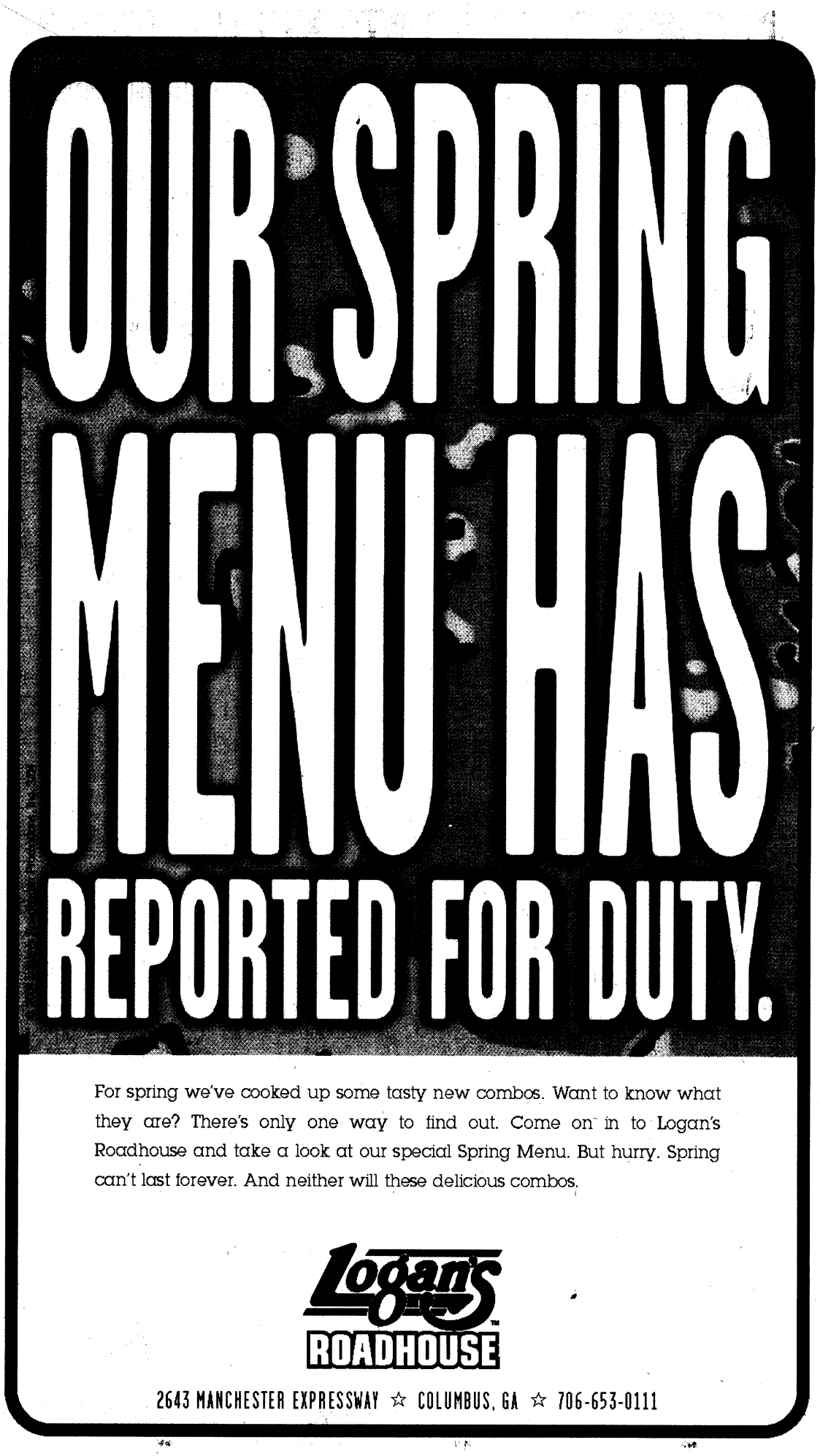
- Participate in any media or group discussions as a partisan advocate.
- Conduct a political opinion survey.
- March or ride in a partisan political parade.
- Display a large political sign, banner, or poster on a private vehicle (bumper stickers are allowed).
- Participate in any partisan effort to provide voters with transportation to the polls.
- Attend partisan political events as an official representative of the Armed Forces or while in uniform.
- Use official authority or influence to interfere with an election, affect the course or outcome of an election, solicit votes for a particular candidate or issue, require or solicit political contributions from others.
- Be a candidate for civil office in Federal, State or local government, or engage in public or organized soliciting of others to become partisan candidates for nomination or election to civil office.
- Participate in partisan political management or campaigns, or make public speeches.
- Solicit or receive campaign contributions form another member of the Armed Forces, a civilian officer or employee of the U.S. for promoting a political objective or cause.
- Speak before a partisan political gathering of any kind for promoting a partisan political party or candidate.
- Perform clerical or other duties for a partisan political committee during a campaign or on an election day.
- Solicit or otherwise engage in fund raising activities in Federal offices or facilities, including military reservations, for a partisan political cause or candidate.
- Sell tickets for, or otherwise actively promote, political dinners and similar fund raising events.
- Allow or cause to be published partisan political articles signed or written by the member that solicit votes for or against a partisan political party or candidate.
- Serve in any official capacity or sponsor a partisan political club.

This list is only meant as a guide.

If there are specific questions consult DoD Directive 1344.10.

For more information, call Fort Benning's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 545-6261.





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GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

Rumsfeld says full funding needed

Significant budget requested for war on terrorism

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld warned that progress toward democracy in Iraq should not be interpreted as a sign that the terrorist threat is under control and that the military can now endure budget cuts March 9.

Rumsfeld told reporters at a Pentagon briefing that despite this week's signing of an interim constitution in Iraq, the terrorist threat in that country and elsewhere continues, and America must ensure its military is capable of responding to that threat.

"The violence in Iraq last week is another reminder that even as the Iraqis take hold of their country, the war on terrorism continues," Rumsfeld said. "Dangerous adversaries remain in Iraq and elsewhere in the world, whose objective is to kill innocent men, women and children."

Rumsfeld said this ongoing threat reinforces the need for the U. S. to maintain the highest level of defense capabilities. "We are and remain at war, so it is important that we as a country continue to invest in the defense capabilities that are needed to prevail in that effort," he said.

The Defense secretary acknowledged that these investments — $421 billion President George W. Bush has requested for the Defense Department in fiscal 2005 — "are significant" but said "they pale compared to the cost in lives and treasure of another attack like the one on Sept. 11." Rumsfeld lauded the Iraqi Governing Council's March 8 signing of an interim constitution that will guide the nation until a permanent constitution is established.

"The leaders of Iraq's governing council have not only enacted a landmark law," he said, "they have shown the world that Iraqis are on the path and have a willingness to do the difficult work of democracies."

Rumsfeld warned that this progress should not be interpreted as a time to water down America's defense.

"This is the time to press forward with transformation of our nation's defenses," he said. "The men and women in uniform who are risking their lives in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the war on terror need our support, and they need the tools to prevail in this war and to prevail and prepare for the next."

The Iraqi War: One Year Later

The History Channel will air its series on the Iraqi War this week.

Invasion – Sunday at 9 p.m.

Tough Going – Sunday at 10 p.m.

At Baghdad's Doorstep – Monday at 9 p.m.

Fall of Saddam – Monday at 10 p.m.

Aftermath – Tuesday at 9 p.m.

AROUND POST

Troops to Teachers schedule

The program manager for Georgia Troops to Teachers program, Bill Kirkland, will meet with all Soldiers interested in the teaching field 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday in Infantry Hall's Room 32A.

For more information, call (800) 745-0709 or (404) 232-2608.

ANCOC graduation

Advanced NCO Course Class 1-04 graduates at 10 a.m. March 18 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall.

The public is invited to attend.

Women's History Month Luncheon

The Women's History Month Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. March 30 at the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

The guest speaker will be Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones, the Army Reserve command sergeant major. Tickets are $7.50 and are available from the installation Equal Opportunity Office.

Last day for ticket sales is March 26. For more information call your unit EO advisor or call 545-3198.

Quality awards nominations

Fort Benning's Quality Awards Program was established to recognize military and civilian personnel and volunteers for their exceptional contributions to mission accomplishment and process or product improvement. Quality awards consist of Individual Quality Champion Awards, Team of Excellence Awards (Single and Cross-Functional), Commander's Award for Customer Service Excellence and the Commander's Award for Best Self-Help, U-Do-It Project, Installation Volunteers of the Months, Volunteer of the Quarter and Exceptional Civilian with 40 or more years of service.

The awards will be presented at the quarterly CG's Recognition of Excellence Breakfast.

The second quarter Excellence Breakfast and Awards Ceremony is scheduled for April 23 at the Officers' Club Supper Club.

Forward nominations no later than March 19 to the PAI Office via e-mail to Janie.Pearson@benning.army.mil or fax to 545-1942.

EO 2004 Luau

The Equal Opportunity Office is searching for ethnic performers to perform Asian or Pacific Islander songs or dances or willing to display cultural items during the 2004 Luau at Uchee Creek.

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Nett mentors Soldiers who mentor mobilized troops

305th trains Guard, Reserve

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Bayonet staff

Three is the magic number. After 33 years in the Army and three wars, Col. Bob Nett's perspective changed.

The former OCS commander thought "infantry was it" when he pinned on his gold bar in 1942. Time and travel changed his mind.

"It's all about teamwork. No one, not even the infantry, can go it alone," said Nett, who has remained active on Fort Benning since his retirement in 1973. "Artillery gives support 24 hours a day. The Air Force comes in and puts scrap iron on 'em. The medics stop you from bleeding so you can go out and fight again. You see how it's all about teamwork?"

Thus Nett explained his continued interest in the doings of the 305th Infantry Regiment, the unit he was assigned to in 1944, when as the E Company commander, he fought in Guam and Okinawa and received the Medal of Honor. The 305th is now a training unit, with headquarters in Camp Shelby, Miss., and nearly 40 Soldiers from its 1st Battalion are tasked to train mobilized reservists and guardsmen at Fort Benning.

The mission may have changed, but the end goal remains the same, Nett said.

> "To see what the Soldiers before us sacrificed ... it drives home the point he wanted to make. It's all about the training."
>
> **Sgt. 1st Class William Simmons**
> 305th Infantry Regiment personnel NCO

"You can only react in combat the way you've been trained," he said.

"Training is the most important part. Train and train and train — it's the key to winning any war."

Nett, for whom Fort Benning's Nett Hall is named, is the honorary colonel of the 305th. He's travelled once or twice to Camp Shelby to speak to Soldiers. This time, Feb. 16, they came to him.

Nett hosted a class for 305th cadre, giving them a run-down of the unit's history and expounding on the importance of good and thorough training.

"I think he said it 300 times," said Sgt. 1st Class William Simons, the battalion's personnel NCO. "He made it clear, with 40 percent of the Soldiers in Iraq guardsman and reservists, what we're doing here is really important."

And "what they're doing here," said Lt. Col. William Wolfarth, 1st Bn. commander, is providing mobilization assistance by "coaching, teaching and mentoring," particularly in the areas of urban and convoy training.

Reservists and National Guardsmen who are activated, with Fort Benning as their mobilization point, are typically here less than a month. They're trained in the areas of weapons, common tasks and training, land navigation, check-point operations, urban and convoy operations.

The 305th "specializes" in the last two, Wolfarth said. He invited Nett to observe a convoy situational training exercise.

"It was excellent training, superb," Nett said. "I liked what I saw, but it must be repeated. Our training must be proficient to the point that nothing's left undone."

And the Soldiers of the 305th liked what they saw — and heard — Feb. 16 at Nett Hall, when their honorary commander lauded the merits of training and showed historical film footage of the unit's evolution, including interviews with World War II Soldiers.

"It put all (our training) into perspective," Simons said. "To see what the Soldiers before us sacrificed ... it drives home the point he wanted to make. It's all about the training."

Post emphasizes training to prevent terrorism

Attendees gather terror information

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

More than 40 Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians from the Southeast United States completed the Unit Antiterrorism Advisor Course March 5 at Infantry Hall.

The course trained students on the roles and responsibilities of a unit antiterrorism advisor.

"The training is very important for Fort Benning," said Col. Rick Rierra, garrison commander. "We're fighting the global war on terrorism. However, it all starts here on Fort Benning."

Training includes identifying antiterrorism program requirements, defining terrorism, determining the threat, antiterrorism planning and resourcing, deployment considerations and anti-terrorism awareness training.

"During the course, being aware of your surroundings was stressed," said Staff Sgt. Howard Benjamin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Infantry Regiment. "We are to use what we learned in the class and take it back to our units to teach them the same thing, so they can be just as prepared as we are."

Bob Robertson, installation antiterrorism officer, said the overall goal is to start training Soldiers on antiterrorism when they are in basic training and advanced individual training.

"This is something that needs to be looked at earlier on in a Soldier's career," Robertson said. "If we start teaching it to them from the beginning, then they will be better prepared wherever they go to after they finish their training."

Rierra said the intent is to prevent another Sept. 11 from happening.

"This training provides the additional eyes and ears that are needed to keep the awareness up," Rierra said. "Knowledge is the most important thing. The more someone knows about antiterrorism, the better prepared they will be to handle threatening situations."

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> Garrison commander

Three more courses will be offered in the future. Dates for the classes are April 4 to 9 at Fort Sill, Okla.; April 18 to 23 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; and July 18 to 23 at Fort Jackson, S.C.

"We want to make it clear to the unit commanders that the installation will pay for TDY costs," Robertson said. "The unit will not have to pay for anything."

Prerequisites for the course are:

- a secret clearance,
- military personnel must be staff sergeants or higher,
- civilian personnel must be in the grade of GS-05 and above or contract personnel assigned to duties at ATO.

"The idea is that this is a total team effort, and everyone needs to participate," Robertson said.

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'Just doing her job' nets award for post chief

Using CDs saves Army millions in publishing costs

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

She'll tell you she was just doing her job.

But when "just doing her job" meant Lee Capraro was saving the Army millions of dollars, someone was going to take notice.

And the Army did notice. Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee will present Capraro with a special plaque today recognizing her as the person who has done the best job improving an administrative-command publishing program.

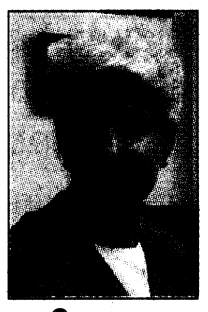
Capraro, chief of the Training Management Internal Support Division in the Directorate of Operations and Training, is also no stranger to the award, having received it in 1993 and been a runner-up in 2002. The 36-year Department of the Army civilian had worked in her position on post for the past 15 years.

Capraro said it was amazing to be selected for the award.

"It's wonderful," Capraro said, "but it's not a big deal. I just thought of it first. Someone would have thought of it eventually."

What Capraro thought of was issuing the majority of manuals for resident courses taught at Fort Benning on compact discs instead of in printed form. Capraro said they still have to hand out some books, like those containing practical exercise material. The database for 28 courses worth of manuals takes up three gigabytes.

This year is the third year of compact disc issue, which Capraro said has saved the Army more than


Capraro

$10 million in printing costs.

Capraro credits her award to the good group of people with good ideas who work for her. The TMISD umbrella encompasses Classroom XXI, the Training Support Center, all post Web pages, multi-media courseware, and classroom support and renovation.

"I've finally narrowed it down," Capraro said. "(TMISD) is six buildings and it takes three hours to take a tour of all of them."

The 64 TMISD employees are a hard-working group and "slackers are short-lived," she said

"I'm getting this award because of them," she said. "And I'm also getting it because my boss, Bob Jordan (the DOT deputy director), told me to run with it. He allows his people to have initiative and encourages them to run with it."

Jordan said the DOT is proud of Capraro's accomplishment and is glad to see Fort Benning represented at the DA level.

"She's reflective of the great team she leads, with the vision and foresight to make changes to training that are effective and efficient," Jordan said.

Capraro could have retired two years ago, but said she stays on the job by choice, saying she's never loved work anywhere as much as here at Fort Benning. She used to work editing in a medical center where doctors would tell her, in no uncertain terms, they didn't need her to edit anything they wrote. But she said early on in her career here, a captain came to her after she edited something and told her he was glad she was here.

Capraro said it made her day. She and her husband decided to stay in Columbus after he retired from the Army as the last chief of dentistry at the old Harmony Church clinic.

As an undergrad, Capraro studied art at the University of Maryland, then studied English literature at Columbus State University, finally getting a master's of business administration in instructional technology by studying online at the University of Phoenix.

"I went to college during the bra-burning days," she said. "I did OK in college, but I wasn't a great student. I went back to school at 44 and did much better."

The hard-charging Washington, D.C., native said she's not someone who is afraid to "rock the boat" with her ideas either. And when Capraro rocks the boat, Fort Benning and the Army benefit.

"If Edison hadn't rocked the boat, if Ford hadn't rocked the boat, where would we be?" she said

Benning whirlwind for Red Cross manager

Appreciation of military keeps worker on move

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It's been a busy few months for Lorrie Pierre. Getting settled in at a new place and learning the ropes of a new job is no easy task.

But it's nothing new for Pierre, who's been on the road as an American Red Cross reservist for about six years. She never really knows where she'll end up or how long she'll be there.

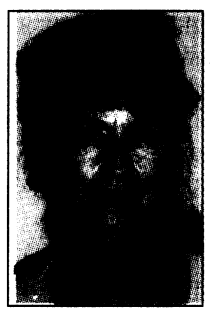
For now, though, Pierre is making a home at Fort Benning, where she's taken over as the post's new Red Cross station manager "indefinitely."

With only two months "on the ground," Pierre has been in a non-stop whirlwind of activity since she arrived — running the station means supporting the community's volunteers, conducting orientations, relaying emergency messages and acting as a medium of communication between Soldiers and their families.

On top of all that, there are the numerous classes and events, like blood drives and open houses, to see to.

But it's a worthwhile mission, Pierre said, to "provide services to the military men and women who put their lives on the line."

The daughter of an airman and widow of a Marine, Pierre's



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> **Lorrie Pierre**

appreciation of the military is in her blood and keeps her motivated to face the challenges of hopping from place to place on a moment's notice.

"It's always a challenge, because even though the Red Cross is all one Red Cross, every station is different," she said. "Different branches, different commands, different programs — you have to get in and learn it all over again (everywhere you go)."

And just as you're getting into the swing of things, it's time to go again.

"It's hard to get into something and not see it finished," said Pierre, who has been called to destinations all over the United States. "It doesn't stop you from doing it, but just as you get settled into a new job, a new area, you're off to the far ends of the Earth."

Which is fine by Pierre, who loves to travel and enjoys being around the military. Besides, she always has a little help along the way.

"The volunteers are so wonderful — they help every way they can," she said. "They know the office and the community ... It's nice to come in and have someone to guide me and show me the ropes."

With the support of her fellow Red Cross staffers, volunteers and the post's command, Pierre has a few goals in mind while she's at Fort Benning, including recruiting more volunteers to help wherever they're needed across post, getting some new programs going and supporting the command however she can.

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Enlisted Soldiers to find out future assignments via e-mail

AKO accounts key for career communications

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Human Resources Command will use the Internet as a means to maintain up-to-date information on enlisted Soldiers to help them choose assignments and manage their careers.

In early March, HRC will begin notifying Soldiers of their next duty assignment within 90 days of their departure by e-mailing the information to their Army Knowledge Online e-mail addresses.

Other Web-based initiatives include:

• Sending e-mails that acknowledge receipt when Soldiers update their assignment preferences on Assignment Satisfaction Key, known as ASK, the Web assignment preference page.

• E-mail reminders will also be sent out to get Soldiers to update their contact information (home address and telephone number) 90 days after arriving at their new duty station. Then, Soldiers will be reminded to update their assignment preferences on ASK after being stationed stateside for 24 months, and 18 months for those overseas.

Out of 407,000 enlisted Soldiers, who have already graduated from initial entry training, 292,660 Soldiers have visited the ASK Web site so far, said HRC officials. Soldiers can be anywhere in the world and update their preferences through the Internet.

"The Army is going through a cultural change. We are giving privates career information before their chain of command finds out," said Brig. Gen. Howard Bromberg, the director of Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate, HRC. "We will continue to change our policies as necessary to support the global war on terror and a joint and expeditionary Army."

Commanders will still find out about Soldier assignments through traditional means, but the HRC-GRAM, formerly known as the PERSGRAM, that is sent to Soldiers through the mail will be phased out. Soldiers will be able to find out about assignments through e-mail notification or by calling an interactive voice response system at 1-800-FYI-EPMD.

ASK was first introduced to Soldiers two years ago. However, this will be the first time Soldiers will have access to view key personnel information that is used by assignment managers when considering a Soldier for assignment, officials said.

"It is important that Soldiers look at their personnel information to ensure it is correct. If it needs to be updated, they need to contact their local personnel office," Bromberg said.

The more accurate information career managers have on a Soldier, the higher the success rate will be in finding an assignment that's right for the Soldier and the Army, Bromberg said. But just because the Army is listening to its young Soldiers, that doesn't mean that they're going to always get what they ask for, Bromberg said. In assigning Soldiers, the focus is combat readiness.

Where Soldiers are assigned is only a piece of the Army's stabilization puzzle. The other parts include the Army's new Manning System, Force Stabilization, which consists of unit-focused stabilization and home-basing.

Home-basing will require initial-term officers and enlisted Soldiers to stay at their first duty station for an extended tour of up to six or seven years.

"These initiatives are about unit over self," Bromberg said. "We're still taking care of Soldiers and getting them the training and care they need. But we're focused on getting units stabilized so they can do the mission at hand."

An example of the needs of the Army coming before assignment preference is: a Soldier serving in Korea who was told that he could go to Fort Hood, Texas, when his tour is over, as part of the program HAAP (home base/advance assignment program). But if during the Soldier's tour, overriding

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Army mission requirements determine that the Soldier is needed elsewhere, then their HAAP can be renegotiated. Enlisted personnel assignment managers work with the Soldier, but may, based on the requirements of the Army, assign the Soldier to a new location.

"We're not getting rid of the program, but people think that if we give them an advance assignment, they are guaranteed that assignment," Bromberg said. "What we're saying is that we will try to meet requirements, but we may change, based on the needs of the Army."

Every single Soldier is needed somewhere in the Army, whether it's as an instructor, drill sergeant, recruiter or in a rifle platoon in a deploying unit, Bromberg said. Every skill is important.

In the future, HRC also plans to expand its Web initiatives and get away from using Department of the Army form 4187, Personnel Action Request.

"We still get 4187s up here, signed by the company commander, and after it goes through everybody in the chain of command, it gets here with seven pieces of paper attached to it. We want to eliminate all of that," Bromberg said.

The vision is to have a Soldier volunteer for an assignment electronically. If requests can go up and back down all electronically, the process can be cut from 90 days to 14 days, Bromberg said. The technology is there — and it can be done.

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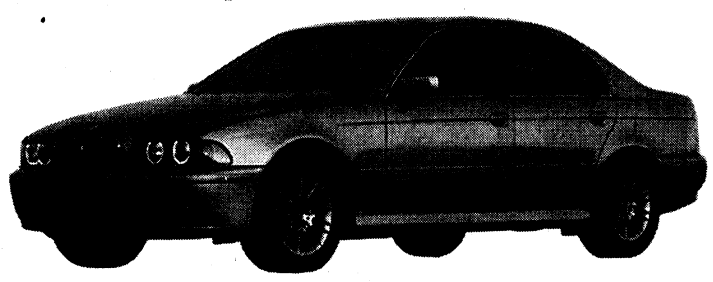

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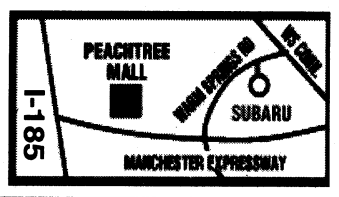

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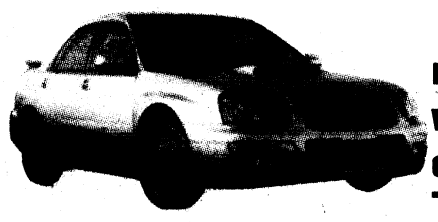

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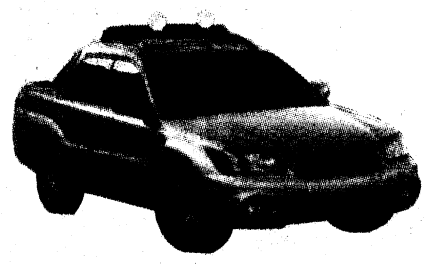

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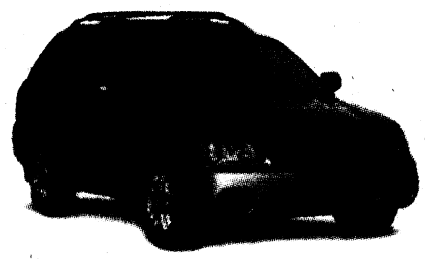

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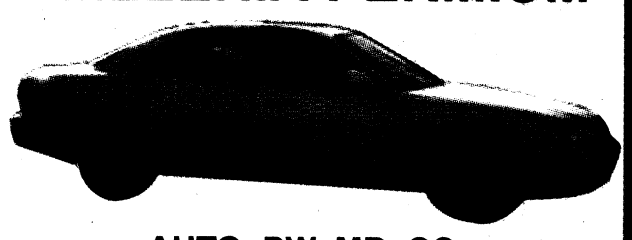

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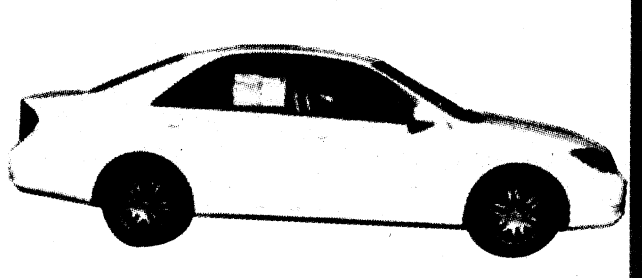

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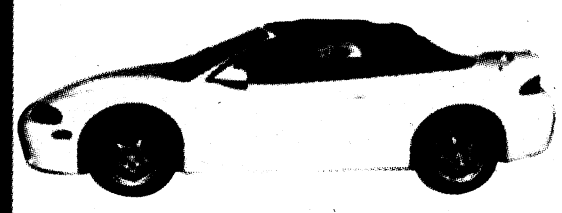

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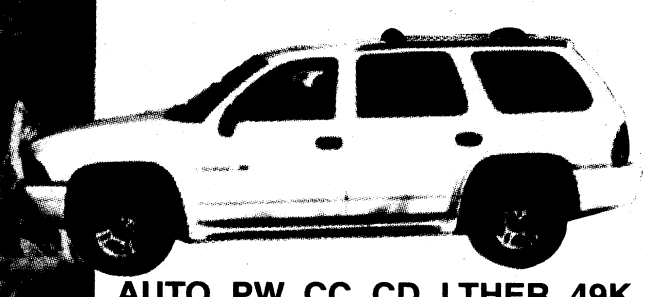

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Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment (Officer Candidate School) invade McKenna MOUT Site with some of the Army's newest equipment.

OCS candidates take on McKenna with Strykers

Training readies troops for battle

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Some of the Army's newest Soldiers had the chance to train with some of the Army's newest equipment Feb. 25 at McKenna MOUT site.

Officer candidates from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, had the rare opportunity to use two Strykers and the newest MILES 2,000 combat simulation equipment to conduct an assault on the village while Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker observed the mission via satellite link from Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

The training exercise was a demonstration of the capabilities of the MILES 2,000 instrumentation vests — a GPS-based tactical engagement system whieh enables commanders to see in real time what is taking place on the battlefield from anywhere in the world.

Fort Benning normally uses the GPS vests to identify the locations of Soldiers while they negotiate land navigation courses, but this sort of training really demonstrates the capabilities of the system, said Roger Webber, project director.

Capt. Sterling Sawyer, B Co. commander, said he was impressed with the system because "you can track every single person on the battlefield through the exercise control center."

"It lets you see how the battle unfolds, down to the point of who shot who," he said. "For example, we know the machine gunner (on the opposing force) took out a lot of people. With the regular MILES gear, we wouldn't have been able to do that."

The candidates, most of whom were fresh out of basic combat training, said the experience was some of the best training they've had, and getting to use the new equipment was just the icing on the cake.

Sawyer said the Soldiers had a rough time at first, but they performed well considering that 90 percent of them have been in the Army for less than 90 days.

Even though the exercise required the candidates to perform infantry tasks, the main goal was to test their leadership abilities, said Staff Sgt. Edward Clinton, OCS instructor.

"We use infantry skills because it is an easy way to assess their leadership abilities," he said.

"This is really getting us ready for operations in Iraq," said Officer Candidate Cristopher Dede. "We had good intel, but plans got changed and entryways were blocked, so we had to adapt."

Sawyer said forcing the Soldiers to adapt and overcome is a major part of the training.

"When you throw the worst at them and let them solve the problems themselves, it makes them good leaders," he said. "When they get into combat, they will be able to handle it because they've already faced a lot of stress and challenges."



A Soldier moves into position during a simulated attack on Fort Benning Feb. 26 while Army Chief of Staff Peter Schoomaker observes from Fort Wainwright, Alaska, Via MILES 2000 technology.

Clinton said it was a good experience for the Soldiers even though they made a few mistakes, because it taught them a lot of valuable lessons.

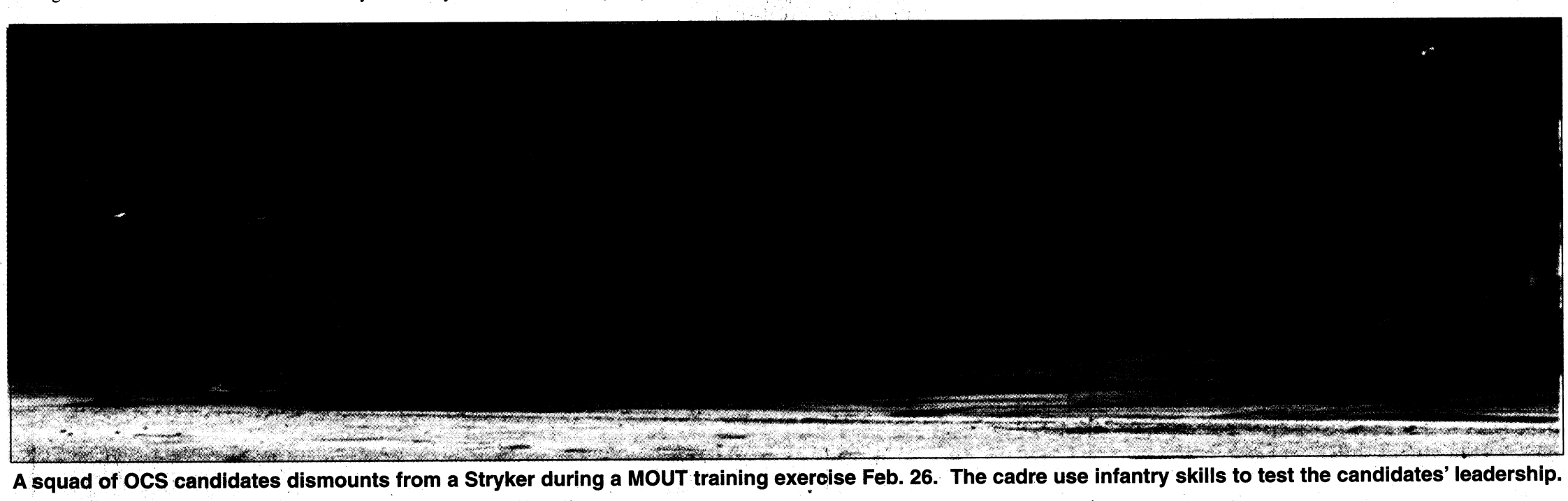
"The number-one point is that everybody needs to know everybody else's job," he said as he addressed the troops after the exercise. "Another point you need to take from this is combat patience. A lot of times in combat, you can get caught up in it and that can effect the decision-making process.

"The more rehearsals you do, the better prepared you'll be for battle," Clinton said. "Because Murphy's Law will always be in effect."

"The more sweat you lose in training is directly proportionate to the lack of blood you lose on the battlefield," he said.

Officer Candidate Christopher Thomas agreed whole-heartedly with Clinton.

"It's better to die 1,000 times out here than to die once on the battlefield," he said.



A squad of OCS candidates dismounts from a Stryker during a MOUT training exercise Feb. 26. The cadre use infantry skills to test the candidates' leadership.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING

Pregnant Soldiers should anticipate issues

MOM program here to help mothers

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Maj. Julie Hudson has no intention of giving up her career. She's come too far, given too much to the Army to just walk away.

So when she discovered she was going to have a baby, she didn't face the dilemma that many pregnant Soldiers do.

"I have a lot invested in the military — what I consider a career," said Hudson, the chief of Nutrition Care at Martin Army Community Hospital. "And I would hate to give away all the benefits."

The same story applies for many women in the Army. Single or married, they just aren't ready to hang up their boots and turn in their dog tags.

Instead, they face an array of new issues. And it can all get a bit confusing, especially for young or single mothers, according to the Army Community Health Nursing Female Readiness Guide.

Every pregnant Soldier should receive counseling from her commander as soon as she discovers the pregnancy, the guide states — counseling that, "if done well, can avert misunderstandings, indecision and later problems."

The counseling should explain the Soldier's choice to separate or remain in the Army and address issues that will arise if she opts to stay in — issues like housing, assignment eligibility, family care plans, medical profiles and physical fitness.

Married Soldiers may not be affected by the housing situation, but single Soldiers are authorized housing allowance or quarters, depending on availability, once they reach the seventh month of pregnancy.

Meanwhile, where the Soldier is able to go is impacted.

"Pregnant Soldiers are generally ineligible for overseas assignments during their pregnancies," reads the guide.

Although this means they can't deploy, "Soldiers will be considered available for worldwide deployment when their newborn is 4 months old."

Toward that end, Soldiers must have a plan in place in case they are called upon to deploy after they give birth.

"Single or dual-military (mothers) must have an approved family care plan on file stating actions to be taken in the event of assignment to an area where dependents are not authorized or upon absence from the home while performing military duty," the guide states.

It's a lot to think about and keep track of, but pregnant Soldiers on Fort Benning can rest easy about staying healthy and fit during their pregnancies.

The post's pregnancy and post-partum PT program is in place not only to guide expectant and new mothers through a safe workout, but also to keep them educated.

Military on the Move, or the "MOM" PT program, is recommended for pregnant Soldiers and mandatory for post-partum Soldiers, said Capt. Mark Killebrew of Preventive Medicine, the program's manager.

When a Soldier discovers she is pregnant, she can no longer perform the same type of physical training as her fellow Soldiers. The MOM program is intended to provide her with guidance for a safe and healthy pregnancy, Killebrew said.

In addition to the PT portion of the program, pregnant Soldiers enrolled in MOM also get a weekly class on a topic related to their pregnancy, he said — issues like physical changes, nutrition and child safety.

"The product we offer is a quality product," Killebrew said of the program. "We offer variety, but also a consistency in our program — the (Soldiers) know what to expect."

Killebrew said the program is a healthy blend of calisthenics, aerobic exercise and muscle-enhancing exercises — all led by "very enthusiastic, high-speed instructors."

Although the program is not presently mandatory for pregnant Soldiers, it is highly recommended, and may become mandatory by the end of this year, Killebrew said.

"I firmly believe this program is better than what the units are doing, because it caters to pregnant women," he said.

The program also addresses the PT needs of post-partum mothers fresh off of convalescent leave.

It is mandatory for these women for anywhere from six weeks to six months, depending on their health and progress.

But by "day 181" after they give birth, Soldiers must be able to pass the APFT.

But that's generally not a problem, Killebrew said.

"If they do the program as we're laying it out for them, they should do well," he said.

Interested Soldiers can enroll in the program by bringing their pregnancy profile, the "blessing" of their health care providers and a copy of their most recent Army physical fitness test results to Community Health Services 10 a.m. Wednesdays to enroll.

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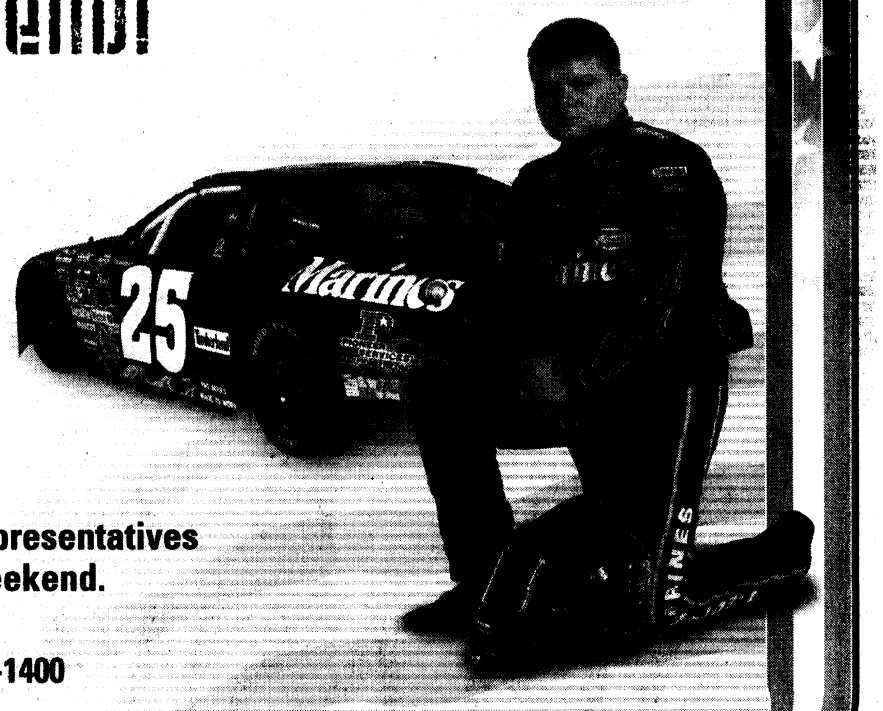

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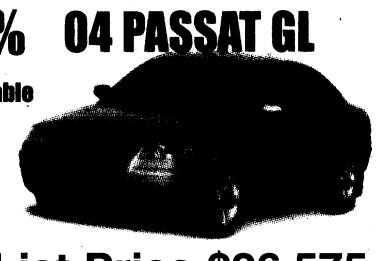
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Strategic communications leverage Army story

Spc. Lorie Jewell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON

A Soldier tucks a plastic card displaying the Soldier's Creed and the Army values into his wallet.

At a school career fair, students pick up a brochure that describes our Army at war, and how it remains relevant and ready while moving from the current to future force. An action-filled video plays on a television screen, showing the Army's new Stryker infantry carriers on the move.

A senior leader tells the Army story to an audience of executives at a corporate function; a young sergeant shares his take on force stabilization at the family dinner table.

A grandmother surfing the Web clicks on the Army's Web site to learn more about her granddaughter's new duty station.

From small, ordinary gestures and everyday conversations to eye-catching promotional materials and tactical speeches, strategic communications is the method by which the Army delivers its messages to those in and out of uniform. It's one of 16 focus areas Army leaders have developed as a means for strengthening efforts to win the Global War on Terrorism.

"It's about communicating to our audience what's going on in the Army, and explaining it in terms or concepts people can understand, so that they can be a part of achieving the goal," said Col. Nelson McCouch, who heads the strategic communications division in Office of the Chief of Public Affairs. "They can't support something if they don't know anything about it."

For example, a Soldier may hear the term "force stabilization" and, having read about it in a post newspaper, may understand it in more simple terms as "my family and I will stay in one place for longer periods of time."

"Expeditionary mindset" could translate into "I'm ready to go anywhere you need me to go, at any time, because I know I am well trained and my family is well-taken care of."

The role of OCPA's strategic communications is to develop and implement plans for getting internal and external media to support the Army's campaign plan with articles that explain what's going on, McCouch said.

There are two other 'legs' that support the effort to disseminate information — the Office of Congressional Legislative Liaison and the Office of Strategic Communications. OCLL's strategic communications team is responsible for making sure the Army's messages are delivered to legislators on the hill in a timely fashion, said Col. Wayne Sauer, who heads that office.

"The Army wants Congress to know what's going on so they can do something about it during the congressional cycle," Sauer said.

That involves working closely with congressional staffers. If legislators have questions on the Army budget, for example, OCLL makes sure they get answers. When newsworthy events happen — the Army's Comanche program being canceled, for instance — OCLL makes sure Congress knows about it before reading it in the newspaper, Sauer said.

"If they read something in the newspaper and the information doesn't match up, they already have our data on it," he said.

In the Office of Strategic Communications, the mission to deliver the Army story is similar to OCPA. Whereas OCPA focuses informing Soldiers, family members and the public at large through the media, STRATCOM's audience is expanded to target senior Army leaders — active and retired — business and social executives, and academic and think-tank representatives.

"We are trying to instill a culture of engagement so that everyone at all levels tells the Army story the same way," said Patti Benner, STRATCOM director.

Benner's department works to develop long-term themes and messages, and how to deliver them over time periods that range from months to five years. OCPA focuses more on getting information out according to daily and weekly news cycles, McCouch said.

How messages are delivered by OSC falls to its outreach program, headed by Kay Stephenson. The program is tasked with building and strengthening relationships with national security decision makers or those with influence; the private sector and not-for-profit organizations; and academic institutions and communities. Its mission also involves providing information to the Army family.

Anyone who gets the Army message, understands it, supports it and passes it along, Benner and Stephenson said.

The Internet proves to be a reliable tool for giving Soldiers, their families and friends, and the general public anything they could possibly want or need to know about the Army, where it's heading and how it plans on getting there, said Lt. Col. Mark Wiggins, director of the Army's Web page (www.army.mil) and senior leaders' page, accessible to select personnel through Army Knowledge Online. The Web site operates under the STRATCOM umbrella.

"Whatever has been released to the public, it's on the Web site," Wiggins said. "It's the place all of our audiences come to read about the Army."

Careful thought goes into how all of that information is presented. This is a nation at war, so the main stories and photos will reflect that, Wiggins said.

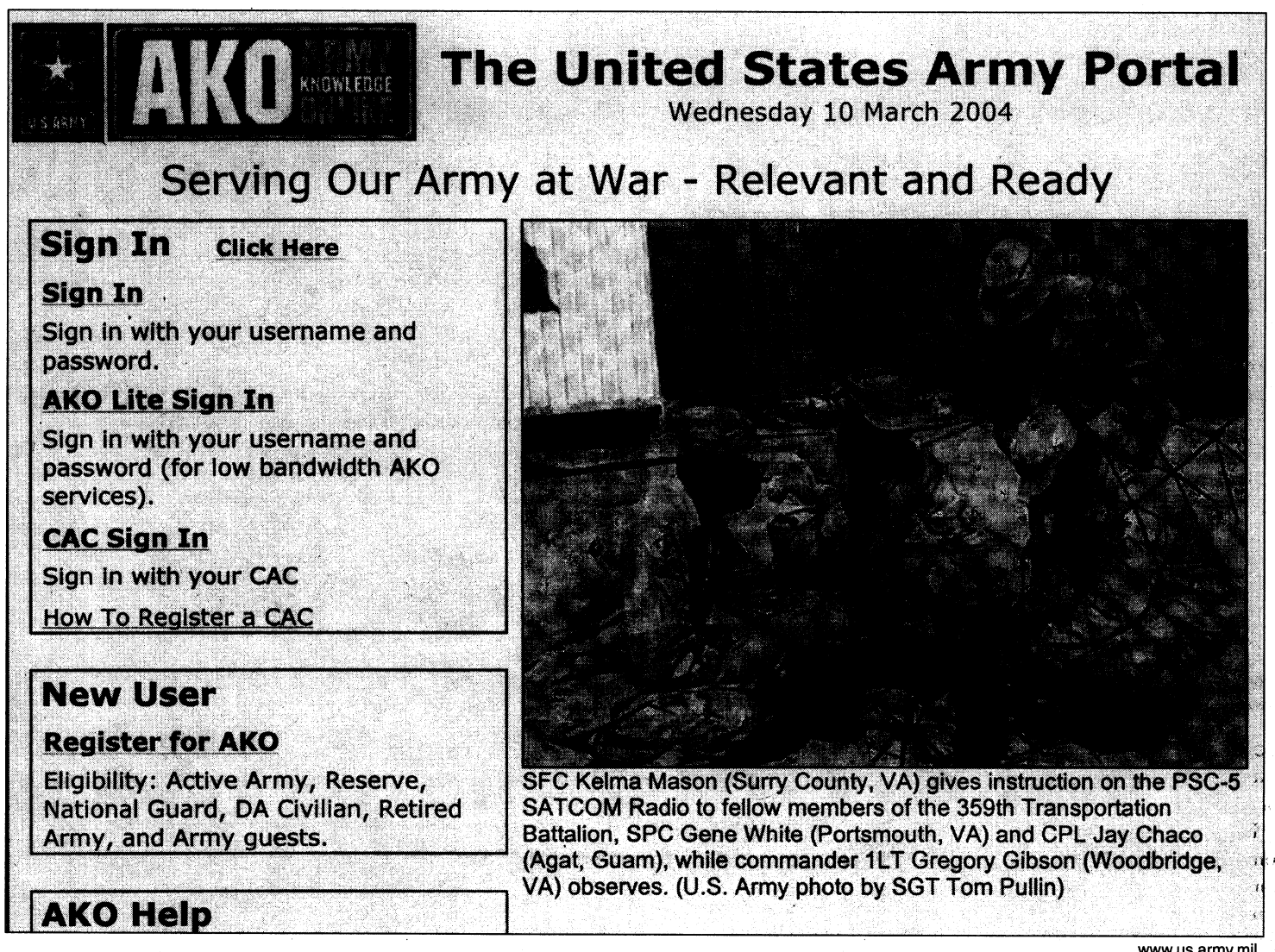
The lead photo will have a Soldier in it. Every effort is made to portray the joint effort of the war. There are links to each of the other service branches on the home page of the Web site.

The Army has had a presence on the Internet since 1995. The site was last overhauled in 2001, around the same time the "Army of One" brand was introduced. It averages just over 4 million hits a month from more than 140 countries, he said.

"We pay close attention to third-party evaluations and we are routinely ranked in the top 1,000 Web sites in the world," Wiggins said. "When you have a global audience, you can't help but be strategic."

The ultimate success of strategic communications relies on all three departments working together to synchronize their efforts, officials said.

"The good news story in all of this is that with strategic communications, we have the methodology and plans to communicate to Army leaders, the Hill and the public what their Army is doing for America," Sauer said. "And that we're doing it in a very succinct and timely fashion."



SFC Kelma Mason (Surry County, VA) gives instruction on the PSC-5 SATCOM Radio to fellow members of the 359th Transportation Battalion, SPC Gene White (Portsmouth, VA) and CPL Jay Chaco (Agat, Guam), while commander 1LT Gregory Gibson (Woodbridge, VA) observes. (U.S. Army photo by SGT Tom Pullin)

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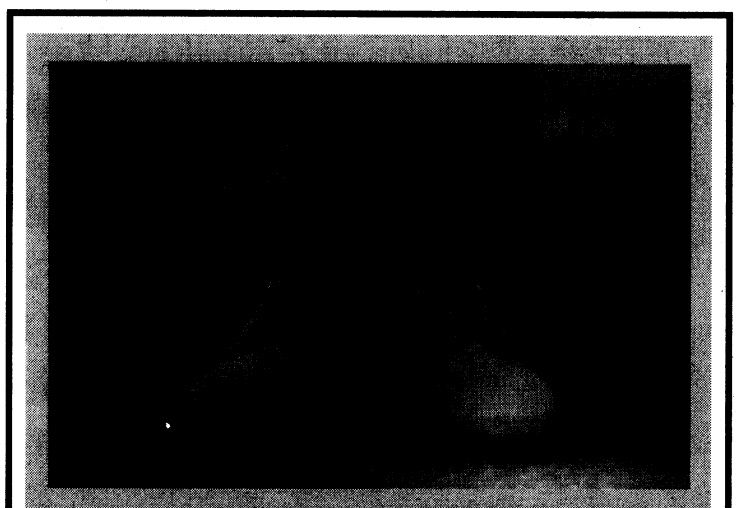

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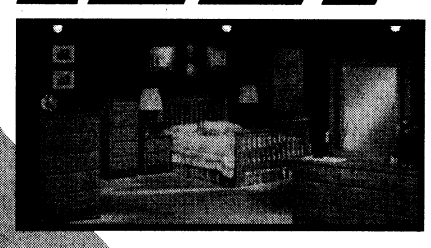

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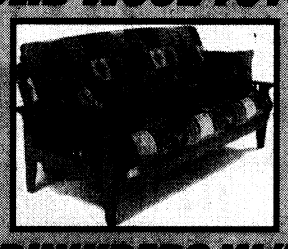

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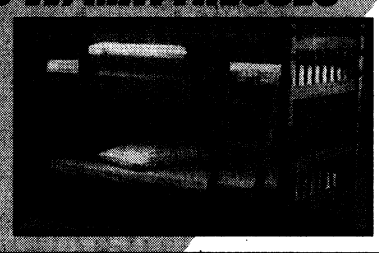

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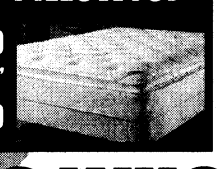

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Soldiers: To move to family housing

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up the 80-year-old quartels for some much needed renovations — they'll likely be used afterward to house students from the Airborne School and the Officers' Candidate School — and it will raise the occupancy rate in family housing to a percentage that will reflect a real need for more houses when RCI gets underway in two years.

Fort Benning's nearly 4,000 housing units, suffering from age and neglect, are being rejected by Soldiers with families at an unprecedented rate, officials say. About a third of them stood empty until the single Soldiers began moving in.

The problem, Hankins said, began about four years ago, when the Soldiers' Basic Allowance for Housing was increased more than $200, making it much easier for young enlisted Soldiers to afford off-post housing.

The declining occupancy rate could have a negative impact when RCI officials gauge the need for housing on Fort Benning.

But all that means little to Pfc. Hollie Hamstra, who'll be sharing her Indianhead Terrace home with a former neighbor from the barracks. Hamstra's excited about the extra living space.

"I'll have a kitchen. I'll actually be able to wash dishes. I'll have more space. There's no down side," Hamstra said.

Hankins said there *are* potential "down sides," but he expects the families and Soldiers to adapt.

"The noise level, of course, that's a concern. These are Soldiers who are used to living with other Soldiers," he said. "But I don't think it'll be a real problem, at least not for long."

The Soldiers will be expected to abide by the same rules as other residents.

Community Life NCOs will instruct them on their responsibilities, such as lawn maintenance, guidelines for parking and such.

For now, the houses will be partially furnished with beds and sofas from the barracks, but more furniture is on order.

Soldiers will be housed in twos and threes, with the master bedroom designated as an "entertainment room," Hankins said.

The senior Soldier will be responsible for oversight, and the unit will be responsible for selecting roommates and correcting discipline problems.

Hankins said the change in policy will not affect the number of houses available for families arriving on post, though no one can say just yet how many houses will be occupied by single Soldiers. Nearly 40 were turned over this week.

"And that's just a start. We think, in the long run, it's a good move for everyone," he said. "It'll certainly be good for morale."

Brigade: Assumes DRB status

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conditions in Iraq, for better or for worse.

Because the brigade's command has only received a warning order, they don't have many specifics right now, including where the unit will deploy and what its mission will be, he said.

Regardless of when or where the brigade deploys, it will come as no surprise.

"Since our return from Operation Iraqi Freedom in July of 2003, we have predicted that the Marne Division would ultimately be asked to take its turn back on the front line of freedom in the global war on terrorism," said Col. Steven Salazar, brigade commander, in a Feb. 25 letter to 3rd Brigade Soldiers and family members.

"No one wants to be apart from their loved ones, nor leave their homes or even barracks," he said. "But all are professional Soldiers who have sworn to support and defend our nation."

But the deployment will be about more than Soldiers fulfilling their duties.

"The stakes in this war are high," Salazar said. "At risk is the freedom of 25 million Iraqi people, peace in the region and the security of our nation. Also at stake is the meaning of the sacrifice made by the Soldiers of this brigade combat team who did not return with us and the more than 500 Soldiers and their families who have sacrificed since."

With that in mind, Soldiers will focus on training and preparing for combat in the coming months.

"The brigade will enter into a period of individual training ... and prepare for a mission-ready exercise at the Joint Readiness Training Center (in Fort Polk, La.) in August," Kessler said.

The unit is slated to deploy to JRTC from Aug. 4 to 29, according to Salazar's letter.

Meanwhile, in the midst of all the training and deployment preparation, the brigade will continue to transform as part of the division's reorganization.

Thus far, a tank company from 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, has been exchanged for a mechanized infantry company from 1st Bn., 15th Infantry Regt., to create Task Force 2-69 and Task Force 1-15.

The brigade is still uncertain about other changes relating to the reorganization, including what will happen in the 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt., 317th Engineer Bn. and the 203rd Forward Support Bn.

"Our mission is still to reorganize the division and be prepared to respond to any crisis anywhere in the world when we are called to do so," said Maj. Gen. William Webster in a message to Marne Soldiers. "We remain the 'Army's go-to team.'"

Wings: Back in action at Benning

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program is well-established and on its feet, said the team's NCOIC, Staff Sgt. Tim Santellanes, known as "Sergeant Saint."

The seven current members of the demonstration team are all Airborne School instructors assigned to 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment.

Participation on the team is voluntary, but applicants must meet strict prerequisites, Santellanes said.

Absolute discipline and expert proficiency are necessary when landing on a target with a one-foot, dead center that must be hit standing up — all while waving to the crowd after taking consideration of any obstacles, like trees, wires, buildings, and crowds, Santellanes said. To even be considered for the team, a candidate must have, at the very least, a U.S. Parachuting Association A license, the 14-year sky-diving veteran said.

Other prerequisites include a minumum weight of 145 pounds with equipment, no UCMJ actions, Blackhat certification and the rank of sergeant through sergeant first class, though that is waiverable, Santellanes said.

Safety has to be the biggest focus when Soldiers are performing at heights of 3,000 to 10,000 feet and are landing amidst crowds, and Santellanes said he demands absolute professionalism and discipline from his team to ensure strict safety guidelines are adhered to.

Training and experience are key to the safe and effective execution of the team's mission, Santellanes stressed.

And experience is something the team is definitely not short on right now.



The Fort Benning Command Exhibition Parachute Team, or the Silver Wings, will take to the skies again April 15 after a nearly four-year hiatus.

Courtesy photo

Three of the four members who will be performing April 15 are professionally certified by the U.S. Parachuting Association and have more than 4,000 jumps between them. But there is no such thing as too much practice, right?

On top of their duties as instructors to thousands of Airborne School students, the team members spend Saturdays training on the drop zone as a team. Each Saturday, the team will perform up to five jumps in the winter and up to 10 jumps in the summer, if funding permits, to master their demonstrations and constantly reinforce their focus on precision and safety, Santellanes said.

The team's professionalism and military bearing are also critical to the team's primary role as representatives of the post, the infantry and the Army, he said.

The team hopes to positively influence the public's perception of the Army and the post, he said, and will be a valuable asset to the Army's recruiting efforts in the area.

The idea is to put an impressive picture of what a Soldier is in the minds of young men and women through demonstrations of discipline, professionalism, courage and precise expertise, he said.

The biggest satisfaction Santellanes said he gets from this mission isn't the thrill of free falling through thousands of feet of open sky, but the amazed looks he gets from the young people in the crowd. He said there is no greater reward than shaking the hand of a kid who decides he wants to be a Soldier one day because seeing the team in action inspired him so much.

Santellanes said he is "fired up" about the opportunity to be a part of the team's rebirth and looks forward to leading a team that will serve as an ambassador for the 507th Infantry Regt., the U.S. Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning and the Army.

498th: Heads back to Iraq for OIF

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from Iraq in November with his unit in Germany. They just arrived at Fort Benning in January.

Despite the unwelcome separation, Yasmin said there are some advantages of this unit's deployment over his previous.

"His last deployment, we weren't married, so there wasn't any information. I only knew what I heard from (word of mouth)," she said.

Adding to the confusion and anxiety, Samuel wasn't able to call home very often on his last deployment, Yasmin said.

"I didn't hear from him for three months," she said. "This time, there will be more information, and he'll be able to call more often."

This time, Yasmin will have the support of the unit's family readiness group.

For Cathy Vanbenthuysen, seeing her husband, Staff Sgt. Russell Vanbenthuysen, off for a deployment is nothing new — he's been gone five of the couple's 11 years together.

This time, though, the deployment will interrupt Russell's retirement plans. But the family is keeping a stiff upper lip.

"At least this time we know where they're going and how long they'll be gone," Cathy said. "And there will be better communication — when they were gone before, we would hear from him really sporadically."

This time, the family also had several months notice, Cathy said, allowing them to take care of the necessities — "shopping for all the batteries and baby wipes we can find and eating out at every restaurant in town."

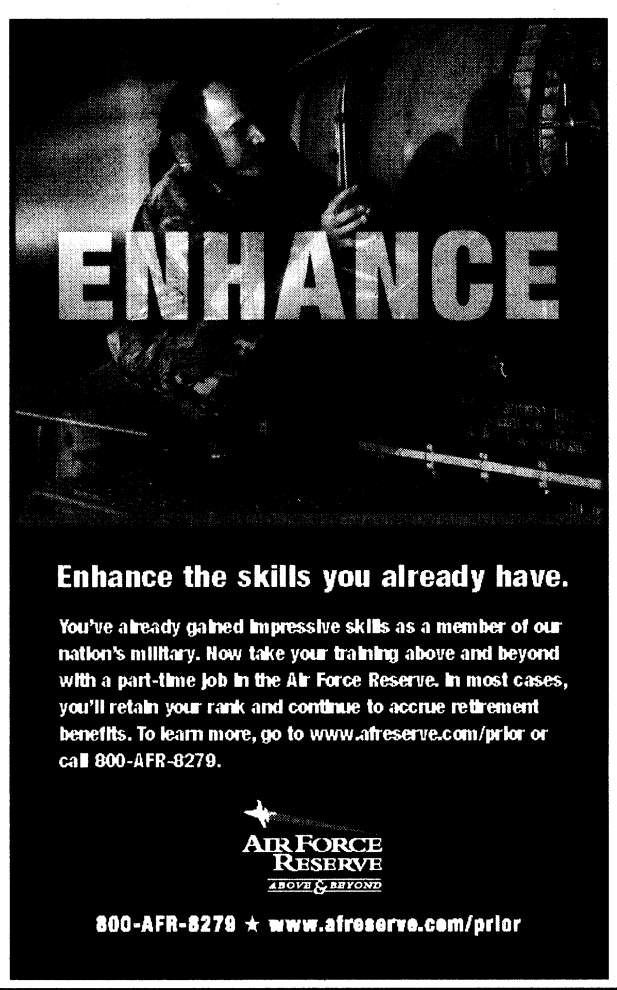
The Soldiers have also been preparing with plenty of training — marksmanship ranges, convoy operations and equipment maintenance, Dixon said.

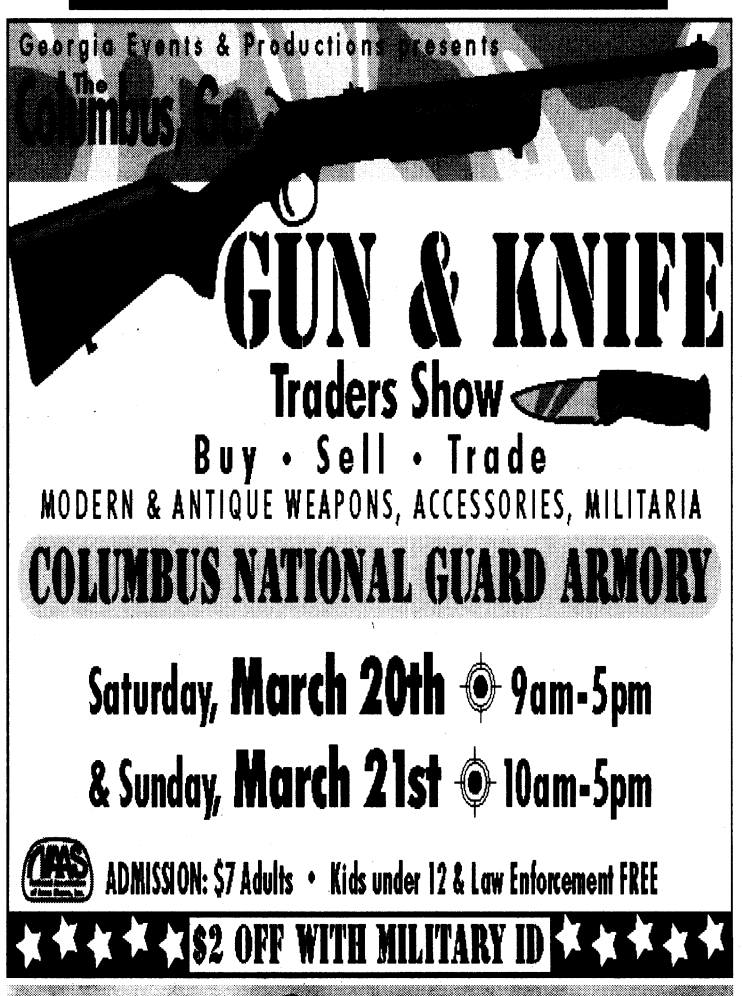
And with their OIF deployment experience, the unit has plenty of lessons learned to take with them, including an improved list of necessary equipment, Dixon said.

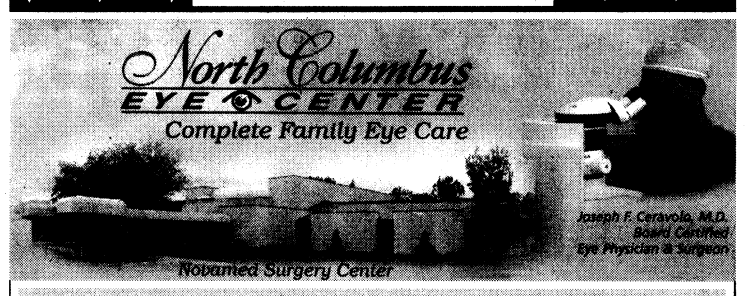
With everything in place, the Soldiers of the 498th said good-bye to their families and boarded the planes at Lawson Army Air Field.

Despite the hardship, the Soldiers are ready to perform their mission, Dixon said.

"We've been back (nine) months and now we're on our way again," Dixon said. "It's hard leaving our families again, and it's not always pretty, but that's the profession we're in."







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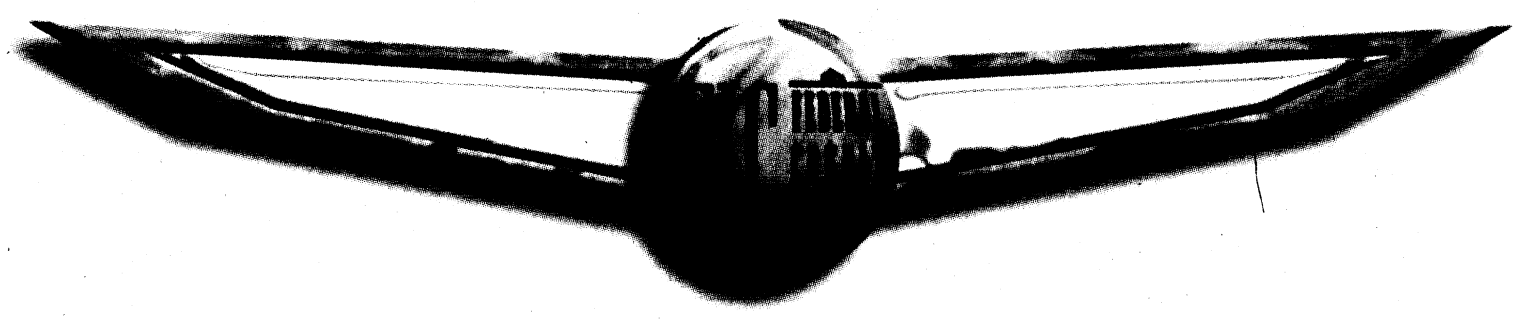

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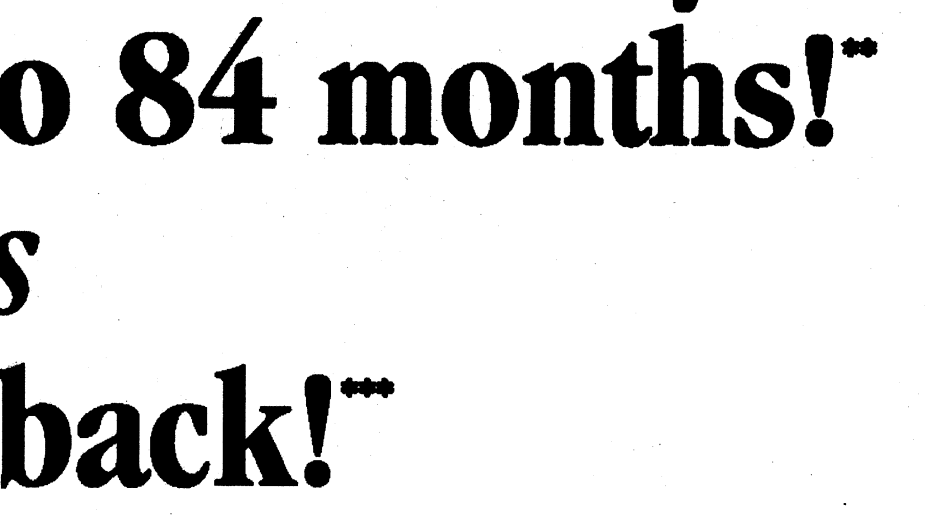

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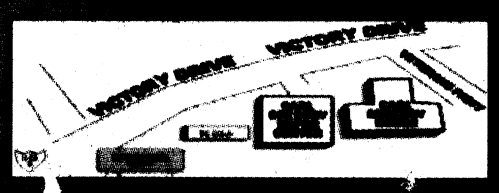


How to keep from going nuts when the power gets squirrelly

On Fort Benning's Main Post, there are three things as certain as the sunrise — falling tree limbs, pesky squirrels and frequent power outages, the latter often the direct result of the first two.

No doubt, the tree problem will eventually take care of itself, as one by one, the post's aging oaks give up the fight. And if we're lucky, along the way, they might curb the squirrel problem with a few well-placed limbs.

But the problem with recurring power outages, well, that's another story. The folks at Flint Energies, the company contracted to maintain Fort Benning's electrical system, say the frequency of outages will continue to decline as they update the post's antiquated infrastructure.

Squirrels, however — the nasty little varmints who chew up wires and short circuit the systems that bring you lights and heat and reality TV — those we'll have to deal with for a while. According to the Edison Electric Institute, animals are the second leading cause of power outages nationwide, after weather.

So, like good Boy Scouts on an overnight campout, it pays to be prepared, not scared, of the dark.

Candles are great for ambiance, but flashlights are much more convenient and safer. It's a good idea to keep one in every room, along with a supply of fresh batteries.

But flashlights, like remote controls, tend to hide in the most inconvenient spots. Here's a helpful hint: Turn out the lights after dark and do a "blind" survey of each room. Where should you stow a flashlight? Someplace you can reach without tripping or stubbing a toe. Under a couch cushion where it could keep company with the remote? Beside the telephone? Inside the medicine cabinet?

It's a good idea to keep a handy supply of candles also, the large pillar candles that won't tip. Once you get the kids used to the idea they'll never see the results of tonight's *Extreme Makeover,* dust off your favorite Laura Ingalls Wilder book and sit a spell with Ma and Pa by candlelight.

When tummies start rumbling, head for the pantry, not the fridge (and definitely not the Commissary, where cashiers quickly check shoppers out and close up shop during an outage). As long as you resist the urge to peek, the food in the fridge will stay safe for several hours. Don't take a chance on foods like eggs and milk. Bacteria can multiply rapidly on perishable foods that have been between 40 and 140 degrees farenheit for longer than two hours. When in doubt, throw it out. (The USDA can answer your questions about food safety. Call their hotline at 301-504-6258.)

Medicines that require refrigeration will be safe for several hours. If the outage continues, transfer it to the freezer or pack it in ice. When in doubt, *don't* throw it out. Call your doctor.

The freezer on top of your fridge will keep food safe for about 24 hours. Food in the deep freeze can last twice as long. It's usually safe to refreeze foods that still contain ice crystals, but they may lose quality.

If you typically keep your deep freeze stocked with steak, here's good news: a tightly-packed freezer keeps food frozen much longer than one that's, say, half full. The bad news — if your freezer full off beef sits powerless for more than 48 hours, you might as well chuck it.

Fort Benning's power outages are rarely long enough to require alternative methods of heating, cooling or cooking. Pile on the blankets if need be, but don't leave the candles or the fireplace burning while you sleep.

If your electronics aren't equipped with surge protectors, it's a good idea to unplug them until after the power has been restored.

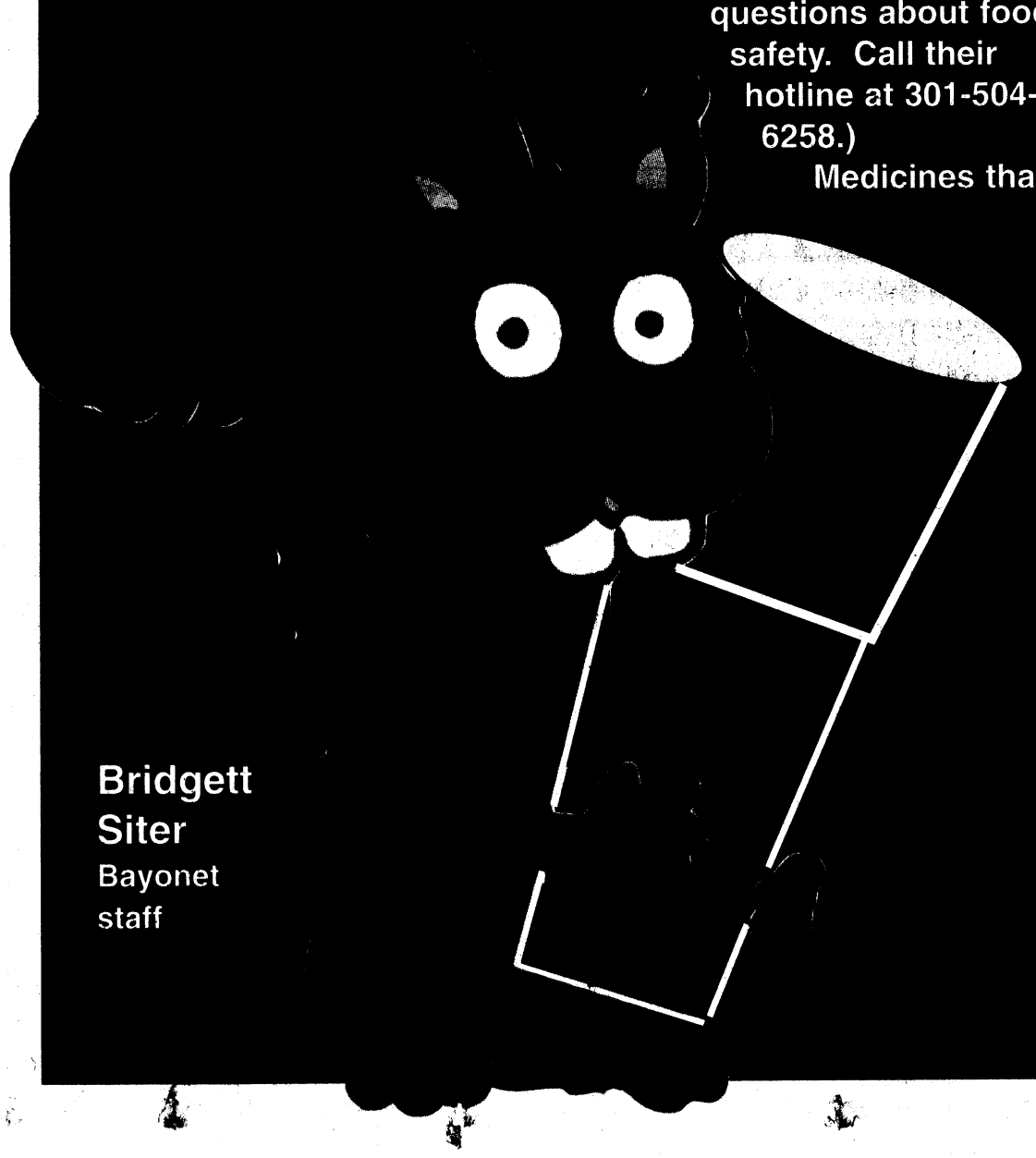
Keep at least one good old-fashion "corded" telephone, sans caller ID and recorder mechanisms that require electricity. Your *cord*less will be *use*less.

It's safe to assume, if every light on the block is out, someone's already alerted the contracter. But then, everybody else is assuming the same, so go ahead and make the call. During regular work hours, call 545-2135. After hours, call 545-4445.

Then sit back and relax. Don't get nuts. Make the most of it.

Now's a good time to tell ghost stories to your older children or sing campfire songs with the younger ones. Dig out the board games or brush up on your flashlight-hand-puppet skills.

A power outage is a great time to forget about the housework and the homework and reconnect with the kids. Go ahead, go out on a limb, be a little silly, have a little fun. They'll forgive you when the lights come on. Everybody gets a little squirrelly when the power goes out.



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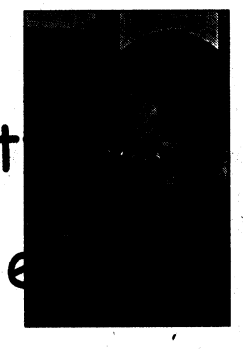
Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Sick of sitting around in that barracks room looking at the walls? Need to get the family out of the house or just take a break? We've got the answer for you. 'Get Outta Here' will appear in The Bayonet *each week to highlight recreation and leisure venues right here in the tricommunity. If you would like to suggest a hot spot for the column, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367.*

Once upon a time, I, too believed there were no coffee shops in Columbus.

Sure, there's a Starbucks at Barnes and Noble and a Joe Muggs at Books-a-Million. But as a native Northwesterner, I'm used to your mom and pop variety of coffee shop on practically every street corner, and *that*'s what I like. The personality of a little shop all its own.

But wouldn't you know it, after months of whining about the lack of java huts in town, I found a few places with just that feel — if you're willing to be a little flexible.

My absolute favorite is the Fountain City Coffee Shop on Broadway. Now, I could be biased — it's within walking distance of my house, offers free Internet use with a purchase of $3 or more and serves up my cherished Milky Way espresso with whipped cream just the way I like it.

But more than that, it's a place you actually want to hang out after you get your coffee. A pleasant, you-don't-have-to-whisper-but-you-can-still-hear-yourself-think atmosphere. Complete with a selection of books and magazines, games and a set of comfy sofas and chairs, it's a cornucopia of creature comforts.

Not to mention the outdoor tables that are looking more and more attractive as the weather warms up.

Another recent discovery was Perk Avenue, across from Columbus Park Crossing on Veterans Parkway.

With more of an underground feel, Perk Avenue at first appears to cater to the "alternative" crowd. But I think anyone would feel comfortable there.

It's a neat place to just look around with its ecclectic mix of decorations — including rehashed furniture and cow-print chairs. And my favorite feature is the card container on every table. Whether you luck out and get the Trivial Pursuit cards (good luck!) or the UNO cards or happen upon a table with everyday playing cards, it's a bit of fun flavor to spice up your visit.

Perk Avenue also has a big T.V. (Animal Planet was on the big screen when I visited), so you have a little added entertainment.

And best of all, this coffee shop leads a double life — it's an ice cream shop, too. Something to keep in mind as the summer months creep up.

The last place I found is the Columbus Coffee Company off Bradley Park Drive. This may just become the summer hot spot for my weekends.

Although it's a longer drive and has more of a Starbuck's quality to it, Columbus Coffee Company also has a big outdoor patio area with tables. It's not a great view, but a cool breeze on a summer evening or early in the morning — can't beat that.

And this coffee shop is conveniently located near the Hollywood Connection. What better way to kill an hour before your movie starts or wind up that first date than sipping on a latte just down the road?

And if you're one for mainstream coffee houses but can do without the bookstore, this place has your name all over it.

So next time you're bored sitting around your house, grab a friend or a good book, head out to one of your local coffee shops and sit a while. Enjoy the atmosphere, the weather, the company — whatever's clever.

BIRTHS

Boys

Nathaniel Forrest Haden — born Feb. 28 to Laura and Capt. Joshua Haden.

Osiris Christian Gomez Jr. — born Feb. 29 to Spcs. Christie and Osiris Gomez.

Zachery Thomas Orr — born March 2 to Stacey and Sgt. Charles Orr.

Isiah Emanuel Donaldson — born March 2 to LaRonda and Capt. Howard Donaldson.

Gavin Jacob McConnell — born March 4 to Belinda and Warrant Officer Christopher McConnell.

Keith Wilson Trenton Ward III — born March 4 to Tracy and 1st Lt. Keith Ward Sr.

Jaden Takeshi Rowe — born March 4 to Spc. Dawn Tokugawa and Timothy Rowe.

Girls

Reagan Aubrie McGary — born Feb. 29 to Andrea and Capt. Joshua McGary.

Lillian Dorothy Dudzienski — born March 2 to Amy and Sgt. Jeffrey Dudzienski.

Liberty Grace Skellie — born March 4 to Angela and Sgt. Michael Skellie.

— Martin Army Community Hosptial

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Tax Center open on Saturdays — The Fort Benning Tax Center will be open for business from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

Saturday,March 27, April 3 and April10.

E-filing is **FREE**. For more information, call the Tax Center at 545-4267.

Children's writing contest — The Officers' Spouses' Club *Communique* (a monthly newsletter) is hosting a writing contest for students in grades K-12.

- Grades 9-12 can write up to 300 words.
- Grades 6-8 up to 300 words.
- Grades 3-5 up to 200 words.
- Grades K-2 can write up to 100 words or a picture with description.

The contest is open to all students with a current military ID card residing in the tricommunity area.

There will be one winner in each grade category.

Winners will be published in the May issue of the *Communique*.

Prizes are donated by Barnes and Noble.

Deadline for submissions is March 15.

Mail entries to: OSC-*Communique*, P.O. Box 51978, Fort Benning, GA 31995.

Free CPR class — The American Red Cross will offer a free CPR class March 20, with certification in adult, child and infant CPR.

Three classes are available. The times are 9 to 11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. There is a maximum of 30 people per session. The class will be held in Building 2626 at Soldiers' Plaza.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Deadline approaches for OSC Scholarship — The Fort Benning Officers' Spouses' Club scholarship is open to family members with a valid military ID card residing in the tricommunity or whose sponsor is assigned or attached to Fort Benning.

Applications must be postmarked by March 20.

The scholarship applications are available at the OSC Thrift Shop, Officers' Club, Sayers Library, from high school guidance counselors. Questions can be directed to the scholarship chairman by calling 687-6111.

St. Patrick's Day brunch —The Officers' Club and Basic Combat Training Brigade will host a St. Patrick's Day brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 21. All members of Fort Benning and Columbus active duty, retired and civilian government employees and their guests are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Capt. Arnold Noyola at 544-8583.

Open auditions — Auditions for the dinner theatre production of Neil Simon's *California Suite* will be held at 7 p.m. March 22-23 at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center.

Show dates will be May 21, 22, 28 and 29. Casting is looking for six women ages 20-50 and five men ages 20-60. Auditions are open to the public.

For more information, call 689-4342.

PX/Commissary meeting — The next PX/Commissary meeting is 9 a.m. March 29 in the Lexington Room of the Officers' Club. Authorized users of both facilities are invited to attend the meeting.

For more information, call 545-3328.

Easter Eggstravaganza — Fort Benning Child and Youth Services will have an Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside from 10 a.m. to noon April 3.

The event is free and open to the public. There will be egg hunts for children ages 18 months to 11 years with prizes for each age group. In addition to the egg hunt there will be face painting, train rides and other activities for the children to participate in.

For more information, call 545-3582.

Lifeguard training — The American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5-8; April 17 and 18; and April 24-25. Classes are $125 and are held at Briant Wells Indoor Pool and American Red Cross Office.

For more information, call 545-5194.

16th Infantry Regiment Association — The 16th Infantry Regiment Association is looking for former members of the regiment. The 16th Inf. Regt. Association is a nonprofit veterans organization founded in 1989.

Its sole purpose is to perpetuate the history and heritage of the regiment and to sponsor and support activities for the regiment and the Society of the First Infantry Division.

Visit the 16th Inf. Regt. Association Web site at http://16thinfantry-regiment.org/sir/DesktopDefault.aspx.

To volunteer or for more information, call Lt. Col. Tony Turner at 689-9449.

Toddler fitness — Child & Youth Services will begin a "ToddleTime for 2s" program at Tot Town CDC beginning on April 5. The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., including lunch, Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will offer toddler gymnastics and other physical activities.

For more information, call the CYS registration desk at 545-2079.

OSC Welfare Funds — The Officer's Spouse's Club Welfare Committee is accepting applications for Welfare Fund disbursements. Non-profit groups and organizations on Fort Benning and Columbus and national military organizations are eligible to request funds. Organizations should be as specific as possible in describing how the funds will be used, and should also solicit funds from other sources as well.

The application deadline is April 1.

For more information, e-mail oscwelfare04@hotmail.com.

Loaner car seats — GEICO has donated eight infant and toddler restraint seats to the Army Community Services for use in their Loaner Program. Military parents can borrow an infant or toddler car seat for 30 days at no cost.

For more information, call ACS at 545-4485.

Beacon College — Beacon College and Graduate School offers undergraduate degrees in psychology, business and biblical studies and graduate degrees in biblical studies, pastoral ministry, counseling ministry and divinity.

Full financial aid, including veterans' assistance, is available. A Beacon College representative is on post every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. in Building 2602, Soldiers' Plaza.

For more information, call 323-5634.

HOPE Grant Program — The HOPE Grant Program will pay all tuition and fees for diploma and certificate programs at Columbus Technical College and up to $100 per quarter for textbooks for all active-duty military and their family members. Civilian employees are also eligible if they are Georgia residents and have a Georgia driver's license.

For more information, call Clovie Quick at 545-9848 or 545-9864 or e-mail him, quick2325@aol.com or clovie.c.quick@us.army.mil

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The AA meetings support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

ACS Lending Closet — The purpose of the Army Community Service Lending Closet is to lend household goods to soldiers and their families who are awaiting receipt of their household goods or preparing to PCS. For more information, call 545-4485.

***The Bayonet* delivery** — Experiencing a problem with *The Bayonet* delivery? Call 682-3346 to fix the problem.

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Health Matters luncheon — St. Francis' Oncology Director Robert Hall, M.D., Ph.D., will discuss lung cancer and key factors to consider when making treatment decisions at a program to be held at noon today, at Health Matters of St. Francis.

He will also cover the latest and most progressive treatments available and provide insight into the realities of caring for someone with lung cancer. Lunch is included with this free program. Space is limited.

Call ASK-A-NURSE at 596-4170.

The Citadel Muster — All graduates of The Citadel are invited to a Muster at 6:30 p.m. March 19 at the Green Island Country Club.

For more information, call Bob Poydasheff at 653-4712 or 327-9415.

Job fair — St. Francis Hospital will hold a job fair for nursing and allied health positions from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the main entrance of the hospital. Highlights will include interviews on site, tours of the hospital and opportunities to meet directors and staff. Openings in nursing, radiology, respiratory, laboratory, home care, pharmacy and rehabilitation will be presented.

For more information, call Judy Walsh at 594-4071.

Parking ticket amnesty — Anyone with an overdue parking ticket can pay it at face value without being assessed a double fee for failing to pay within 10 days throughout the month of March.

Payment of fines can be made at: in person or in a drop box at the RiverCenter parking garage, located at 919 Broadway; place in a drop box at the Public Safety Building, 510 10th Street and at Recorder's Court, 702 10th Street or mail payment to: Metra Transit System, P.O. Box 1340, Columbus, GA 31902-1340. Make checks payable to Metra Transit System — do not send cash.

For more information, call the Parking Management Division at 653-4647.

Infantry Band concerts — The Infantry Band chamber music series continues with concerts at 9 a.m. April 4 at Fort Benning's Main Post Chapel and 12:15 p.m. April 6 at St. Luke United Methodist Church.

For more information, call 545-5313.

3rd Armored Division reunion — The 3rd Armored Division (Spearhead) will hold its fourth annual reunion July 14-18 in Columbus, Ohio.

This will be the first join reunion with World War II 3rd Armored Div. veterans.

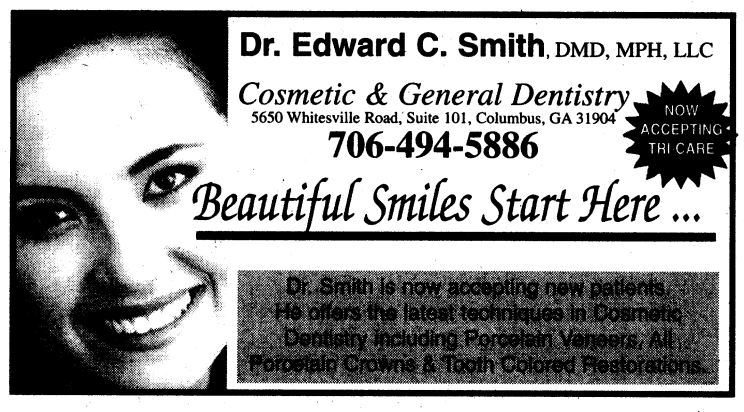
For more information, call Carl Erickson at (301) 520-3275 or visit www.3AD.org.

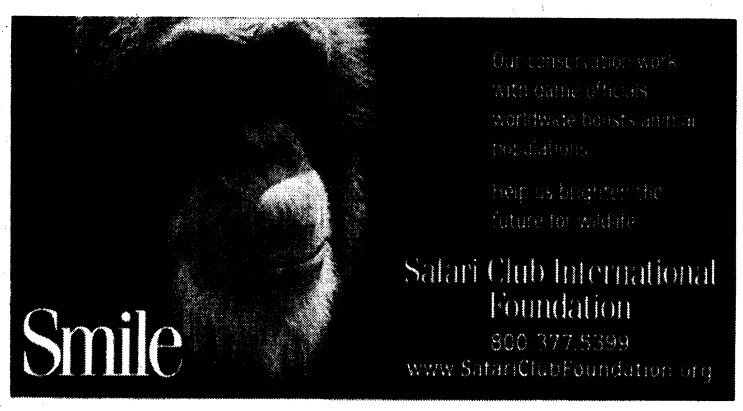
Free trees — Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March. To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by March 31.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** pizza, corn, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** nachos, Spanish rice, green beans, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** hot dog, three bean salad, veggie sticks, fruit, milk, oatmeal raisin cookie
- **Thursday:** barbecue chicken, black-eyed peas, candied yams, cornbread, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** corn dog, baked beans, mixed veggies, fruit, milk













Post Commissary awarded best superstore

Merchandising award will be presented

Spc. Ellamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning Commissary takes great pride in taking care of Soldiers and family members every day by providing a friendly environment.

The theme for the ninth annual merchandising contest held by the Defense Commissary Agency was Community involvement and the Fort Benning Commissary won in the U.S. Superstore category out of 30 other Superstores in the states.

The month-long contest which took place last May coincided with Commissary Awareness Month.

In choosing the winners, judges considered attractiveness and creativity of product displays and outreach activities such as magic shows and carnivals.

"As we began the DeCA ninth annual merchandising contest last year, the theme of community awareness was an on time concept," said Gary Hensley, Commissary manager. "Since many of our Soldiers were deployed, the importance of DeCA commissaries as a support agency for our families was brought to a top of mind awareness."

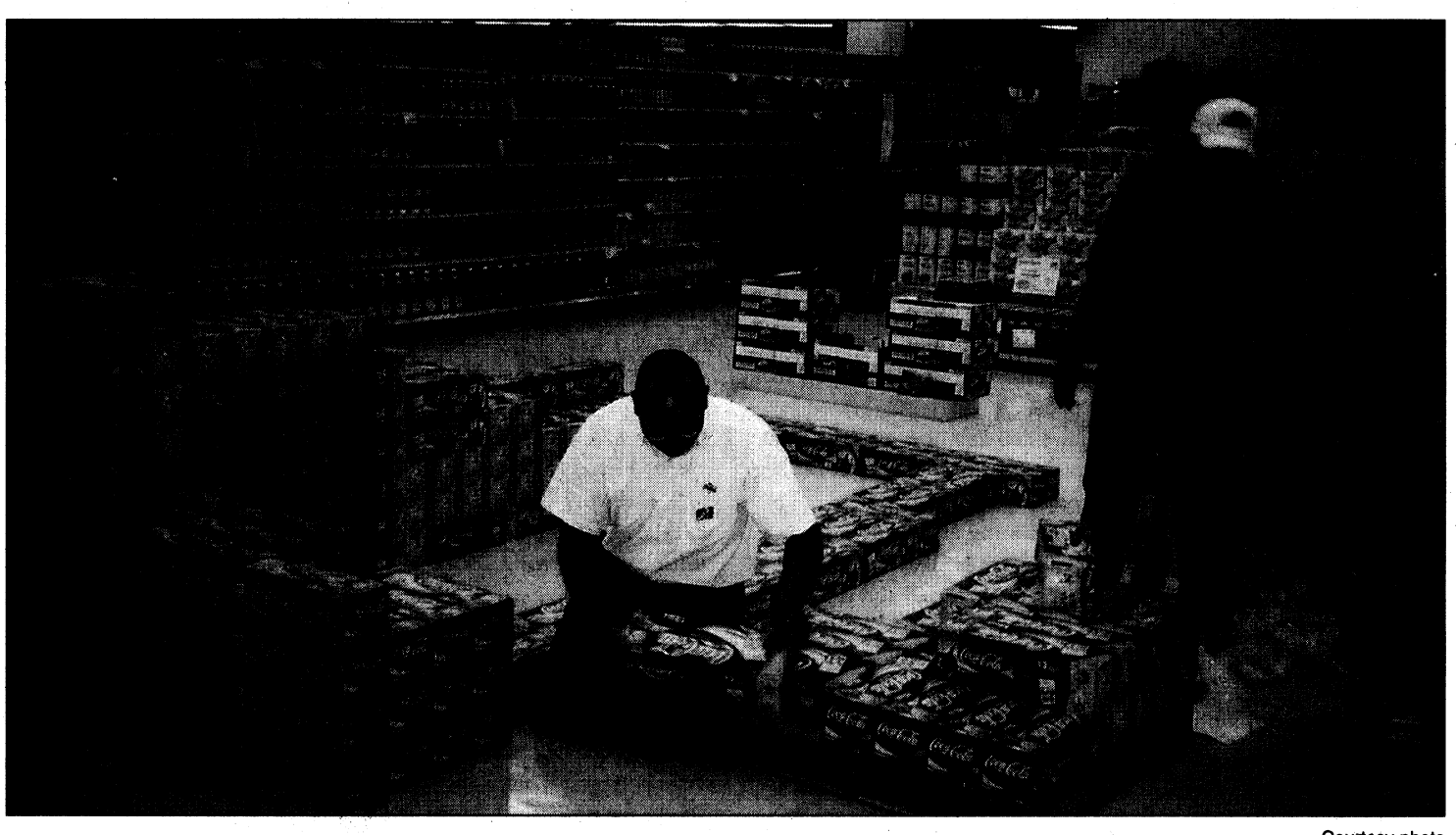
The Commissary took the time to invite many key organizations to visit the commissary and to let the community know all the benefits and services available.

Hensley said the chaplain's office provided free care packages for dependents of deployed Soldiers. Other post organizations that visited the commissary were Army Community Service and the Public Safety Office. The nutritional staff from Martin Army Community Hospital was on hand to provide counseling to the patrons.

The Commissary staff provided tours for schools like Stowers Elementary, for single Soldiers and the post new commers briefing.

The Commissary also hosted it's first ever baby shower for expectant mothers, a pet show and a Cinco de Mayo celebration for all Commissary shoppers..

"We have a lot of fun working here every day and we try to make it fun for our shoppers as well as for our employees," Hensley said.



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Shawn Brazil and Eddie Cotton, Coca-Cola Company representatives, built a humvee using 900 12-packs of soda last year at the Fort Benning Commissary.

"This Commissary is open for business 91 hours a week, that's the longest any Commissary is open in DeCA," Hensley said.

"All the employees work a lot more hours than what they are paid for, they take pride in their work and are very dedicated," he said.

Vendors and employees help create attractive displays throughout the year that helped the commissary during last years competition.

The Coca-Cola company vendors built a tank with 1,500 12-packs and a humvee using 900 12-packs, Hensley said.

Various vendors, including Kraft and Coca-Cola sponsor the events the commissary had for the community. The USO also participated in some of the bar-be-cues and tours by providing snacks for the guests.

"Our vendors love the Soldiers and are very helpful in all of our events," Hensley said.

"Everybody works together all year long to make sure the Commissary looks good for Soldiers because they work hard for us," he said.

The awards for the ninth annual merchandising competition will be presented May 4 in Anaheim, Calif.

The commissary will also receive $1,000, which they will use to offer a nice Christmas party for its more than 200 employees.

Local agencies provide job training opportunities

Goodwill, Cols. Tech. partnership good for post

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Need a job? Want to get training to help get that job? Goodwill Industries may have what you're looking for.

Goodwill works closely with post agencies, placing graduates of their training programs in jobs with AAFES and in Fort Benning Non-Appropriated Fund positions.

This semester, a number of military spouses are taking a course at Columbus Technical College that is offered in partnership with Goodwill. It's for Hospitality Industry Associates — an eight-week program running Monday through Friday at Columbus Tech. The course, limited to 20 students, meets only four hours daily.

Tuition is paid using HOPE scholarship funds, available to spouses whose Soldier is assigned to Fort Benning and who reside in Georgia.

"This is an educational opportunity for folks who might not have had that opportunity otherwise," said Maura Keenan-Gondek, Goodwill grants and programs manager. "If we can reach those folks without education, we can help them. There are a lot of jobs out there."

All course work is done at the CTC campus followed by a 30 hour internship over three weeks that may turn into permanent employment, Gondek said. The hospitality industry is one of the fastest-growing industries in Columbus.

Loucious Hires, manager of Columbus Tech's Innovative Work Solutions and Hospitality Associate programs, said the industry is a good fit for military spouses.

"There's lateral movement and also upward movement," he said. "It's not a dead-end career field."

Fort Benning spouse Kary Clark is taking the hospitality course while her husband attends the Infantry Officer Basic Course. Once he graduates, the family is off to Fort Bragg, a place Clark said has great potential employment for her.

"We'll be around championship golf courses and hotels," said Clark, who believes the hospitality industry is a good area for her, since she's fluent in English and Spanish.

Clark learned about the course while participating in Even Start, a family literacy program that offers parenting, English as a Second Language, and General Education Diploma classes. Her children are enrolled in Even Start child care while she is attending CTC.

The Hospitality Program curriculum is as varied as the industry. Students spend 22 hours at the beginning of the course in a block called Personal Effectiveness, which covers everything from a positive attitude to stress management. Thirty-two hours are devoted to the hospitality industry environment, teamwork and good work ethics. Instructor Lucille Ferrell said the initial course work is part psychology, part attitude and values.

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"But it's all interesting," Ferrell said. "We draw out even the shyest people through role-playing."

Student Christinia Franklin said the students were learning about themselves, and by doing that, they learn about others as well.

"It's effective," Franklin said. "We're learning that everyone is important, and we can convey messages with our words and our body language. When you come in, you're one person, you leave another."

Keenan-Gondek said anyone working behind a desk needs to take the hospitality class.

"It's all about better customer service," she said. She and the students said they find themselves critiquing other people's customer service when they visit businesses or restaurants.

Instruction on customer service covers food and beverage service, guestroom attendant, waitperson and sales. Eight hours are dedicated to handling difficult customers.

"With the strong emphasis on customer service," Keenan-Gondek said, "no matter what the environment, the students will have a strong foundation." She said Goodwill would like to try to do more with Fort Benning.

"We can teach you the skills you need to get a job and keep it." She said Goodwill has a lot to offer Soldiers and spouses in the way of certification programs.

Hires said the courses prepare the students for work immediately by training them to be successful. As a retired Soldier, Hires said he wished he had known about what Columbus Tech had to offer as he was going through the Army Career and Alumni Program.

He also wished someone had told him about Goodwill. He said the programs are good for someone who wants to stay in the Columbus area. Soldiers wouldn't have to pay for the courses; they just to have to make time to attend.

CTC offers a variety of computer courses, and many of them do not take a full semester to complete.

"Why not take a course so you can learn to put together a PowerPoint presentation several hours faster," Hires said. For units who might like some training, Hires said the college has portable labs. "You don't have to come to us, we can come to you."

Hires said other courses in the college's Service Industry Academy, like Customer Interaction Skills and Telephone Service Skills, could be good for agencies on Fort Benning. The recent Army Family Action Program Symposium identified the quality of customer service on post as one of its concerns.

Hires mentioned the Army Community of Excellence award that posts compete for every year.

"ACOE, customer service, it all ties into a quality of life assessment," he said. "And Fort Benning has some great training opportunities sitting at its back door."

For more information about Goodwill programs, call 324-4366. For more information about Columbus Technical College, call 649-1822 or visit www.columbustech.edu.

Georgia Pre-K

Child and Youth Services has received funding from the Georgia Office of School Readiness to operate two preK classrooms on Fort Benning for the upcoming school year. One class will be located at the Santa Fe Child Development Center and one class will be located at the Tot Town Child Development Center.
The maximum number of children in each class is 20. Children will be selected through a lottery.

PRE-REGISTRATION DATE: March 15 to 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Building 359 Ingersoll Street

ELIGIBILITY: Children must be four years old by September 1, 2004 and must live in Georgia.

PROGRAM HOURS: 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. Classes begin in August 2004. A school calendar will be provided to parents upon their entrance in the program.

COST: There is no cost for the Pre-K program; however, parents who need care for their child before or after the Pre-K program must pay for that service.

HOW TO REGISTER: A form for GA Pre-K must be completed and returned to CYS, Building 359, during the stated Pre-Registration days. At the end of the pre-registration, a disinterested party will pull 40 names. These 40 families will be contacted to come to the CYS Central Registration Office to complete registration paperwork. The remaining names will be placed on a waiting list. Pre-registration forms may be picked up at any CYS facility on post or at the CYS Central Registration Office, Building 359 any time prior to Pre-registration.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO REGISTER: If selected, parent must complete registration by giving the following information to the Central Registration Office:

- child's birth certificate,
- current shot record,
- family LES if applying for before and after school care,
- emergency contact name and number.

Families must also provide a GA 3231 Immunization Form and a GA 3100 Ear/Eye/Dental Certification Form and a CYS Health Assessment Form within 30 days of registration.

For more information contact Child and Youth Services, 545-3064 or CYS Central Registration 545-2079.

Stowers' students get literal ... literally

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Naidaniel Nelper may be a quiet little boy, but he has plenty to say.

The Stowers Elementary School student has written and illustrated about 30 books this school year, with more in the works.

Nelper labored away on his latest masterpiece Tuesday morning, a book about playing basketball with his father.

This is a daily ritual in Jackie Mumpower's first-grade class, where her students participate in a reading and writing workshop for about an hour every morning — a "free choice" time to work on creative writing and reading fluency.

"This is a risk-free environment," she said. "The students know that I want to know what they have to say rather than wanting their work to be perfect."

The workshop gives the children a chance to express themselves freely and exercise their budding language arts skills, and it gives Mumpower the chance to work one-on-one with the students.

"I get to work individually with each student this way," she said. "And their work (in this workshop) is based on their needs."

Each day, the students rotate to a new station, whether it be reading a book together, illustrating and reading a song and poem book, or penning their own stories and drawings.

"They love it," Mumpower said. "It allows them to become authors and illustrators; it gives them a sense of ownership."

The students' handiwork is kept in a portfolio so they can see their progress over the year, which is phenomenal, Mumpower said.

"At the beginning of the year, a lot of the students couldn't even put letters on a page to (say what they wanted to say)," she said.

That's not the case anymore. Mumpower's class has become quite the young authors club.

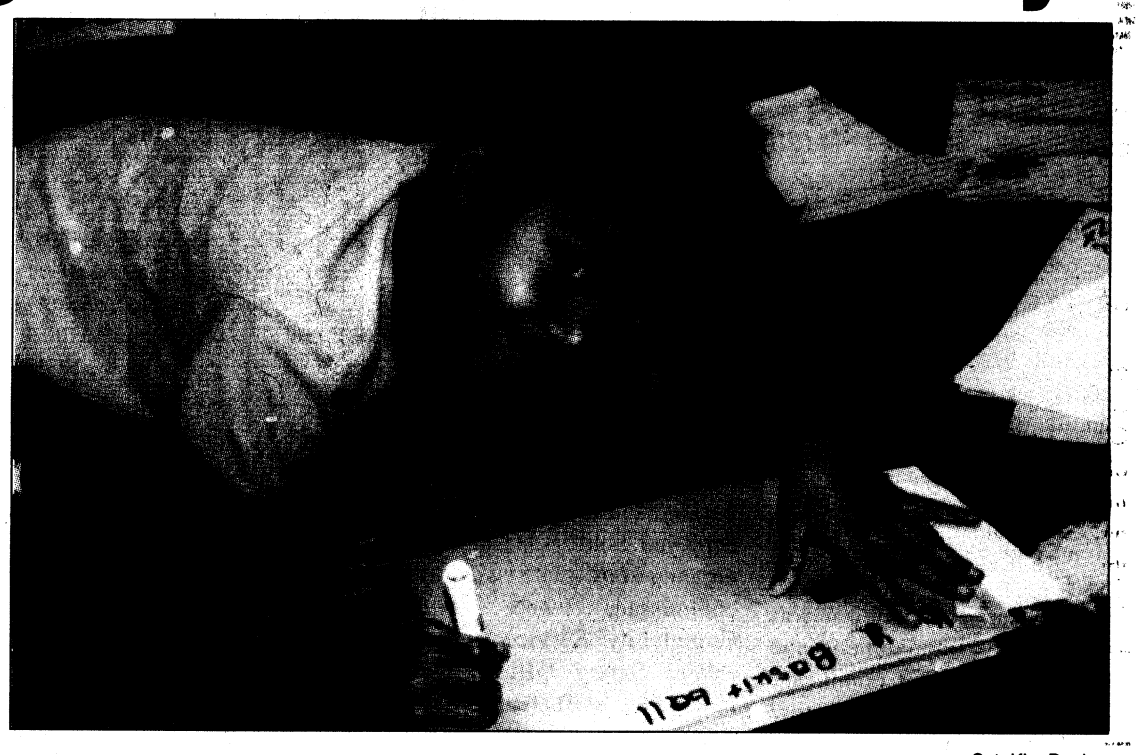
First-grader Brianna Holmes honed her writing abilities with a book about "two gingerbread girls who want a pet."

Meanwhile, Julian Johnson handcrafted a book about a gingerbread man for his mother for her birthday.

"(The workshops) are fun, and they help me learn about writing and drawing," Johnson said.

Nicci Holton has fun in the workshops, but she see the more practical advantage of getting the basics down.

"If you write books, you can write better ... That way, when I go to the grocery store, I can write lists so I don't forget what I need to buy," she said, putting the finishing touches on her "squirrel book."



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Naidaniel Nelper, a Stowers Elementary School first-grader, illustrates his newest book in a reading and writing workshop Tuesday morning.

Of course, that may not be all Mumpower has in mind for her students' writing and reading skills, but either way, the intensive workshops will benefit her students.

"This is real reading and real writing — not worksheets," she said. "This is a lot harder, and it takes a lot more direction to keep the kids focused, but it's worth it in the long run."

Stowers' kindergartners tour globe

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Stowers Elementary School kindergartners took off on a whirlwind adventure recently. They packed their bags, boarded the plane and touched down for an exotic tour of the jungle, a spirited camp-out in the forest and a relaxing day at the beach — all this without ever leaving the school.

The students were taking part in a special "transportation day" to wrap up their studies on different modes of travel. With hand-crafted luggage and an imaginary plane, the students traveled around the three classrooms, which were decorated lavishly with vines hanging in the jungle, a hand-made "campfire" in the woods and beach garb for the beach.



Courtesy photo

Kim Howell, left, and Eryka Johnson write postcards at the "beach."

The kindergartners practiced sequencing and writing and were treated to a S'mores feast in the forest-themed classroom.

All in all, it gave the kids and the teachers a fun change of pace.

"We try to do something like this every month or so," said Dorothy Young, kindergarten teacher. "It's a nice way to wrap up a unit. It's interactive, and the kids get really excited."

Grub a book



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Meet Mr. Grub, a Stowers hallmark. The worm grows each time a student finishes a book for the Reading Counts program. The students have read almost 3,000 books.

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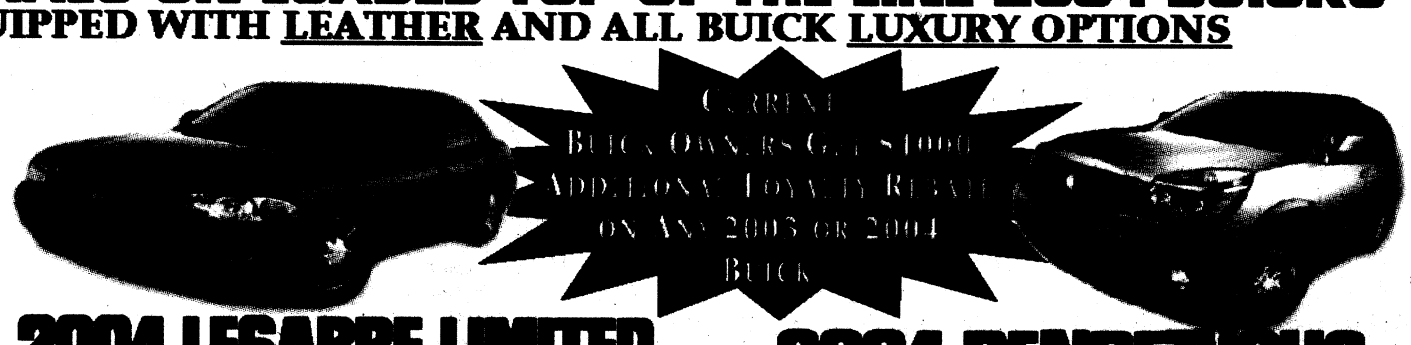

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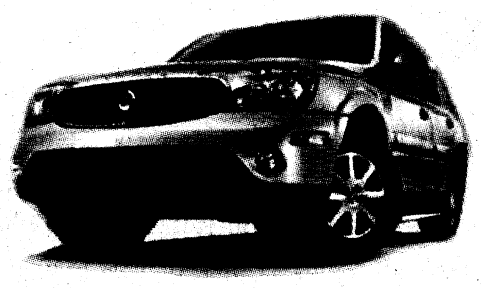



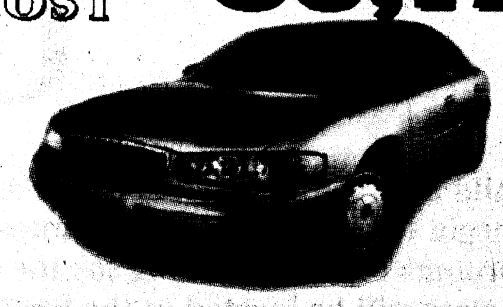

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God's help needed to have mind of Christ

Chaplain (Maj.) Joel C. Funk
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"Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

In this passage, and in other places of the New Testament, the Apostle Paul speaks about having the "mind of Christ." The human mind is made up of thinking, feeling and willing (i.e., intellect, emotions and intentions). To have the mind of Christ, then, is to think his thoughts, to feel his emotions and to purpose his will. Yet, no one can actually do these things, let alone fully understand the mind of God without his help. Neither the brilliant scientific brain of Einstein nor the talented graces of Shakespeare could do these things without God's help in revelation.

Corinthians 2:10 states: "God has revealed it to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have

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received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the spirit."

Here the Apostle Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit has communicated the very Spirit of God to man through the inspiration given to the Apostles. And Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would testify of him through the guidance he would give to those upon whom the Spirit came in a miraculous way.

The thought of having the mind of Christ is the theme of the book of Philippians. Chapter one shows us that the mind of Christ rejoices suffering; chapter two, that the mind of Christ is humble; chapter three, the mind of Christ seeks perfection; chapter four, that it brings peace.

When we think as he thought we realize the sufferings of this world are inevitable, are valuable, and will be compensated.

When we grasp his mind we know that the road of humility is the way of true greatness, for it's the path of righteousness and service. When we make his will our own we know that the constant struggle to reach perfection in him is the only true goal and purpose of life. When his heart becomes ours we have peace, for we are reconciled to God, to mankind, and to self.

We too can see Christ by walking with him through the pages of the Bible and then having him as our companion in our daily lives until his mind becomes ours in life.

CHAPEL NOTE

Passover Seder — Everyone is invited to the postwide Passover Seder at Sand Hill's Regimental Chapel from 6 to 9 p.m. April 5. Sign up with unit chaplains before March 26. Call 544-9496 or 545-4960.

How to talk so children will listen

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Teen-ager: "That TV show was boring."

Parent: "No it wasn't. It was very interesting."

Teen-ager: "It was dumb."

Parent: "Don't call it dumb; it was educational."

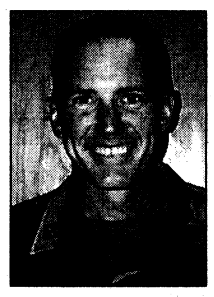
Teen-ager: "It was so not educational! It was totally stupid."

Parent: "Don't talk that way!"

Ever feel like you're caught in a verbal and emotional tug-of-war with your child? Do you ever wonder if any of the words and wisdom you share are getting past their headphones into anything that remotely resembles a brain? If you do, you're not alone.

In fact, one of the requests from parents that I hear most often is, "Can you help me talk so that my child will listen?" Fortunately, the answer to that question is "yes"!

Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish have written a very practical little book by the same title, *How To Talk So Kids Will Listen, and How To Listen So Kids Will Talk.*



Hawkins

In their book, they talk about how to listen, really listen, and understand the needs and concerns of your child.

They also tackle how to live in a "nag-free" home. Faber says that if we're not careful as parents, we can step on one of eight relationship land mines in our response to our children and their actions:

No. 1 — The Great Deny-er. "There's no reason to be so upset — it's silly to feel that way!"

No. 2 — Mrs. Philosophy. "Look, that's how life is! Things don't always turn out like we want them to."

No. 3 — Mr. More Advice. "You know what I think you should do? I think you should (ramble, ramble, ramble ...)"

No. 4 — The Interrogator. "What were you thinking? When was the last time you stopped and thought before you acted? What am I to do with you?"

No. 5 — The Great Defender. "Well I can see why she treated you that way — I can understand her reaction. You're lucky she doesn't treat you any worse than she does!"

No. 6 — Pitiful Pearl. "Oh, you poor thing. That's horrible. I feel so sorry for you."

No. 7 — Dr. Psychoanalysis. "Has it ever occurred to you that this really isn't about the bike at all? The real reason you are so upset is ..."

The better path is to use a special tool I call the "Relationship Triple-Play," three ways to help you "win" with your kids are:

- to listen with full attention, eyes and ears,
- give a verbal clue that you are "zeroed in" on what they are saying and
- name what they are feeling back to them

For more information, call 545-1760.

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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 Monday- Friday	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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

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Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, Classroom 2, Building 3305

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3951
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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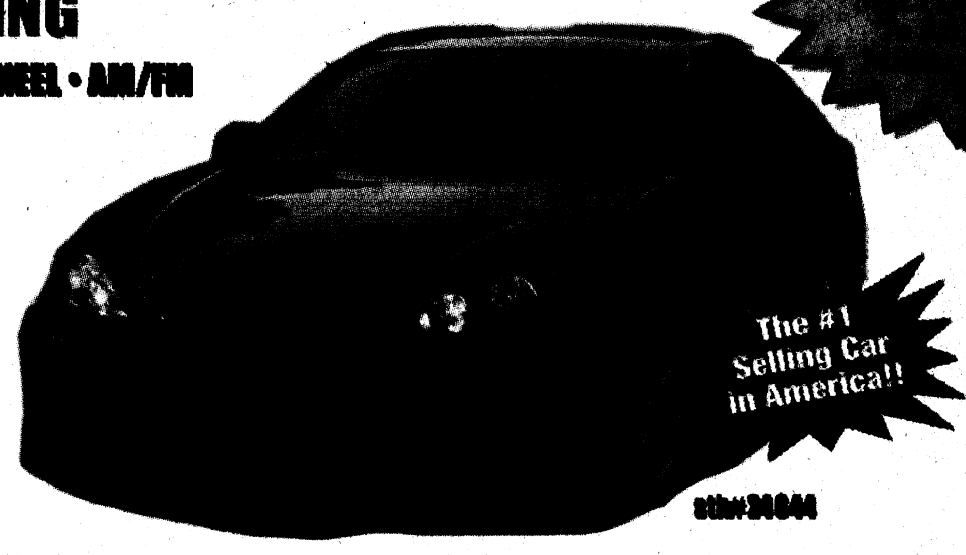

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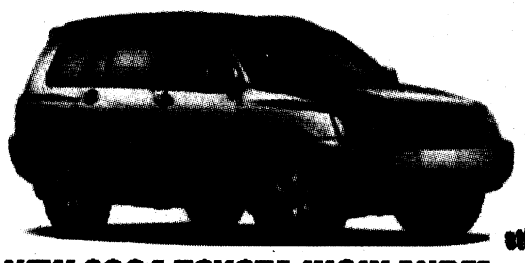

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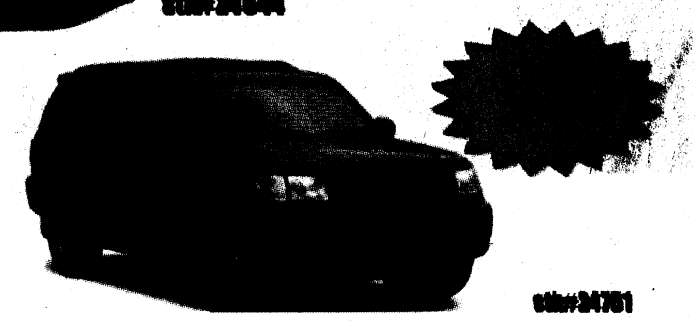

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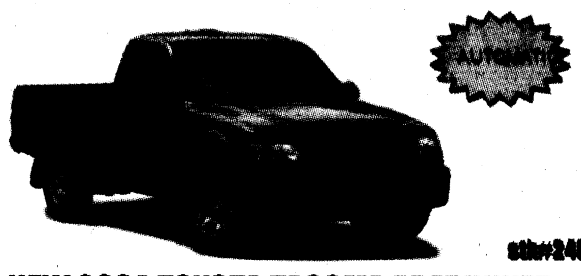

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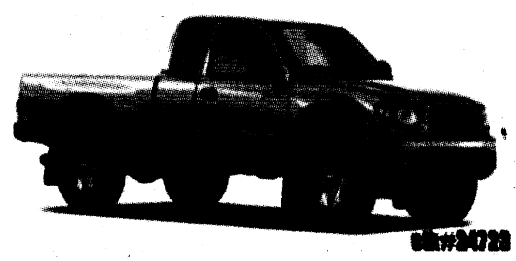

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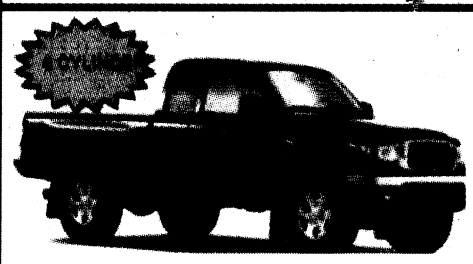

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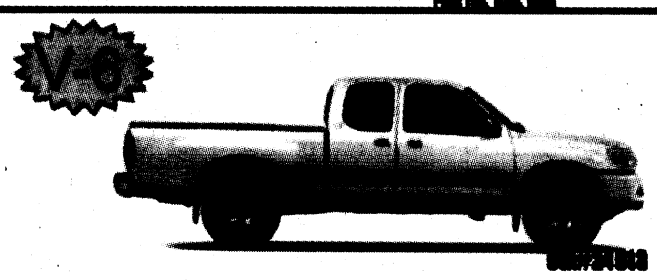

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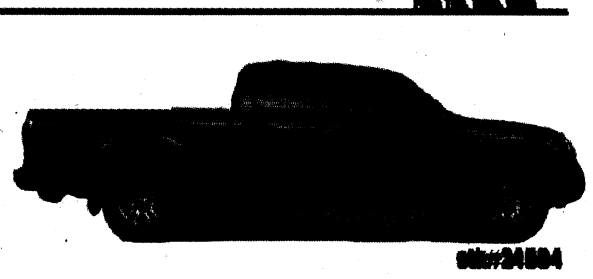

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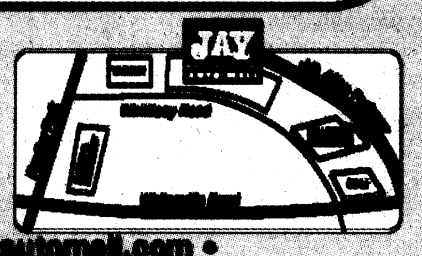

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Power of the press



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Broadwater warms up with 315 lbs. on the bench press Tuesday at Briant Wells Fitness Center. Broadwater competed in the Southern States Power Lifting Championships, where he took first place in his weight class.

Soldier hopes to revive post's powerlifting program

Weightlifting champion eyes spot at nationals

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Broadwater has enjoyed powerlifting since early in his military career, when he made up his mind he'd get better, stronger, each time he set foot in the weight room.

"It's something I've always loved, and I feel great after each workout," he said.

After lifting a career-high 507 lbs. in 1992, Broadwater went on a string of deployments and overseas tours and couldn't continue the sport until his return to Fort Benning last year.

Now the 42-year-old tasking NCOIC of the Medical Department Activity wants to revive the post's powerlifting program, which all but died off in the mid-1990s.

"I know there are people interested in the sport," he said. "But many don't know what they need to do to get started."

Broadwater is once again competing in bench press meets and hopes other Soldiers will gain interest in competing as well.

He competed in the Southern States Powerlifting Championships March 6 in Duluth, Ga., finishing first in his weight class.

"It felt good, after being out of the loop for so long, to get back in there and do so well," he said. "I never thought I would do as well as I did."

Next up for Broadwater is the Southeastern Regional Bench Press and Dead Lift Championships. If he places in the top three of his weight class, he will go on to Nationals later this year in Denver.

Now he hopes to start a team on Fort Benning.

"I believe that if we get enough Soldiers interested in competing, we can get a team started," he said. "Fort Hood (Texas) has a powerlifting team that finished fifth at Nationals last year.

"To me, that is great. Most of the teams they competed against were civilians, whose main focus was powerlifting, whereas the Soldiers have another job to do, so power lifting is a hobby for them."

As in all sports, however, there are risks.

"Many times, people try to start lifting more than they can handle," said Sherman Ledford, president of Quest Nutrition. "Sometimes they don't understand that they have to build up to it.

"You can't go into the sport thinking you're going to lift more than 500 lbs. on the first day, because it isn't going to happen. Patience is key in this sport, and if you stick with it, you'll get there one day."

Broadwater said the easiest way to stay safe when lifting is to have a spotter.

"Having a spotter at all times is important," he said. "It's a safety precaution that I take every time I get ready to lift."

For more information about joining Fort Benning's powerlifting group, call Broadwater at 544-2660.

Fort Rucker — 'Calling all Triathletes'

Race to benefit participants, Fort Rucker AER

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Fort Rucker, Ala., will host the Tinman Triathlon and Duathlon at 8 a.m. May 1, on the west beach of Lake Tholocco.

The event is sponsored by 1st Battalion, 210th Aviation Regiment. All proceeds will benefit Army Emergency Relief, a nonprofit organization that supports Soldiers and their families during times of crisis.

"This is going to be a great event for all those involved," said Chief Warrant Officer Don Randol, volunteer. "Not only are all those who participate going to be helping AER, but they're also going to go through a course that will challenge them both physically and mentally."

The triathlon consists of a 1,000 meter swim, an 18.6 mile bike ride and a 6.2 mile run. The duathlon consists of a two-mile run, an 18.6 mile bike ride and another run of 6.2 miles.

The bike course will cover rolling hills and smooth roads with several long "in the saddle" climbs.

The run route is a gentle, rolling course, which includes a little bit of gravel road, Randol said.

"And the scenery around the lake is great," he said. "It's something I believe everyone should see."

Bicycle helmets, appropriate footwear and swimwear are required. Wet suits are authorized, since water temperatures are expected to be in the high 60s or low 70s.

"As always, safety is stressed," Randol said. "We want to make sure we taken precautionary steps."

According to ustriathlon.com, people are most at risk to injury when they are not paying attention to what they're doing.

"I've seen many people go down with an injury in the middle of races, because they weren't aware of all of the variables around them," said U.S. Triathlon National Champion Hunter Kemper, in an interview with *Triathlon Times*. "It could be holes in the road, a shoe not tied tight or other athletes around them. You just never know, if you're not aware.

"People also go into events not having trained for the triathlon," Kemper said. "They feel like they can walk in

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> U.S. Triathlon National Champion

anything without proper training and do well. My advice to everyone is to train before you race, and you will be better prepared for what you see out on the race course."

The opening ceremony and prerace briefing begin at 7:15 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m.

Preregistration entry fees are $30 for individuals and $60 for teams. On race day, the registration fees are $35 for individuals and $70 for teams.

The first 100 race entrants will receive a free T-shirt.

Awards will be presented to the top three males and females as well as the top finishers in the following age groups: under 20, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and older.

Randol said this is "the race to do" to prepare for the Gulf Coast Triathlon, the annual Southeastern US Championship Race.

Although the Tinman is not sanctioned by USA Triathlon, all USAT rules will be in effect. Draft marshals will be out in force.

Packet pickup begins at 6 a.m. near the transition area.

For more information on the race or to register, call (334) 255-9133 or e-mail curtis.harper@rucker.army.mil.

Marksmen ready for competition

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will host the All-Army Small Arms Championships in conjunction with the U.S. Army Infantry Center Sunday to March 25.

More than 170 Soldiers have registered for the matches, competing with the M-16 rifle or M-4 carbine, M-9 pistol and M-24 or M-14 rifles. The USAMU has a limited number of weapons available for Soldiers and cadets who do not have assigned weapons.

So far, 62 regular Army, 33 Reserve, 63 National Guard and 15 soldiers from Cadet Command are set to compete.

Many Fort Benning Soldiers will be competing, including Rangers from Dahlonega, Ga.

The schedule of events for the 2004 U.S. Army Small Arms Championships is as follows:

- March 14: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., in-processing; 5 to 7 p.m. at Phillips Range and a team captains' meeting.
- March 15: 7:30 to 8 a.m., Opening Ceremony at Easley Range; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., classroom portion of Rifle Train the Trainer at Infantry Hall, Classroom 1A; range portion of Rifle Train the Trainer starts at 1 p.m. All Soldiers will receive Certificates of Training.
- March 16: 7:30 to 11 a.m., rifle zero McAndrews Range; noon to 2 p.m., classroom portion of Pistol Train the Trainer at Infantry Hall, Classroom 1A; range portion of Pistol Train the Trainer starts at 2:30 p.m. All Soldiers will receive Certificates of Training.
- March 17: Day One Rifle Match, McAndrews Range and Day One Pistol Match at Parks Range start at 7:30 a.m.
- March 18: Day Two Rifle Match, McAndrews Range and Day Two Pistol Match at Parks Range start at 7:30 a.m.
- March 19: Rifle Excellence in Competition Match at McAndrews Range and Pistol Excellence in Competition Match at Parks Range start at 7:30 a.m.

Soldiers do not need to be pre-registered to shoot in this match; all Fort Benning Soldiers are welcome to compete.

- March 20: Rifle Team Match at McAndrews Range starts at 7:30 a.m.
- March 21: Pistol Team Match at Parks Range and Long Range Match Registration at Phillips Range start at 7:30 a.m. The Awards Ceremony will be conducted at Phillips Range starting at 6 p.m. Lt. Col. Gordon R. Roberts, the only active duty Army Medal of Honor recipient, is tentatively scheduled to be the guest speaker at the awards ceremony. Awards include rifles, pistols, trophies, plaques, coins and medals.
- March 22: Long Range Train the Trainer and zero at Maertens Range start at 7:30 a.m..
- March 23: Long Range Iron Sights Match at Maertens Range starts at 7:30 a.m.
- March 24: Long Range Any Sights Match at Maertens Range starts at 7:30 a.m.
- March 25: Long Range Palma Match at Maertens Range starts at 7:30 a.m. The Awards Ceremony will be conducted at Phillips Range starting at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Michael J. Behnke, USAMU chief of competitions, at 545-7841.

Who's going to make a difference this year?

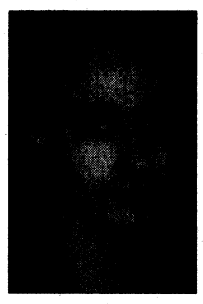
Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Ah, it's March again and you know what that means — March Madness. The time when dreams come true and others are tossed aside until next year.

Is everyone ready to fill out their brackets Monday morning when you get to work? I know I am. I'm ready to show all of my critics who the true king of the tournament is.

Maybe then, my colleagues can stop giving me a hard time about the Georgia Bulldogs not having a great year — although, they were the only team to beat Kentucky twice this year.

However, I'm curious to see what matchups there will be in the tournament. Every year, there are games in which I think its obvious who's going to win, and it doesn't turn out like that. So, it's time to rethink my strategy.



This year, before filling out my bracket, I'm going to pay attention to the lesser known conference tournaments and some of the teams who rank in the middle of the major conferences. Those are the teams that will make the biggest difference.

I also have this curiosity where the Selection Committee is going to place teams like Gonzaga, Princeton, Georgia Tech and Louisville.

Gonzaga is an interesting team. They're from the West Coast Conference, which is considered a mid-major conference. However, can you even consider the 'Zags a mid-major team?

Coach Mark Few continues to have outstanding recruits come in, and the 'Zags will continue to be a power in the years to come. If they're on their game, I don't think anybody can beat them.

The Princeton Tigers are an always dangerous team in the NCAA tournament. Ever since I started following their progress in 1995, I've noticed that they seem to always get a seed between 12 and 14.

Generally, that's bad. However, the Tigers have somehow won most of those games. I don't get it. It doesn't matter where they are, they're going to change the tournament. They might not win it, but they'll sure make some noise.

As a die-hard Bulldogs fan, it pains me to say, "The Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets are championship contenders." Whew! that was hard. Excuse me while I go wash my mouth out with soap.

But it's true. The Jackets are a very dangerous team. They're without a doubt, the deepest team in the country. If one player is off during the game, others will pick up the slack.

A great example of that was when the Jackets played the Florida State Seminoles March 6 in Atlanta.

Tech's leading scorer, guard B.J. Elder, was having an off night, but on Senior Night, senior guard Marvin Lewis hit four 3-pointers in the second half to help Tech come from behind and beat the Seminoles.

My advice to teams in the tournament playing Georgia Tech, "Be careful."

Louisville is an akward team. They started the season 16-1, but fell by the wayside, only winning three more games the rest of the way.

The Cardinals are still a dangerous team, but I wonder if they've lost that luster and pizzazz they had at the beginning of the season.

Maybe Rick Pitino can have his team going by the time tournament time comes around. They need to get back to what was working for them at the beginning of the season, and I think they will do well in the tournament.

Well, there it is, four teams who will be in different positions come tournament time.

And they all have one thing in common — this is a tournament, and on any given night, any team can win.

Now the question is, which teams will take advantage of its opponents' mistakes and expose them of their weaknesses? I guess we'll have to wait and see.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

Sam Spears Benefit Golf Tournament — The Sam Spears Benefit Golf Tournament will be at 12:30 p.m. March 27 at the Follow Me Golf Course.

The cost is $30 per person and $5 for two mulligans.

Food and prizes will be available.

For more information, call 544-7044.

Aerobics classes — The Briant Wells Fitness Center Aerobics Program is in full step. The fitness center offers box aerobics, aeromix, step combo, core crunch, yoga and aqua aerobics.

The cost is $25 per month or $3 per class.

For more information, call Briant Wells at 545-4388.

Hunting regulations — There have been many changes to the Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing regulations this year. Changes include:

- People authorized to hunt or fish on Fort Benning have been expanded to include all DoD civilian employees working full-time or the equivalent, regardless of where they work, and all active national guardsmen and reserve Soldiers who are in a paid drill status, regardless of where they are assigned.
- The numbers of guests that can be sponsored per day has increased from two to three.
- Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1961, must now show evidence of the successful completion of a hunter safety course in order to hunt on either the Georgia or Alabama sides of the installation.
- Guest permits can now be purchased as daily passes, monthly weekend passes, or in periods of time up to 30 consecutive days.

Saturday bike rides — Saturday bike rides are in full gear.

Riders meet at 10 a.m. Saturdays at Briant Wells Field House and can choose from 10, 15- or 20-mile rides.

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All you need is a bike, helmet, water and plenty of energy.

For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

off post

Benefit Golf Tournament — The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary will present a benefit golf tournament at Maple Ridge Golf Club at 11:30 a.m. March 23.

The cost of the event is $40. Proceeds will help the Salvation Army in its ministries to serve those less fortunate in our community.

For more information, call 327-0275.

Celebrity Classic 5K/10K — The 2004 Celebrity Classic 5K/10K run to benefit the John B. Amos Cancer Center will begin at 8 a.m. April 17 along the Columbus River Walk.

Registration for the race is $18 per person before April 16 and $20 on race day.

For more information, call 660-6559.

Softball players — Post-level softball players are needed to play in the Downtown League.

For more information, call Jimmy Armstrong at 566-2015.

Dodge Tour de Georgia — On April 21, 120 world-class cyclists, including five-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, will race into Columbus for the 2nd annual Dodge Tour de Georgia cycling competition.

Volunteer course marshals are needed.

For more information, call Susan Vann at 660-1996 or e-mail svann@columbusga.org.

Arena Football — Alignment for the 2004 af2 football season, which begins in late March, features a 26-team format consisting of two conferences divided into three divisions, the League office recently announced.

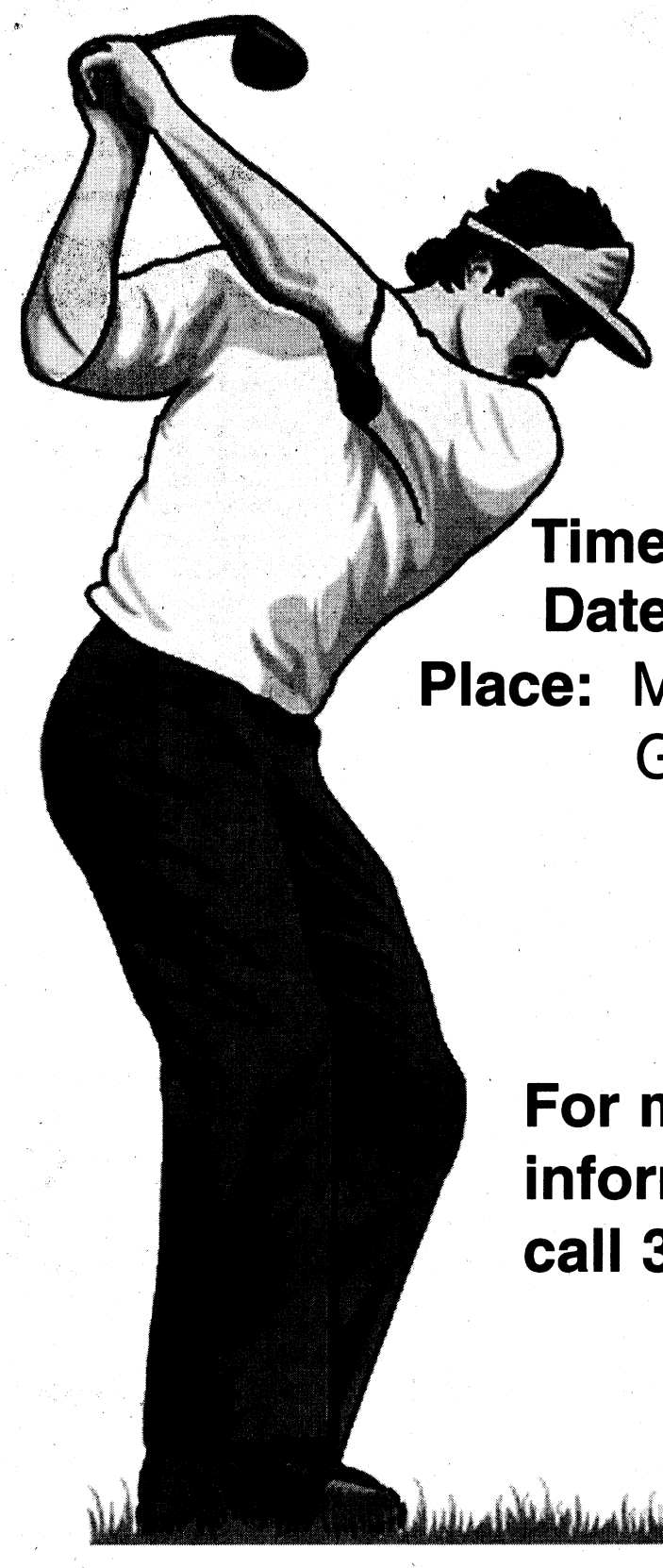
The American and National Conferences each consist of 13 teams within three divisions. The Northeast, South and Mid-South Divisions form the American Conference, while the Southwest, Midwest and West divisions complete the National Conference. The Columbus Wardogs remain in the American Conference South along with in-state rival Macon. Birmingham, Cape Fear (Fayetteville, NC) and Florida round out the division.

For season ticket information, call 653-7789 or log onto columbuswardogs.com.

Children's fishing — The Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority invites organized groups of children (minimum of 10 per group) to fish at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter during National Fishing Month in June. One of the Agricenter's lakes, which has been stocked with catfish, will be available at no charge on a reservation-only basis. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning April 12.

For information or to schedule a trip, call (478) 987-3247 or (800) 987-3247.

Salvation Army Benefit Golf Tournament



Time: 11:30 a.m.
Date: March 23
Place: Maple Ridge Golf Course
Cost: $40

For more information, call 327-0275

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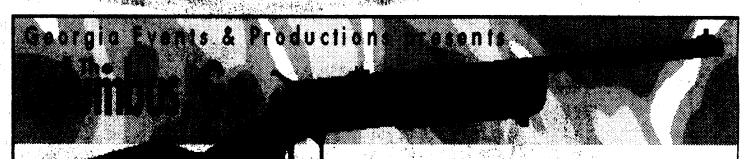

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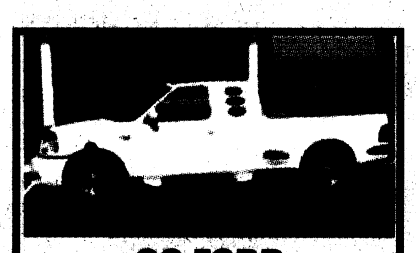

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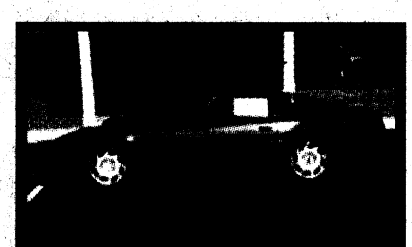

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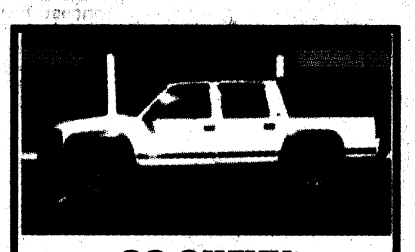

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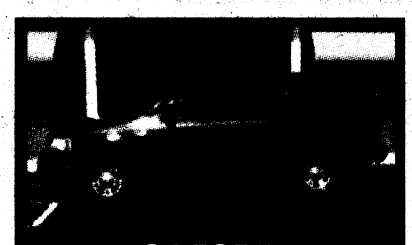

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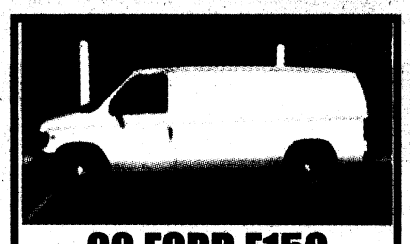

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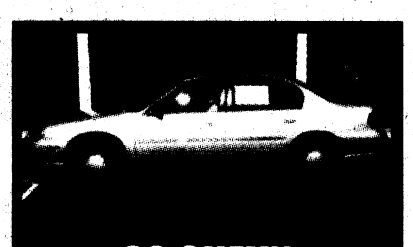

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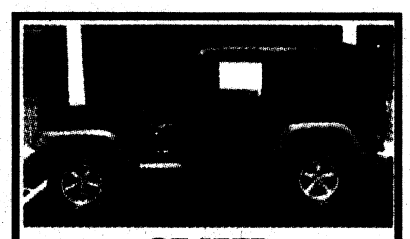

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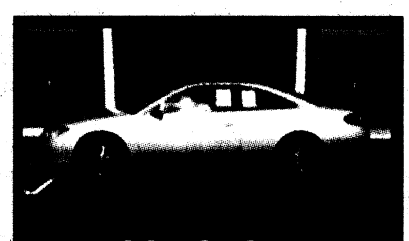

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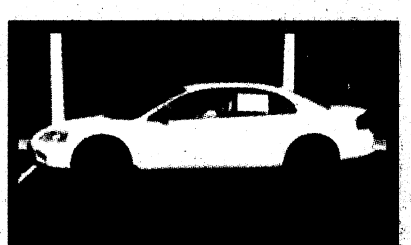

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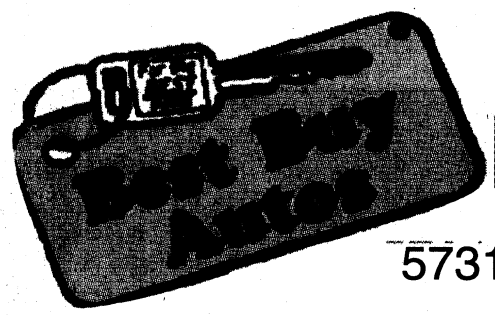

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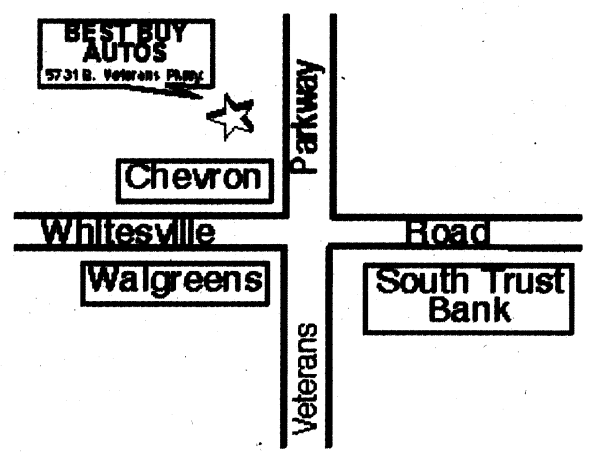

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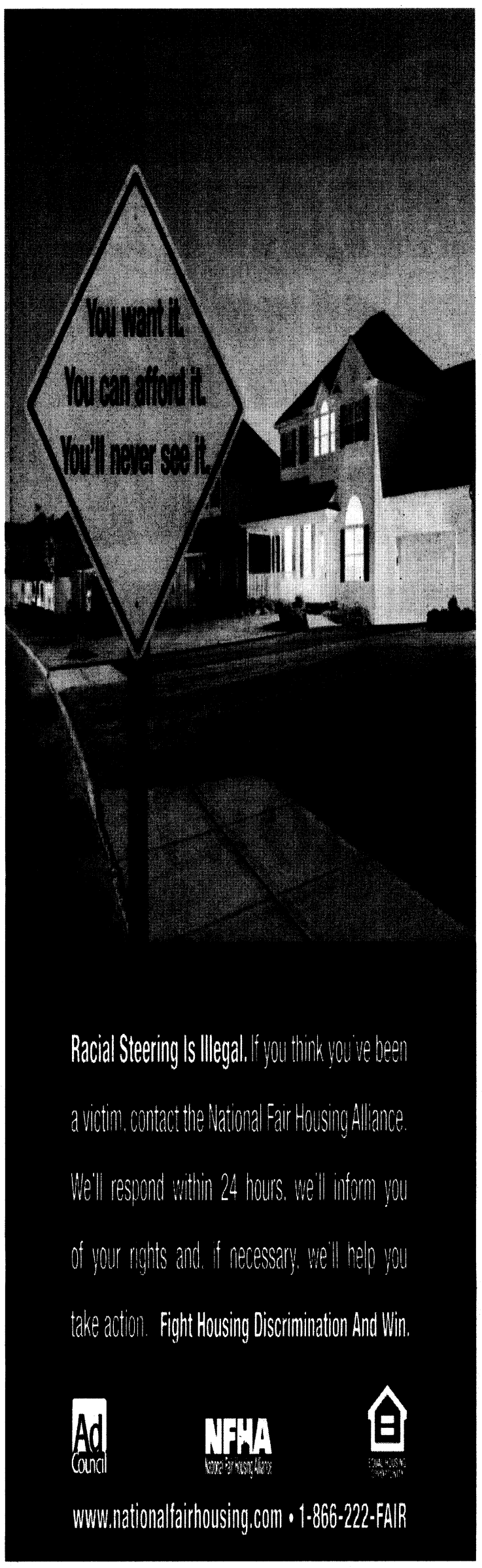

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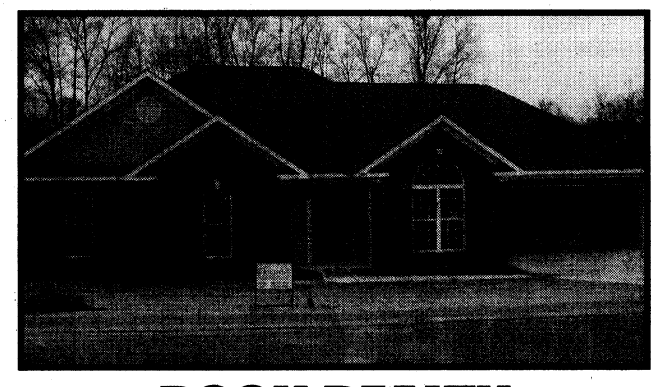

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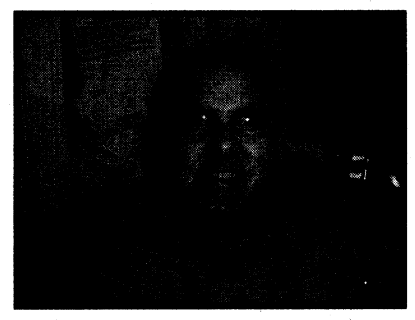

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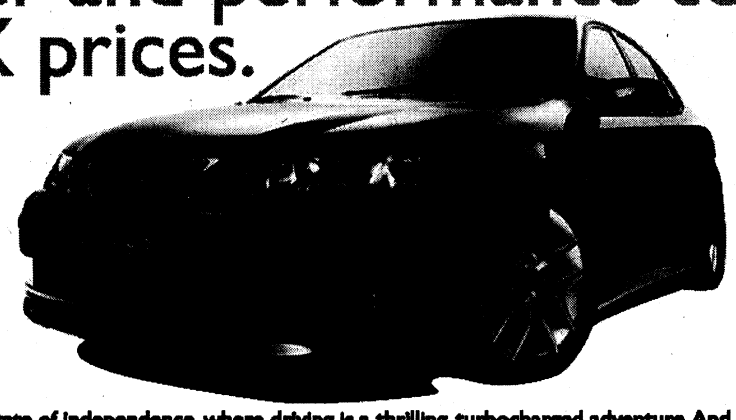

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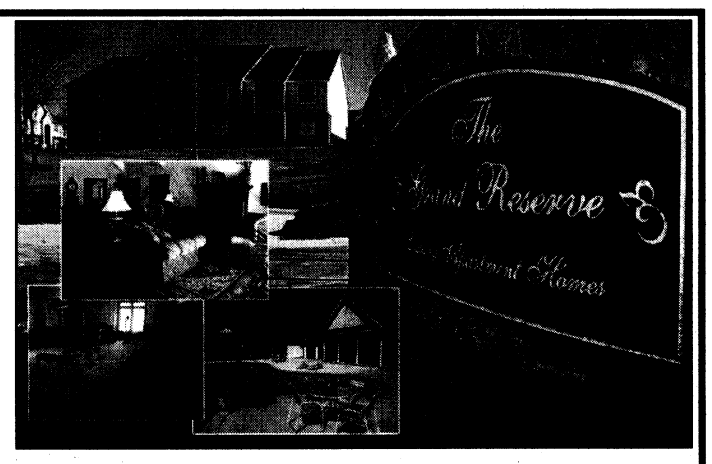

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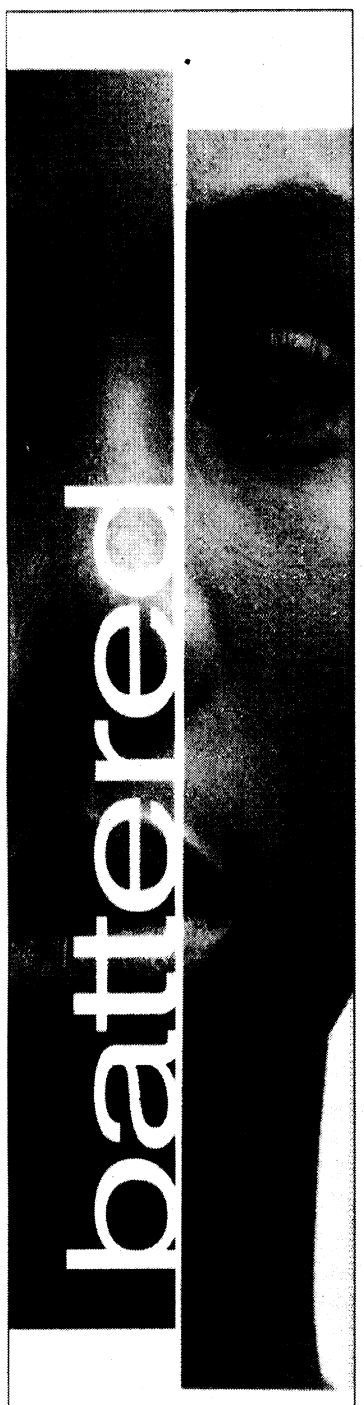

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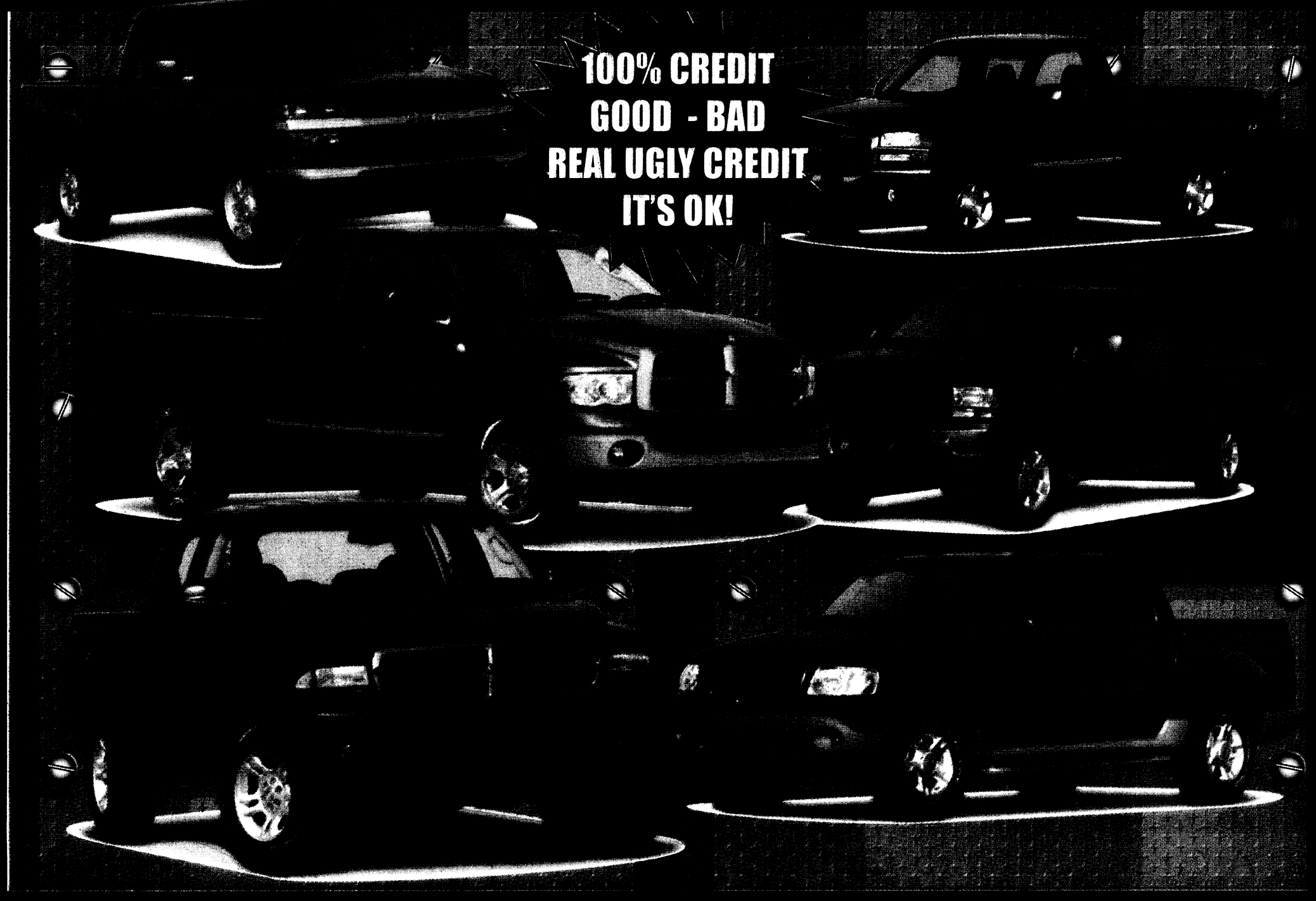

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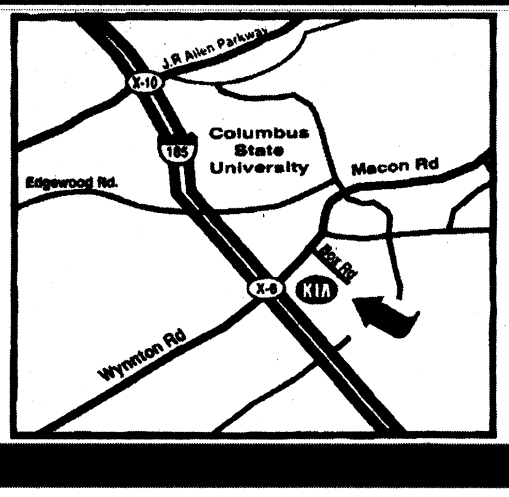

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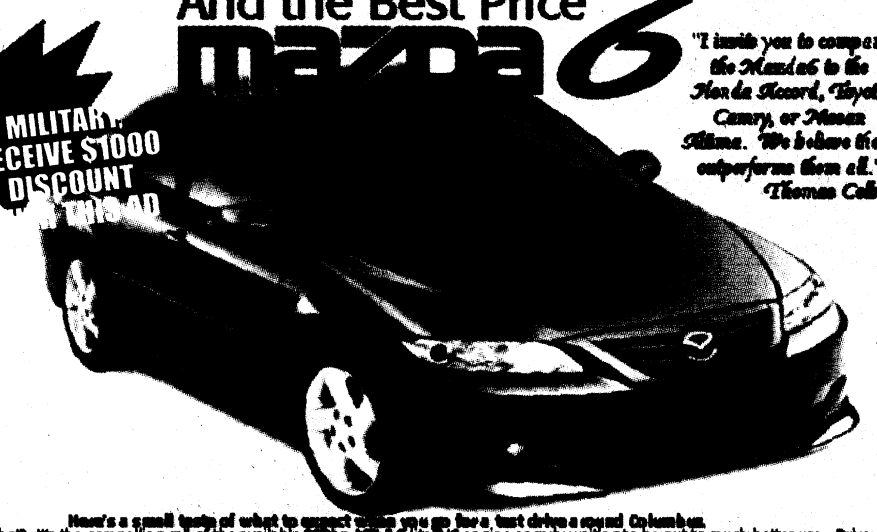

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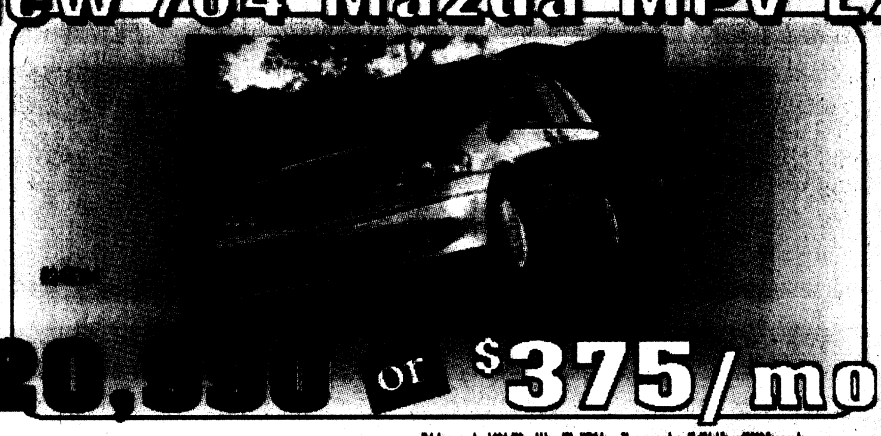

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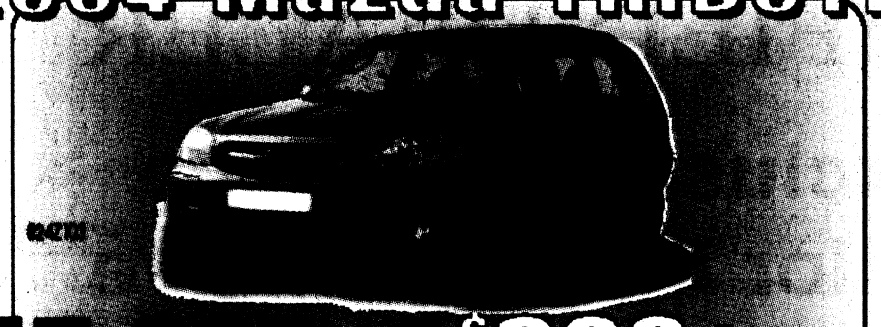

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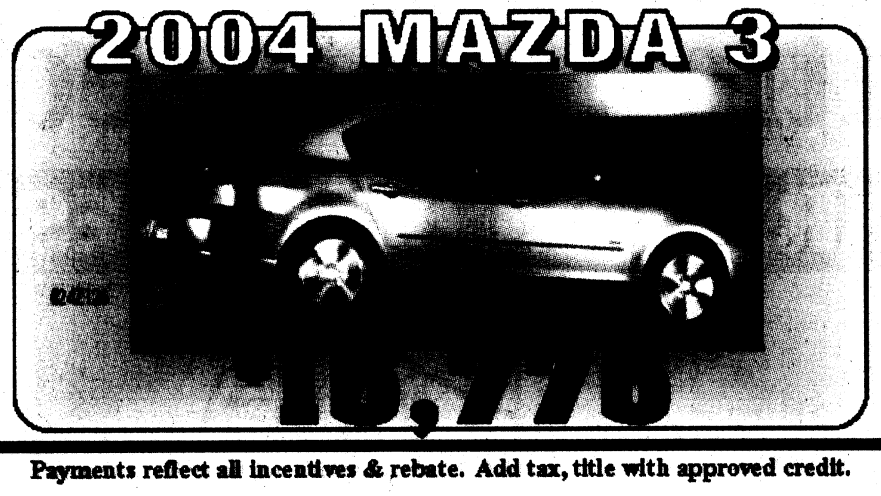

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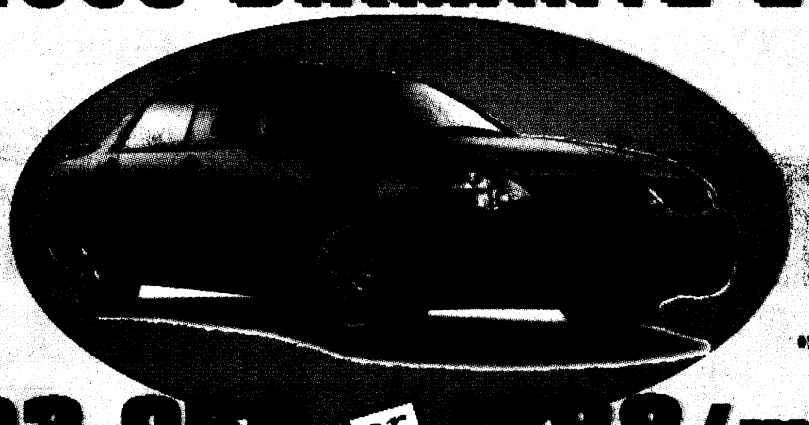

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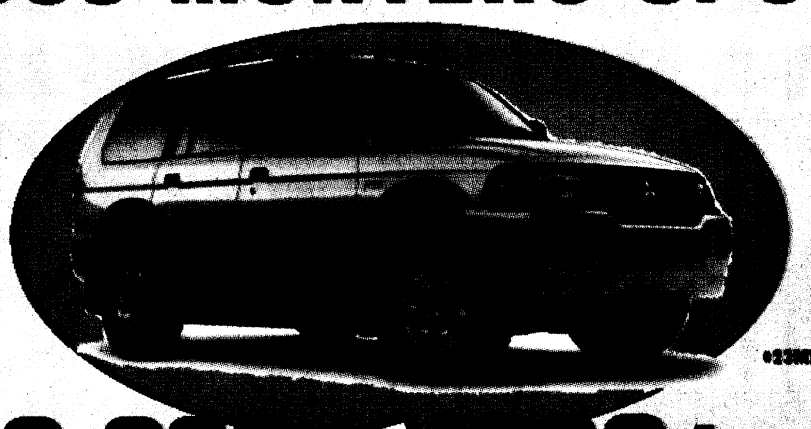

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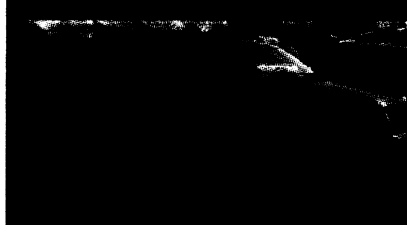

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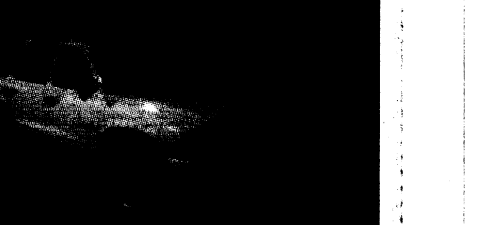

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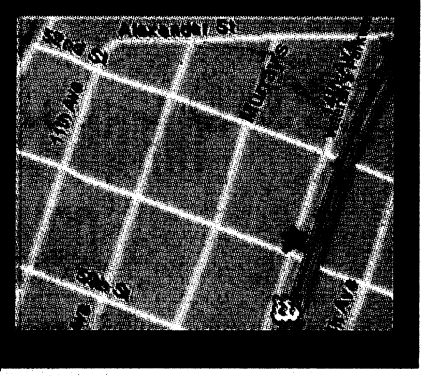

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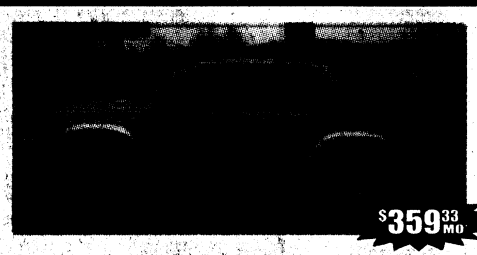

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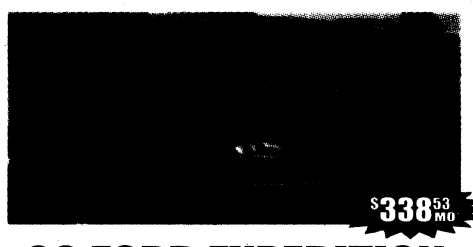

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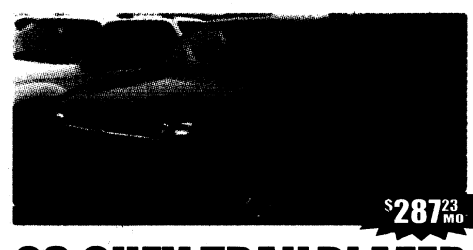

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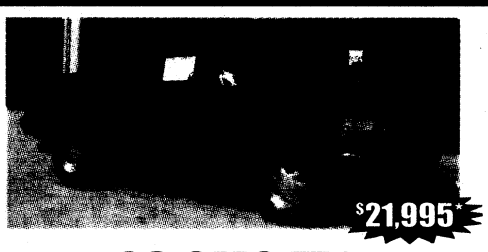

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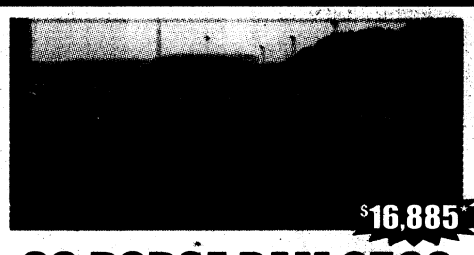

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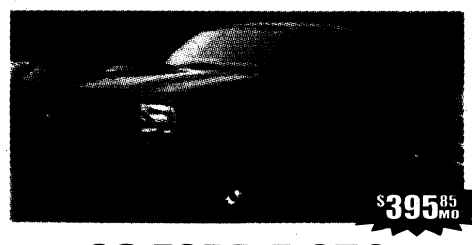

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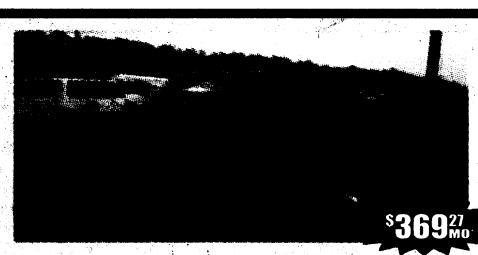

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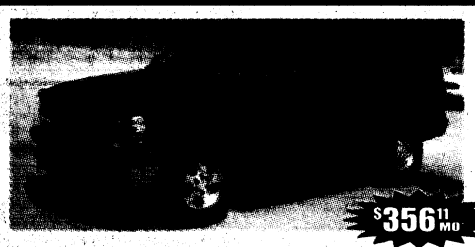

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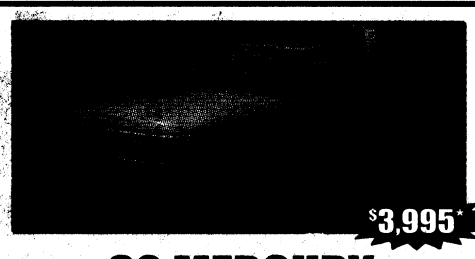

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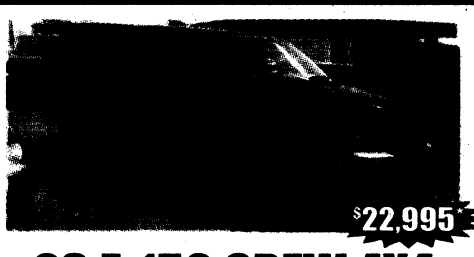

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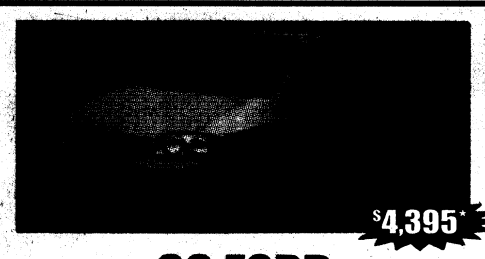

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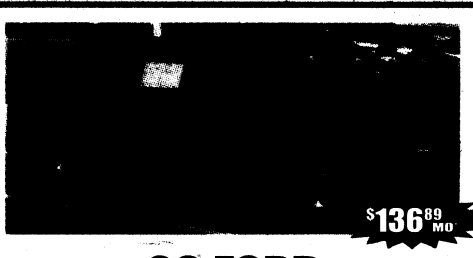

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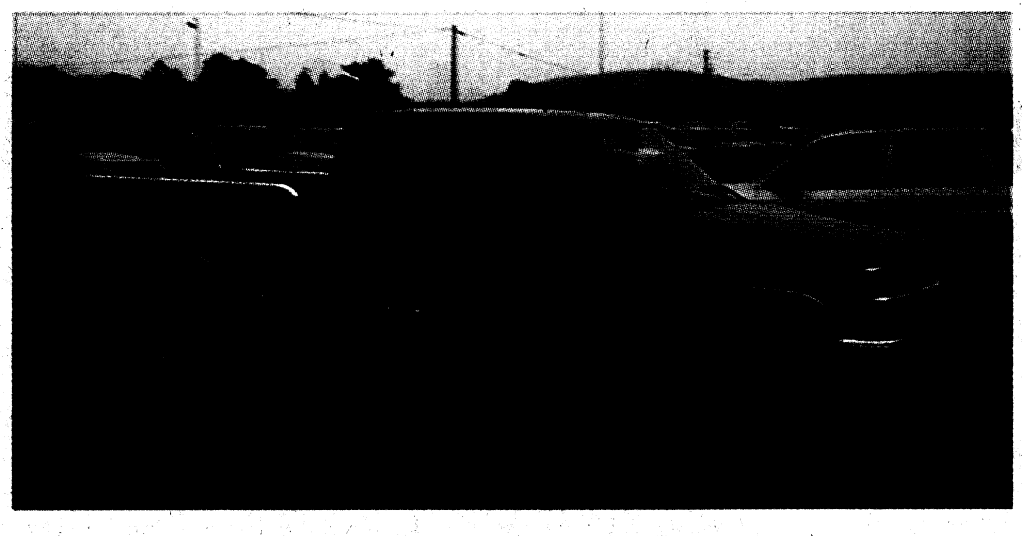

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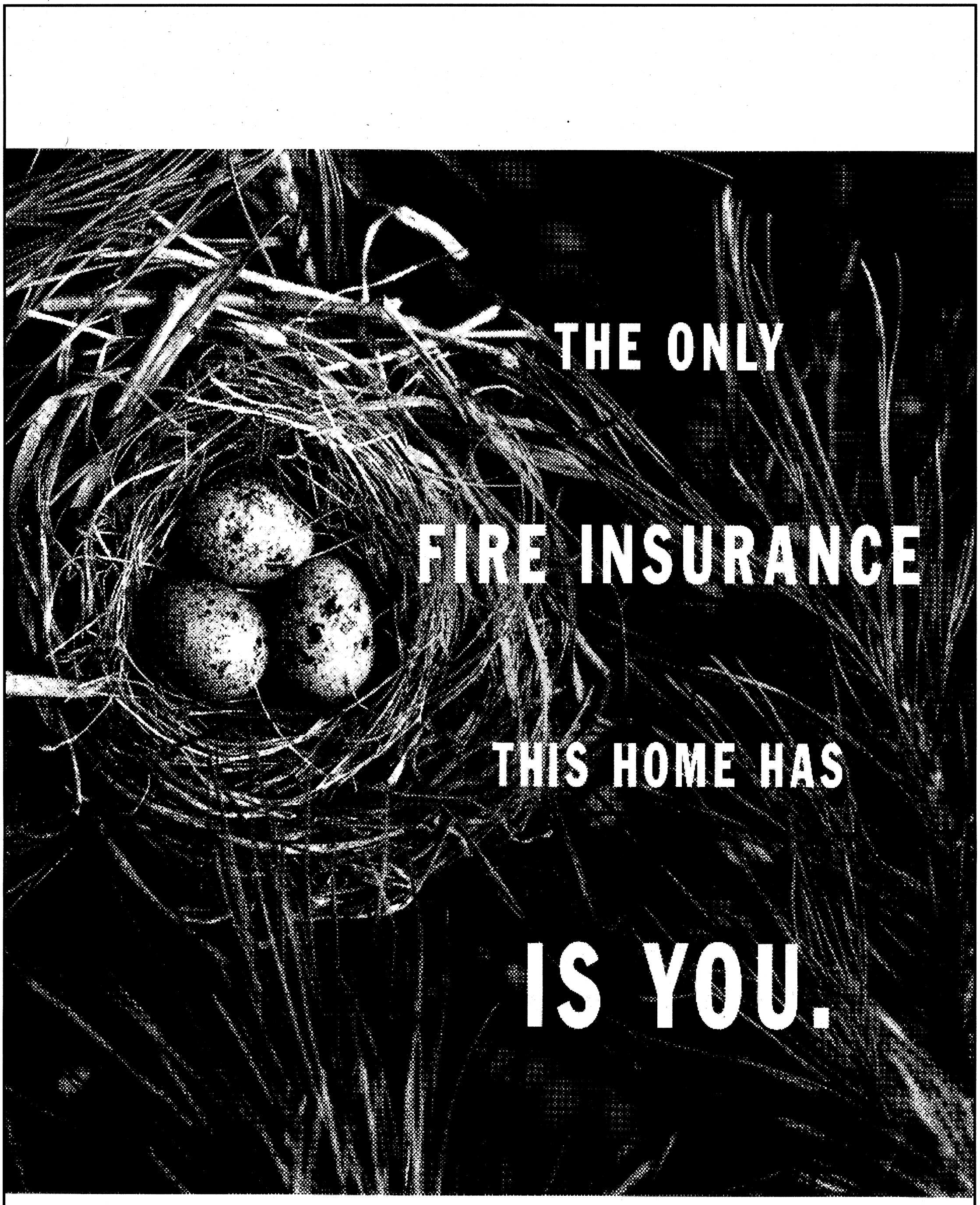

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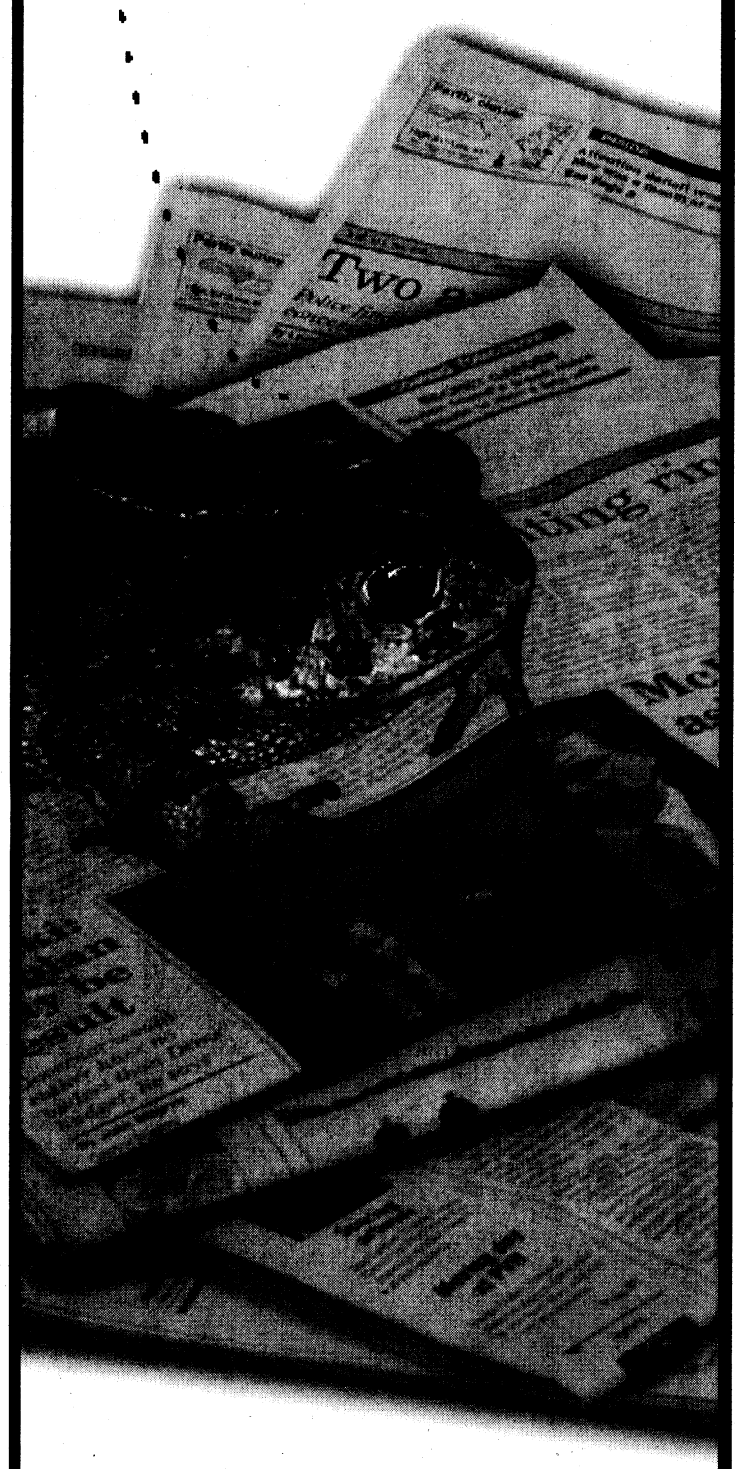

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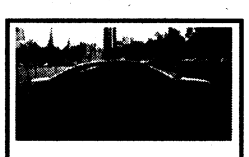

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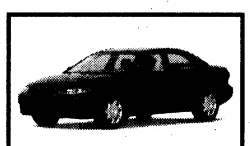

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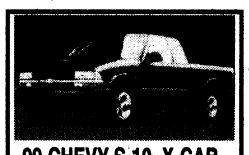

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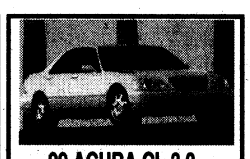

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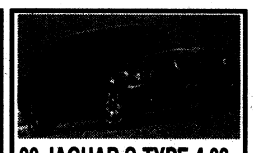

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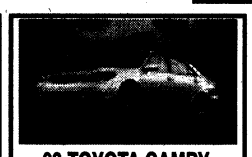

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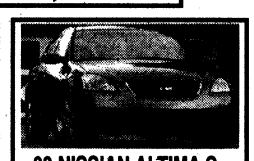

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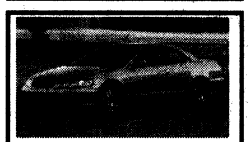

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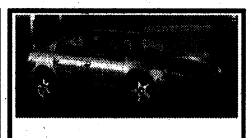

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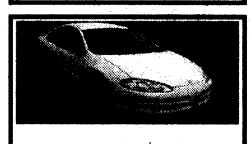

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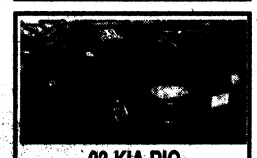

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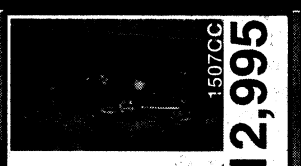

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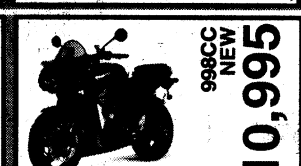

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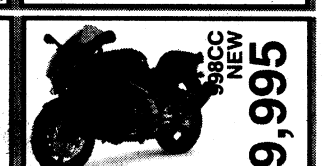

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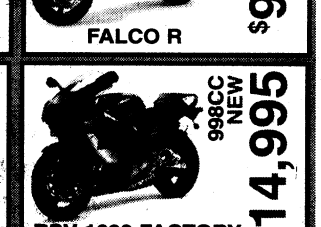

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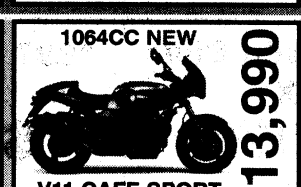

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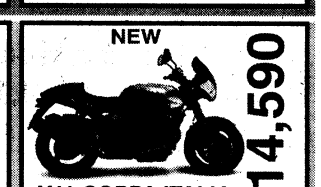

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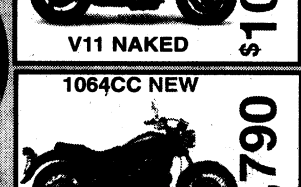

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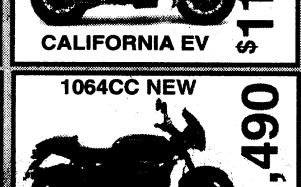

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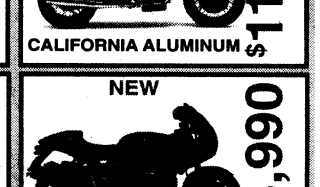

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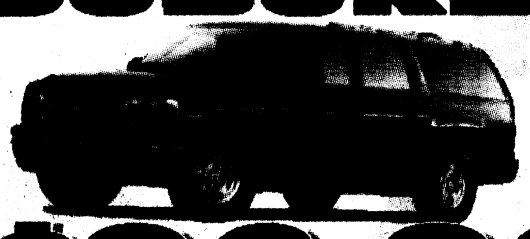

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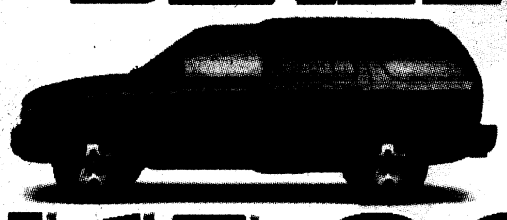

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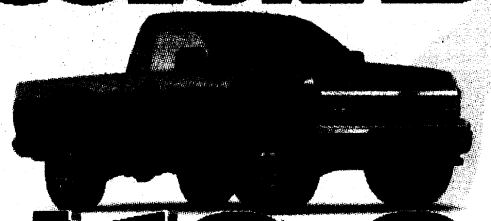

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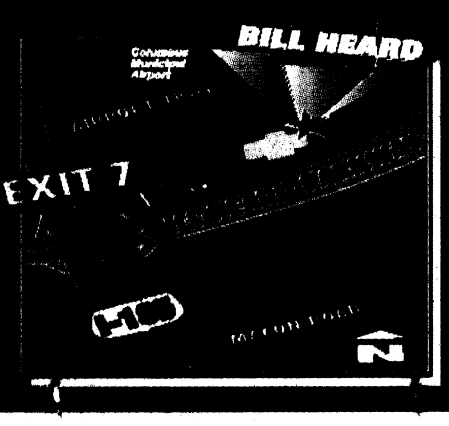

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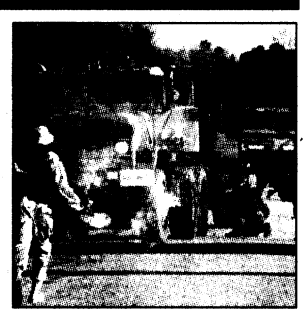

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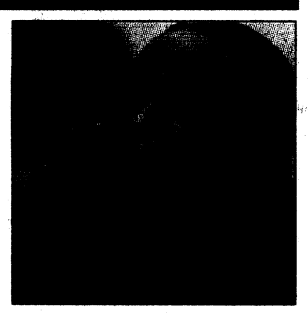

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Photos by Spc. Nikki St.Amant

Families welcome the plane bringing the 988th Military Police Company home from its deployment Saturday.

WELCOME HOME!

988th MP Company returns from year overseas

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Hundreds of friends and family members greeted 126 Soldiers of the 988th Military Police Company Saturday at Lawson Army Air Field upon their return from a nearly one-year deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The unit deployed last April and has spent the last year supporting Marines of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in locations such as Nasiriya and Najaf, Iraq.

The unit's mission included performing area security, stability and support operations and military police intelligence tasks.

The unit returned with all its Soldiers, citing only two injuries.

Pfc. Matthew Narez said unit cohesion was tight while the Soldiers were deployed and morale was high, but said thinking about coming back to see his family is what kept him going throughout the 11-month deployment.

After 18 hours of travel, Narez said the first thing he would do once he was assigned a barracks room is take a shower.

A shower and a home-cooked meal seemed to be on most Soldiers' minds.

A favorite dinner of butter chicken, mashed potatoes and sweet tea was on the menu for Spec. Alex Miller.

Miller said it felt great to be home and be back with his wife and two young sons.

Katrina Banks, wife of Sgt. Keith Banks, said

See **988th,** A-3



Spc. Alex Miller hoists his youngest son, Brandon, 2, onto his shoulders for the first time in a year.

104th Transportation Co. ends yearlong deployment

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

About 100 Soldiers of the 104th Transportation Company, 13th Corps Support Battalion, returned home from a one-year deployment to Iraq Wednesday morning.

After turning in their sensitive items, the troops were greeted by an excited crowd at Audie Murphy Gym.

Family members and friends packed the bleachers of the gym's basketball court in anticipation of the unit's arrival.

Upon the Soldiers' dismissal from formation, they were welcomed by their loved ones with tears, hugs and long-awaited kisses.

The reunions were a relief for both the troops and their families. The unit was originally deployed with the expectation it would return home after a short operation in theater. That expectation was changed when, four months into the mission, they were notified they would be gone for the full year.

"When we first deployed, we had no idea how long we'd be gone," Sgt. Khevin Smith said.

His wife, Lashawnda, gave birth to their son, Khevin Jr., while the unit was deployed and said it was wonderful to finally have him home.

"I thought (the deployment) was going to be harder, but the baby kept me busy," she said.

Lashawnda said the unit's family readiness group support also helped significantly.

The couple had been married only a month and a half when the unit departed.

Khevin Sr. said thinking of his wife and son was the source of his

See **104th,** A-3

Low-carb diets could pose health threat

Meal plans deprive dieters of fiber, nutrients

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It sounds simple enough. Just cut the carbohydrates, gorge on all the tasty, fatty foods your heart desires and you'll lose weight. Sounds too good to be true, right?

That's because it is, said 1st Lt. Paula Wedel of Martin Army Community Hospital's Nutrition Care Clinic.

Every year, Americans spend $33 billion on the diet industry, and yet, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association, there are 50 percent more obese people in America today than there were a decade ago — even with a rash of low-carb diets and products promising fast, easy weight loss.

Low-carb diets either severely restrict or altogether eliminate carbohydrates from the diet, igniting a bodily process called ketosis, according to the Complete Wellness Center Web site.

"Ketosis occurs when carbohydrates are not available for the body for energy," the site explains. "When the body doesn't get enough carbohydrates, it starts to reduce the blood sugar (glycogen) reserves in the liver. The body then starts to extract glycogen from muscle tissue, thus breaking it down and depleting water from the muscles at the same time."

Once the body has depleted the reserves of blood sugar in the muscles, it starts to expand its production of ketone bodies, which many cells ultimately use for energy in lieu of glucose. That, indeed is fat burning.

But while this process achieves fat loss, it comes at a price.

"The Dietary Reference Intake is what we use as professionals to determine the recommended dietary allowances for healthy populations," Wedel said. "The DRI for carbohydrates is 130 grams a day — the minimum amount of

See **CARBS,** A-3

CLOSER LOOK

Following a low-carb diet could lead to short- and long-term health side effects like:

Reduced energy level, sometimes significantly

Dehydration and mineral depletion

Constipation

Cancers of the breast, prostate, colon and lung

Heart disease

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Would you like fries with that?

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



Wilhelmenia is one of my favorite people. I don't know her last name, if she prefers to be called Willie, how she votes, her age or her shoe size. For that matter, I don't even know if she wears shoes, because I've never seen Wilhelmenia's feet.

I've only seen Wilhelmenia from the other side of the cash register at the Main Post Burger King, where she greets me once or twice (or five times) a week with a smile. Once, after a brief and futile attempt at reforming my diet, I returned like the prodigal to BK, and Wilhelmenia said, "Where have you been? We thought you'd moved away."

You could've knocked me over with a sesame seed. What kind of place is this? They actually noticed my absence. Don't hold me to it, but I'd say it's a safe bet that restaurant serves a couple thousand customers a week on a slow week. And they noticed my absence?

That got me thinking about this thing we call customer service. Why is it I drive out of my way to eat at one place instead of another? Why don't I mind standing in line here and refuse to wait five minutes there? Why do some people treat their customers royally, while others treat them like a royal pain in the keester?

Bad customer service gets a lot of press these days, and well it should. There seems to be a common perception among those who haven't developed the knack for it, that customer service — courtesy and efficiency — is tantamount to subservience. That's not the case at all.

There's absolutely nothing subservient about Wilhemena. She's got Attitude, with a capital A. It fairly oozes. ("Could I get a clean-up at the register please? Willie's oozing attitude on the French fries again.) But her attitude, it would seem, stems from a healthy sense of self-worth. A purpose.

One of my favorite scriptures is Ecclesiastes 9:10, which says, *"Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might."* I keep that verse in mind when I'm cleaning toilets, cooking for an unappreciative audience or writing an article I absolutely do not want to write. And if someday I find myself flipping burgers or mopping floors at Burger King, I hope I'll be the best flipper or mopper in the world, bar none.

Customer service means valuing what you do even when you don't like what you do.

It means understanding the importance of getting it right, whatever *it* is, even if you're doing it for the hundredth time today.

It means treating a private like a general and treating every customer like he or she is responsible for your next OER.

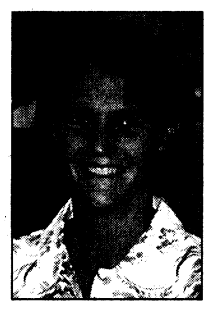
I can give you example after example of bad customer service. We've all seen it, and we're pretty quick to complain.

I've recently taken to filling out comment cards when I'm treated like a king, not just a customer, by people like Wilhelmenia, who believe good service comes with a smile and a side order of fries.

Here at *The Bayonet*, we'd like to hear from you. Drop us a line and let us know who's excelling in the service department. Send your letters to the editor to fbbayonet @mindspring.com.

Won't you clean up, my neighbor?

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



Yes, I know the post Spring Clean-Up is just a little shy of a month away. But I'm not going to be shy about asking folks to put it on their calendars. Don't pencil it in, because it isn't going to change.

If you live in housing, grab a big fat red marker and make a commitment for either April 10 or April 17. They're both Saturdays, and once the morning soccer and baseball games are over, there will be plenty of time to spruce things up around the neighborhood.

I know Robert Frost wrote "good fences make good neighbors." But when all you can fence amounts to half-a-yard, and you and your neighbor are still too close for comfort, you'll have to find other ways of keeping the peace.

We all have our pet peeves — those things about neighbors, either past or present, or just our neighborhood in general, that drive us crazy. I hear them all the time, and I have a few of my own, of course.

For some, it's the teen-agers who don't scoop the poop when their dog loads someone else's lawn. For others, it's the delivery men or the garbage men who don't seem to understand that 15 mph means you can only do 15 mph.

Like the sergeants major say, "Do the right thing."

Let's put our trash at the curb in a container, not a plastic bag for animals to tear into overnight. Then, follow up by not leaving the empty, overturned can by the curb day after day after day.

Let's make a conscious effort to drive the speed limit — or even a little bit slower — through the housing areas.

Our yards are indeed our footprint on post. They're like the cover of a book. If the cover looks good, the book must be good. Now that it's spring, let's get cracking.

And if you're on a corner, like I am, your footprint might actually extend a bit farther than the 150 feet the Housing Office says you are responsible for.

Think outside the footprint. Make yours a Sasquatch-sized print. Add an extra "toe" and mow and edge that little bit. It will make a difference.

And get your children involved. Have them grab the five weeks of newspapers piled up outside that empty set of quarters a few doors down. Chances are, they won't mind a few minutes of helping out.

I measured my footprint recently, and discovered that it covers a good bit of the "sandy park" outside my back door. The same park that needs a good leaf-raking and a little sand-rearranging to make it better for the kids. Yes, my kids will grumble, but chances are, they've left a good bit of the trash out there themselves

And taking pride in your neighborhood may mean getting those who come through on a regular basis to do their part in keeping things looking good.

Speak up if you need to, but speak up nicely. You'll catch more flies with sugar than you will with vinegar.

Don't be bashful about calling the leaf guys — who picked up your leaves but left the plastic bags on the ground to blow away — to do something else with the trash.

Yup, we're all in this together.

Living in post housing is not a right, but a privilege. And just like any landlord, the Army has the right to boot us out if we're not good tenants.

So grab your rake, pull PMCS on your mower, and I'll see you out there.

Low carbs, no carbs — give me a break

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor



This is war. The battle of the bulge. A full-scale counterattack on the fat that suddenly appeared on my hips and thighs when I hit 21. That unsightly "pooch" that somehow erupted at my midsection. The extra "skin" on the backs of my arms. (It has to be skin — how can you possible gain weight on the backs of your arms?!)

Whatever it is, this new pudgy stuff is definitely not welcome. And it's definitely not going to stick around — at least, that's what I said when I looked in the mirror after returning from Christmas leave (a moment of complete panic).

Now, I'm no stranger to dieting. I, too, was a teen-age girl once. You know the type — always on a new diet, never hungry, always "already ate."

But then again, that whole bagel-and-yogurt-a-day, drink-two-pots-of-coffee-and-eat-ice-chips-to-kill-the-hunger diet doesn't go over as well when you've got PT five days a week and are actually expected to function.

So I thought I'd try something "healthy." Yes, yes ... I was suckered in by the "low-carb diet." The one that promises you'll lose that belly, all the while stuffing yourself full with all the fat and flavor you could dream of.

Oh, and not just one diet — two. Two low-carb diets! And have I lost anything? Well, I'll let you do the math.

First, let's review the plan of attack. The Atkins Diet lasted all of a week. This "revolutionary" diet calls for only 20 grams of carbs a day for the first two weeks and not more than 90 grams a day once you've hit your goal weight.

Then there was the South Beach Diet, which comes complete with a menu plan, so I didn't bother to count carbs. But let me just say, my stomach revolted — there was definitely not enough food on this plan for me.

I know, I know — dieting success takes a little extra will and discipline. But when you're active (think PT five days a week, sports two days a week and aerobics when you can fit it in), this whole 1,500-calorie-a-day, low-carb thing just doesn't work out.

I was barely dragging myself out of bed in the morning by the third day of both diets — these are not exactly performance-enhancing meal plans.

Needless to say, I didn't last long on either diet — not because I couldn't hack it, but because it's just not a healthy diet for a person with my activity level.

With zero energy to spare, nagging hunger and carb cravings one is likely to suffer only in the confines of purgatory, I wasn't exactly feeling up to taking that jog to burn some extra calories. Even Winsor Pilates felt like running a marathon.

Now did I really need to reach complete physical exhaustion and endure dizzy spells, dehydration and all the other nasty side effects that they don't talk about in the books?

Probably not.

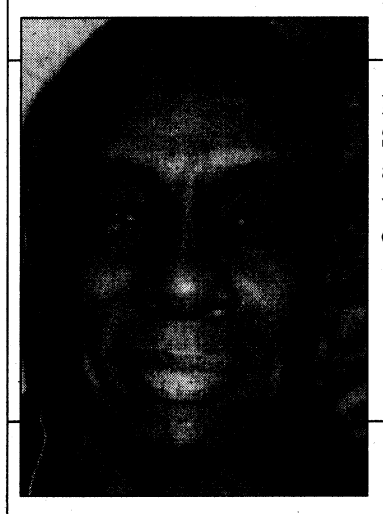
I just as easily could have made an appointment at the Nutrition Care Clinic to get some solid dieting advice as read an whole book about the benefit of starving my body of an entire food group ... OK, two whole books.

So if I were you — assuming *you* are a person seriously considering dropping a few pounds and leaning toward the low-carb train of thought — I would seek expert advice from people who are there to help you stay healthy, not to make money off your potentially dangerous diet.

The phone number is 544-CARE.

VARIOUS VOICES

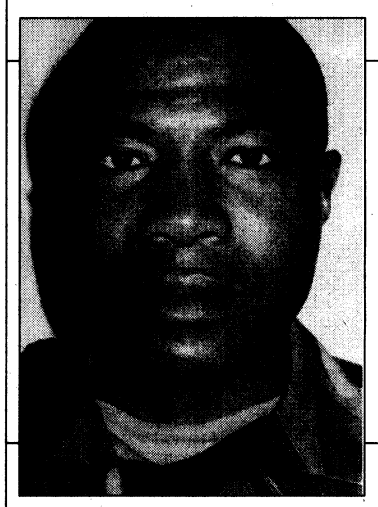
Where do you find good customer service on Fort Benning?



Retired Master Sgt. Charles Smith, Columbus — "I work at the Commissary, so I *know* we give good service. We don't get many complaints."



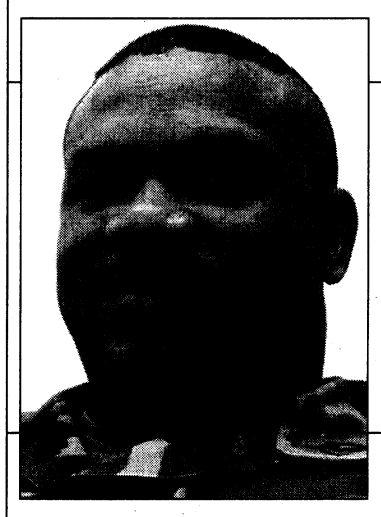
Velkis Boss, family member — "The schools, I love the schools. I volunteer as much as I can, and they're always very welcoming, very nice to me. I love our schools."



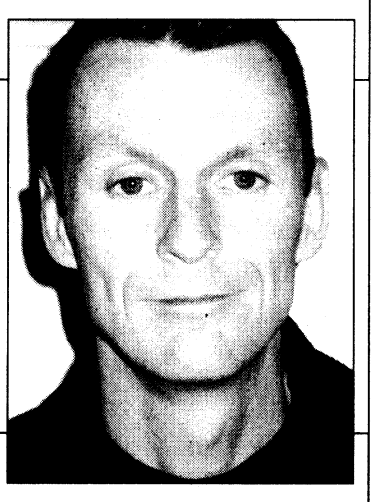
Sgt. Earl Miles, 178th Military Police Company — "The CB&T bank on Main Post. They always have something nice to say when you go in there, and there's always a smiling face to greet you."



Capt. Teresa Ferris, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "Actually, the people at Olsen Hall are about the nicest I've found anywhere. They're always polite and professional, and they'll take care of whatever you need."



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Bonham, U.S. Army Infantry Center — "The barber shop at the Main Mall. My favorite barber is Peggy. I don't even have to tell her how I want my hair cut. She's great — spoils my kids and everything."



Staff Sgt. Joe Long, Directorate of Public Safety — "The CONUS Replacement Center's (dining facility). They deal with a lot of people, and they always have an upbeat attitude. They take good care of us."

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Program brings combat leaders to Benning

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Fort Benning will host the first Combat Leadership Speaker Program at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall.

To kick off the program, the Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate has invited retired Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey to give the first lecture.

"A man like General McCaffrey is a great example of a leader," said Maj. Brent Cummings, CATD tactics team deputy. "He was a very highly decorated young combat leader in Vietnam, a division commander in the first Gulf War and the Drug Czar from 1996 to 2001.

"McCaffrey is now with a speaking firm, the Washington Speakers Bureau, and charges at least $10,000 to speak at private forums but has waived that fee to come and speak at Fort Benning," Cummings said.

The program will allow officers and NCOs attending courses at Fort Benning, as well as the staff and cadre, to benefit from the experiences of the the nation's greatest warriors as they prepare to face challenges of the future while serving a nation at war, Cummings said..

"It is a tremendous benefit for these young leaders to hear firsthand accounts of leadership in combat since most of them will go out to units preparing to deploy," said Lt. Col. John D. Harding, CATD deputy director.

Because of the current war on terrorism, the Army demands an intense study of combat leadership.

The focus of these lectures will be placed on small unit combat leadership, Cummings said.

McCaffrey will first speak at 2 p.m. to the Infantry Captains' Career Course, Infantry Officer Basic Course and Officer Candidate School students without cadre present so the students may feel free to ask questions, Cummings said.

At 7 p.m., McCaffrey will give a lecture to all post commanders, first sergeants and higher, Cummings said.

NCOs are the backbone of the Army and are welcome to attend since they, too, have leadership positions in combat zones, Harding said.

A future speaker includes the Honorable James Webb, former secretary of the Navy and best-selling author.

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Carbs: Necessary ingredient for healthy weight loss

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carbohydrates needed to produce enough glucose for the brain to function. This is only the brain; the body needs more to allow the muscles and cells to function properly."

Most low-carb diets encourage dieters to reduce their carb intake to as little as 20 grams per day. And even in their maintenance phases, these diets still allow less than the 250 to 300 grams of carbs per day that the American Heart Institute and the National Institute of Health both recommend.

For instance, on the Atkins diet, Wedel said, once you reach your goal weight, you're allowed up to 90 grams per day — "less than your brain needs to function."

These diets can have negative effects on your health, whether you're planning to use them short- or long-term.

"Mainly low energy is noted," Wedel said. "I have heard of civilian patients visiting the ER because they didn't have enough energy to continue their daily activities. And Soldiers train all day and need adequate carbohydrates for energy to support the rigorous activities of Army training. The short-term side effects (impact) military training and PT performance."

Aside from dehydration, mineral depletion and energy loss, low-carb diets are also generally low in fiber and high in fat, according to the Wellness Center Web site.

Low-fiber diets have been linked to constipation, diverticulosis and cancers of the colon, breast and prostate. High saturated fat intakes have been linked conclusively to heart disease and cancers of the breast, prostate and lung.

"Studies really haven't been done to show the specific long-term effects of low-carbohydrate diets at this time," Wedel said. "But what we do know about healthy eating indicates that low-carbohydrate diets may cause colon cancer (due to low fiber and lack of antioxidants) and increase the chances of heart disease."

But if this diet is so unhealthy, why does it seem to work?

"The first seven to 14 days, people see rapid weight loss on these diets," Wedel said. "The reason — carbohydrates are stored as glycogen in muscle. Where carbohydrates go, water follows.

"If you are not taking carbohydrates in by mouth, your body will use the carbohydrates stored in your muscles," she said. "Therefore, you are losing muscle rather than the fat mass you should actually lose."

Dieters may also lose weight because, regardless of the appeal of their menu options — high-fat foods most diets outlaw — low-carb diets restrict many foods, resulting in eating less than usual, according to www.fitwoman.com.

And as with most "fad diets," the results may be fast, but that doesn't mean they're long-lasting.

"Many people use low-carbohydrate diets short-term to reach a weight they set as a goal," Wedel said. "Once they reach the weight, they go back to their old eating habits and gain the weight, plus more, back again."

According to the Wellness Center, "Recent studies seem to bear this out, with one estimating the weight regain from the Atkins' diet to be 96 percent."

So what is the answer to weight-loss woes?

Ultimately, she said, "lifestyle change is the key to successful, long-term weight loss."

For more information about healthy weight loss, call 544-2273.

988th: Home sweet home

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their three sons were thrilled to see their dad. "Oh, my God, we're so relieved he's home," said Banks.

Relief was written on most of the Soldiers' faces as they stood in formation before being released to greet loved ones. Many of them were overcome with emotion as the garrison commander, Col. Rick Riera and the provost marshal, Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan, gave short remarks applauding the unit's performance.

The post command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Kelso, welcomed the unit as well. "It's outstanding," Kelso said. "By all accounts, they've done a magnificent job."

Members of the Association of the U.S. Army were present with snacks and drinks for the Soldiers and the crowd.

The 988th will have up to 30 days of leave before returning to normal duties.

104th: Drivers come home

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strength through the past year.

The 104th's first sergeant, Lavon Christen, said the unit dealt with the rigors of deployment and the unexpected extension well.

"It was rough at first, but for our guys being very young, they did well," said Christen. "They did everything that was asked of them. The training they received was reflected in the outstanding job they did."

The unit's mission in Operation Iraqi Freedom was to provide transportation support from the rear to forward warehouses.

During the redeployment ceremony, the family readiness group distributed packets to family members that included information regarding relationship changes because of the redeployment, behavior change in children, resource phone numbers and info regarding a marriage retreat the unit has planned in June.

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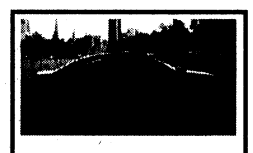
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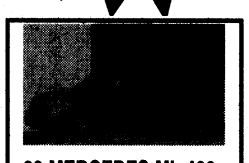
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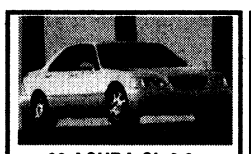
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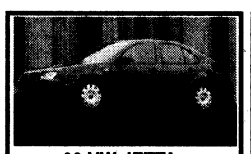
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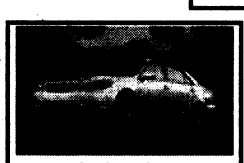
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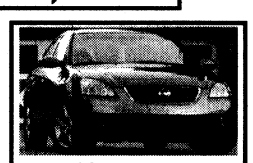
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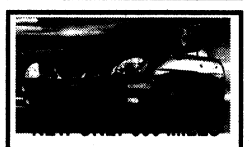
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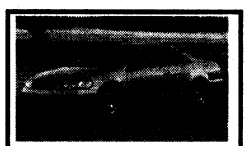
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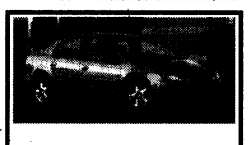
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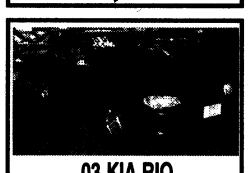
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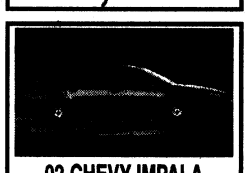
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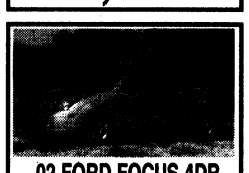
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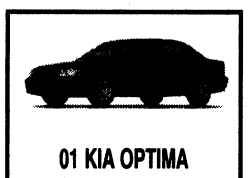
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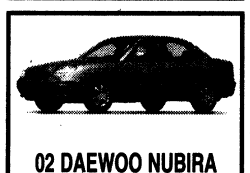
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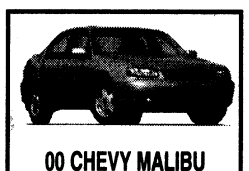
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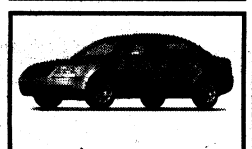
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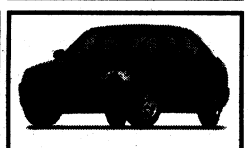
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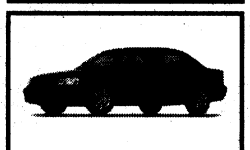
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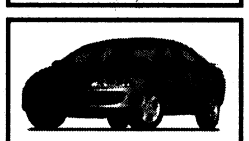
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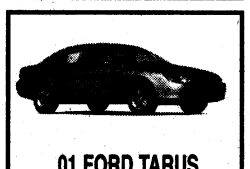
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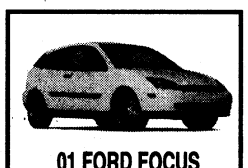
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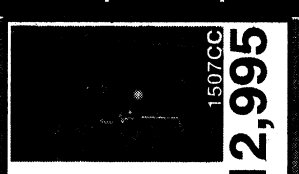
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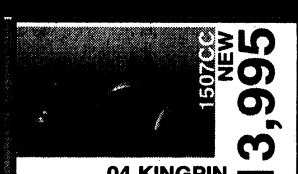
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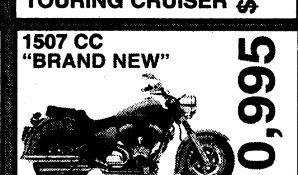
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Some of America's top leaders visited Fort Benning March 9 to 12 as part of the most advanced professional development program available to senior foreign policy and national security officials in the U.S. government.

The 41-week program teaches students both strategy and leadership, to prepare them for executive-level leadership positions in the government.

Described as the "mother of all field trips," students of the Foreign Service Institute have been traveling throughout the country, "learning about leadership and getting to know the people," said Ambassador Laura Kennedy, FSI dean.

"The main focus of the class is to teach America's leaders about national security issues, and also to learn what the characteristics of truly great leaders are — something that can be found throughout the military," said Steve Taylor, seminar coordinator.

In addition to visiting installations of all five military branches, the students visited farm families in Indiana, rode with police officers on the streets of Chicago, and met with Henry Kissinger for a couple of hours, Kennedy said.

As the U.S. Department of State prepares to build the world's largest embassy in the heart of Iraq, the visit to Fort Benning was a key point in the program, she said.

"It's good to see how a huge military installation like Fort Benning deals with training the troops, protecting the environment and keeping a balance with the civilians in the community," Kennedy said.

"It is a good example of leadership challenges."

Kennedy said she was impressed by the way Fort Benning has used lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan to modify the training mission.

Another aspect of Fort Benning Kennedy admired was the way the post tears down barriers through its schools, such as the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation and the International Student Training Detachment.

"People from countries that have a long history of conflict (such as India and Pakistan) are learning side by side," she said.

"It's a very valuable thing Fort Benning is doing to develop relationships that will pay off for years to come."

While the goal of the visit was to study the post's leadership, the students also had an opportunity to join Soldiers in some of their training exercises and learn about their weapons and equipment.

They watched an Infantry Training Brigade graduation, strapped on parachute harnesses and jumped out of the 34-foot Airborne towers and suited up in multiple integrated laser engagement system equipment to get a taste of ground training.

Then they joined the Soldiers from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, for lunch in the field, where they were able to talk with some of the Army's newest Soldiers about their training and other topics.

Kennedy said it was hard to pinpoint the highlight of the visit, but there was one event that really got their blood pumping.

"Jumping out of the tower was a fascinating experience for everybody," she said.

Paul Reid, one of the students, said jumping from the tower was an exciting experience, but using the MILES gear was the icing on the cake for him.



Spc. David Foley

Pvt. Michael Fairburn, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment demonstrates MILES gear for State Department visitors.

"Because let's face it," he said. "We don't get many opportunities to shoot at each other, and to know you would walk away unscathed made it even better."

Even though the group said the visit was a success, there was one thing that disappointed them.

Secretary of State Colin Powell speaks with the students regularly and has mentioned the Follow Me Statue several times when referring to his training on Fort Benning, Kennedy said.

"I was hoping to see the statue, but it's gone, so that was kind of a let-down," Kennedy said. "But I'll tell him it's being taken care of."

WHINSEC changes command for first time

Spc. Adrian Lugo
WHINSEC Public Affairs Office

In time-honored military tradition, the colors of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation changed hands March 11.

Military officials, community leaders, family members and WHINSEC supporters gathered in front of Ridgway Hall as command of the institute passed from Col. Richard Downie to Col. Gilberto Perez.

Downie assumed the title of commandant in 2001, when WHINSEC was established. He retires with 28 years of service and will become director of the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

Downie reflected on the progress the institute has made in helping secure cooperation throughout the western hemisphere. He highlighted the institute's successes, including an expansive democracy and human rights program; the assignment of college level credit to every course by the American Council on Education; and the recognition of excellence by the Department of Defense Board of Visitors.

"The changes WHINSEC has made over the years have been absolutely remarkable ... because of the impeccable and dedicated support of the staff and faculty to accomplish our goals set forth by Congress and the Department of Defense," Downie said. "It has truly been tremendous honor and privilege to lead such a talented group of people, and I know Colonel Pérez feels the same."

Pérez comes to WHINSEC after serving as Chief of Staff for U.S. Army South, the Army component of U.S. Southern Command. He served several assignments in South and Central America and twice served as an instructor at the U.S. Army School of the Americas.

Perez vowed to continue the efforts of the institute.

"We are living in a challenging time in history," he said referencing the war on terrorism. "Although the world may seem more focused on other parts of the world, we cannot afford to lose sight of our objective, to see the expansion of true democracies throughout the world.

"With the support of the staff and faculty here at (WHINSEC), I am sure that we will be one step closer to that objective," he said.

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Golden Knight comes home

Spencer grad now 'Army ambassador'

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

One of Fort Benning's own will return to post as part of the Golden Knights, who will perform at the Thunder in the Valley Airshow Saturday and Sunday.

Capt. Bo Stuart says Fort Benning is "like home." His father, an Army officer, met and married his mother while serving as a "blackhat" at Airborne School in 1969.

Stuart attended Faith Middle School for two years, and later spent his freshman and sophomore years at Spencer High School. He attended Airborne School as an ROTC cadet in 1990 and was commissioned in 1993. He was stationed here in 1993, 1994, 1997 and 1998.

Stuart said he remembers watching the Silver Wings Command Parachute Demonstration Team, which was recently reactivated, perform here, and his interest for skydiving was born.

After static-line jumping for 10 years and harboring an interest in high-altitude, low-opening skydiving, Stuart "jumped" at the opportunity to join the Golden Knights as the operations officer last year. The Golden Knights serve as the Army's goodwill ambassadors, he said.

"We perform, on average, 150 performances at 60 sites throughout the year," Stuart said. "The coverage we generate reaches places that don't get exposure to Soldiers very often. I think it is extremely important for the public to see our Soldiers up close and personal."

Coming back to Fort Benning holds special meaning for him.

"Fort Benning will always be my home. I grew up here, my children were born here and it's where I developed my desire to be a Soldier," he said. "To come back here as a part of the Knights is a dream come true."

Stuart offered words of wisdom for Soldiers going through Airborne School.

"Keep your feet and knees together," he said.

The air show kicks off Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Columbus Regional Airport. Soldiers and their families can obtain tickets in advance for $5.50 at Omega Travel in the Main PX. Tickets at the gate are $10. For more information call 327-3264.

Top NCOs talk tough on trash

Soldiers, civilians urged to do their part in cleanup

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The temperatures are rising, the birds are chirping and the trees and flowers are blooming. Spring is in the air.

And with spring, comes the postwide spring cleanup.

Although the cleanup doesn't officially start until April 12, the sergeants major on post want to get the word out.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso, post command sergeant major, wants those who live and work on post to know why it's important that Fort Benning look like the home of the infantry.

"We know we train more than 60,000 Soldiers here every year," Kelso said. "But in many ways, our image does not live up to our reputation."

On March 5, Kelso and garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Fortson, garrison command sergeant major, rode along with Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley on a post inspection, of sorts, with Freakley behind the wheel.

Kelso said they all agreed there were areas not up to standard and needing attention. Some of those areas are addressed during semi-annual cleanup efforts, he said, but other areas need attention all of the time, and not just family housing areas. They then met with commanders and command sergeants major of the major units on post and the heads of all the directorates to discuss a plan of action.

"The brigades do a good job of taking care of their areas," Kelso said. "It's the areas without Soldiers that we need to direct some attention to.

Both Kelso and Fortson are of one mind when it comes to deciding who is responsible for cleanup.

"If you have a footprint here on post, you have to take care of it," Fortson said. "It takes all of us."

And whether Soldier or civilian, Kelso said everyone should take pride in their surroundings.

Daily details are already out making a difference in the way the post looks.

Kelso declined to identify specific areas the group had targeted, but admitted one of his personal pet peeves are rusty, chain-link, fenced-in areas with nothing inside them.

He spotted several that will likely disappear before long, and some "structures that have seen better days."

He said improving the way Fort Benning looks is just a case of putting in some serious effort.

"We're not a big post in terms of having a combat division where one-third of the troops are on support cycle," Kelso said. "We just have to put on our thinking caps (to figure out how to get the work done)."

On the garrison side, Fortson said residents will see a renewed emphasis on policies and procedures laid out in Fort Benning's Housing Regulation 210-5.

"There are a lot of major construction projects coming," Fortson said, "clinics, gyms and housing — all within the next five to 10 years. Fort Benning will be a beautiful place. But until then, we need to take care of what's here."

Fortson and Kelso said they are bringing back written citations for those not complying with the housing regulation. Residents will be given three warnings.

"Three strikes, you're out," Fortson said. "Do the right thing. The CG stressed that. If not, you'll be moved off post."

The final warning goes through the Soldier's chain of command and the garrison commander.

Whether the problem is an unauthorized recreational vehicle, fence, or repeated domestic disturbances or failure to maintain a yard, the regulation will be enforced for all ranks.

"We're all part of this," Fortson said. "(Single) Soldiers moving into housing — everyone's concerned. But they were living in substandard barracks and we had to do something.

"We're all Americans. Give them a chance to do what's right."

Fortson said the community life NCOs, led by Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Porter and Master Sgt. Edmond Hackett, will be out in the housing areas. The NCOs, one per housing area, are there to help residents with problems. Issues addressed to mayors or area coordinators work their way through the community life channels, a Soldier's chain of command, and eventually to Freakley. And Fortson encourages anyone with an issue to contact their Community Life NCO to help get it resolved.

Fortson and Kelso said they want to get the message across that Soldiers and civilians on Fort Benning are all one team taking care of each other whether in the housing areas or at the office.

"We want to not only say we're the best," Fortson said, "but also show some action and make it look that way."

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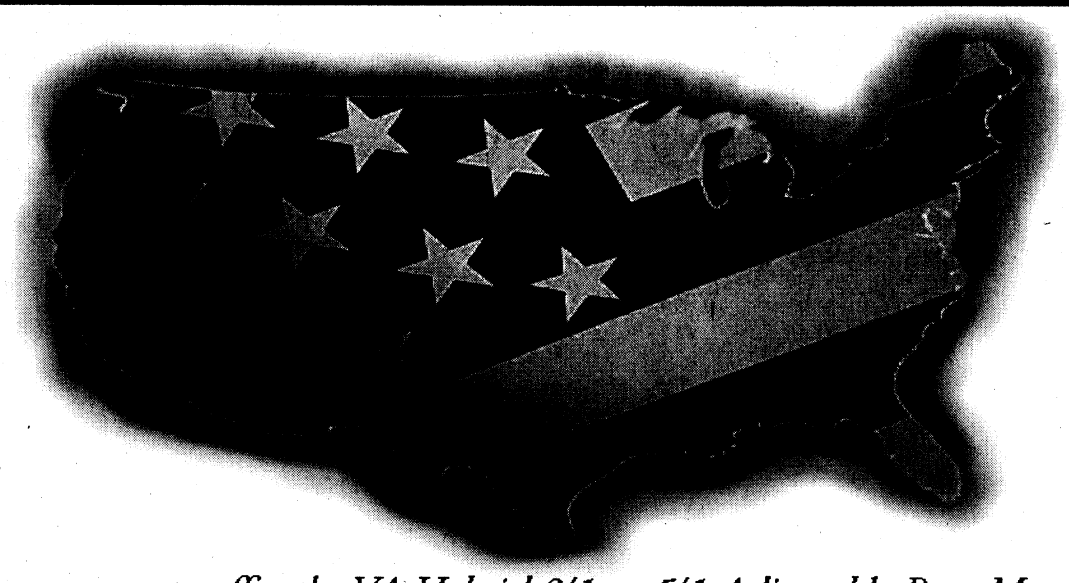

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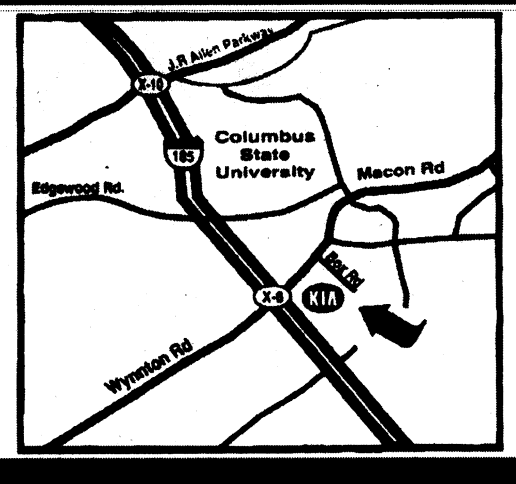



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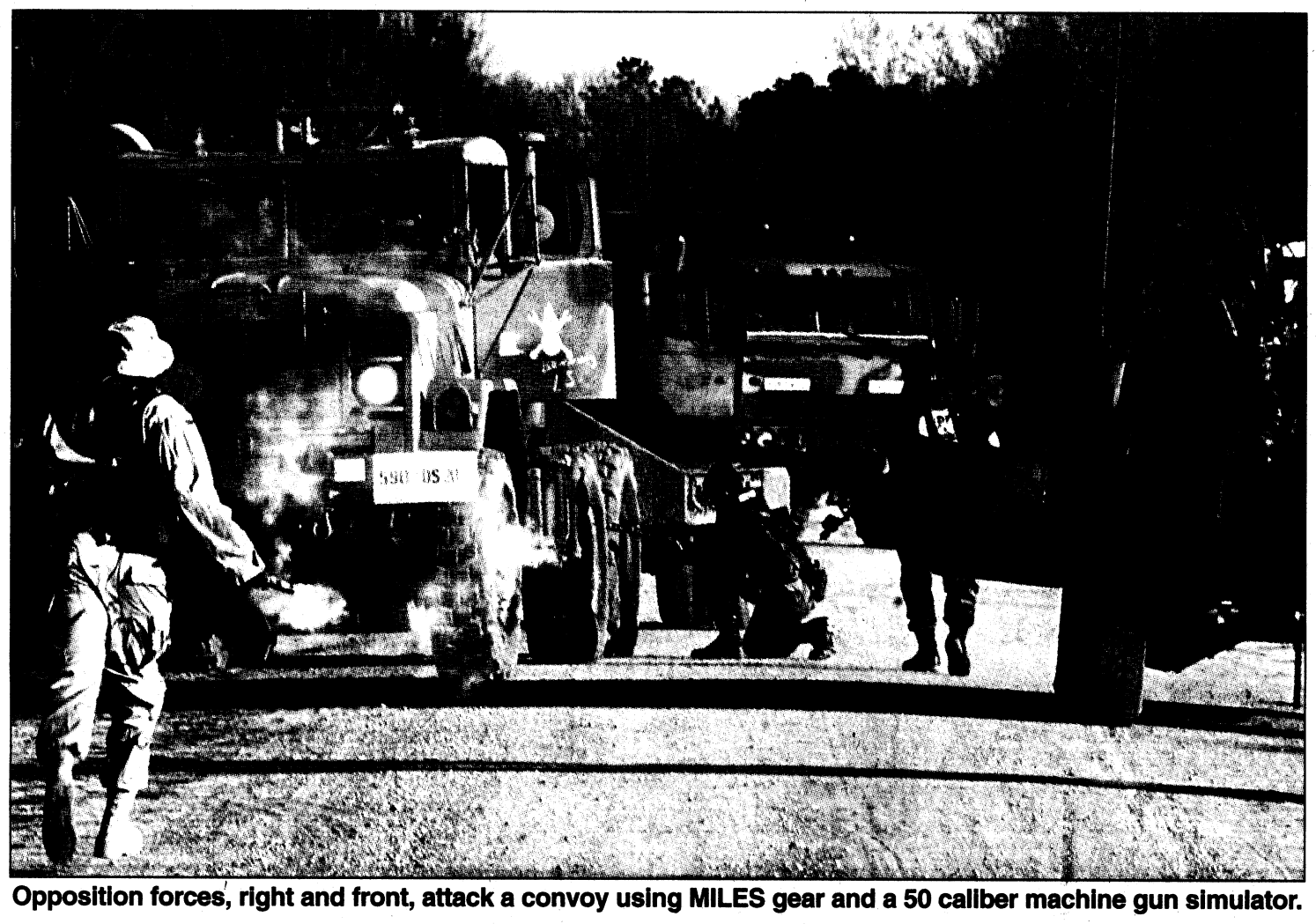
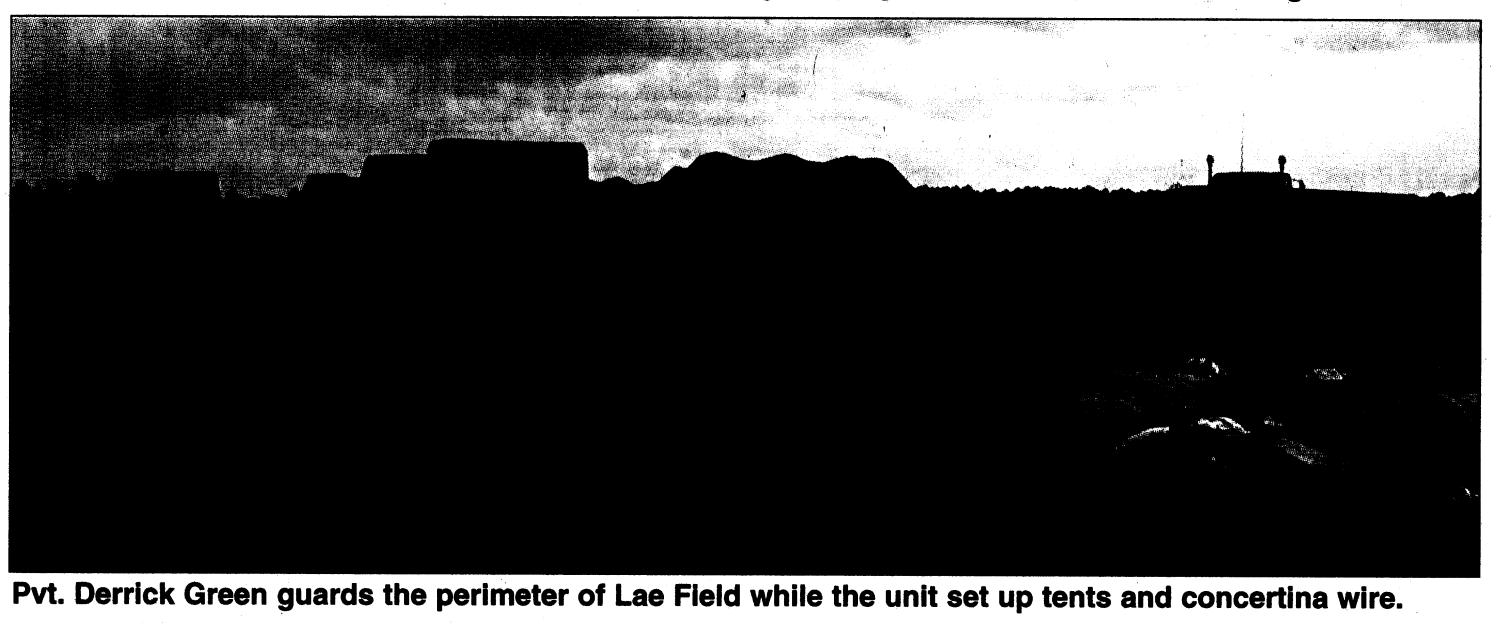
Soldiers from the 598th Maintenance Company react to an ambush while conducting convoy operations training near Fryar Field Tuesday afternoon.

Comanche convoy gets ambushed



Opposition forces, right and front, attack a convoy using MILES gear and a 50 caliber machine gun simulator.



Pvt. Derrick Green guards the perimeter of Lae Field while the unit set up tents and concertina wire.

Maintenance unit practices combat tactics

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Soldiers of the 598th Maintenance Company conducted a three-day field problem on Fort Benning this week to prepare for deployments to Iraq.

The Soldiers arrived at Lae Field Monday, secured the perimeter and started setting up tents. By Tuesday afternoon, the field was a self-contained tent city, complete with concertina wire and armed guards.

Once everything was in place, the Soldiers used the field as a projection platform to deploy two convoys into enemy territory, knowing where ambush was inevitable.

The exercise was part of the unit's quarterly training but has been adapted to include scenarios similar to those Soldiers have faced in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Sgt. Donald Jones, training NCO.

Each of the unit's convoys were attacked three times during their movement.

During the ambush, Capt. Tonya Prevo, company commander, and other leaders watched to see if the Soldiers reacted properly.

After each ambush, they conducted an after action review to pinpoint what the Soldiers did right and what they need to improve on.

Things they looked for were whether or not the Soldiers exited the vehicles on the least vulnerable side and whether they were able to secure their own flanks when necessary, Jones said.

Convoy training is a vital concern for the unit because terrorists tend to attack weaker elements rather than ones who look prepared, he said.

"The main weakness with a maintenance unit is that we never thought we'd be on the front lines," Jones said. "But now we are realizing we are out there, too."

Sgt. Charles Dyling deployed to Afghanistan with the unit and has seen firsthand how important it is for Soldiers to conduct this sort of training.

When Soldiers deploy, he said, they are ready for anything, and they keep their guard up, but after a while, they begin to get comfortable, which makes them a softer target.

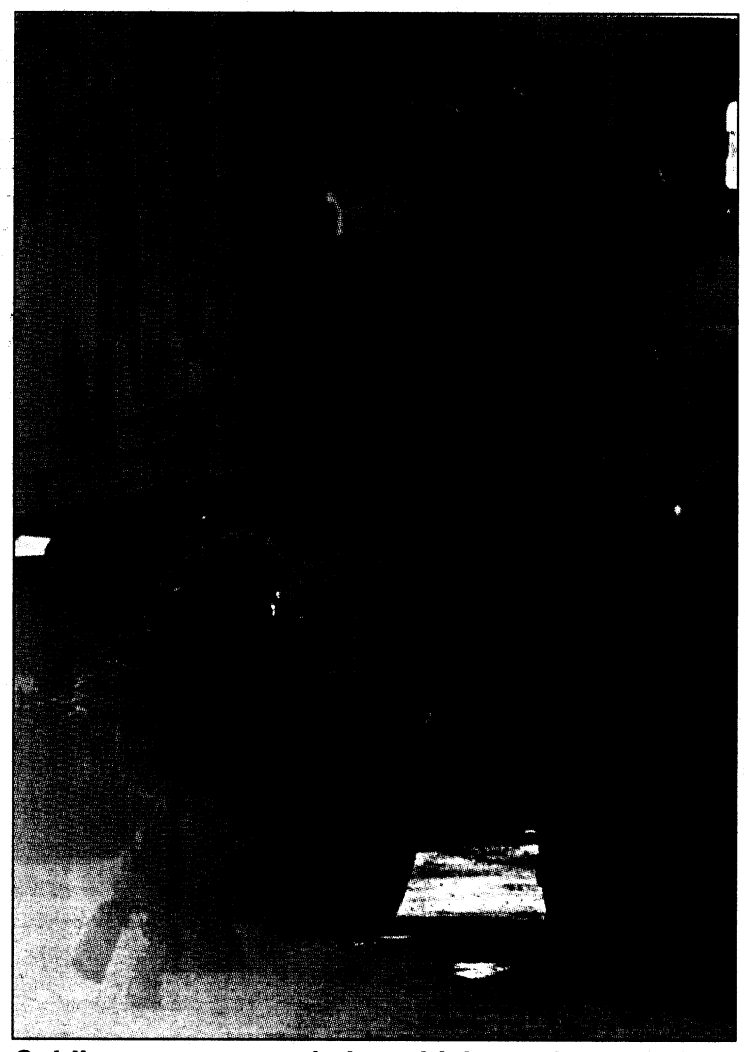
"The more drills you go through, the easier it is to react instead of wondering what to do," he said.

Dyling said training exercises like this one teach Soldiers to keep their guard up instead of getting comfortable.

1st Sgt. Van Boyd, company first sergeant, said the Soldiers did an excellent job considering most of their training for the event was done in a classroom.

He said they reacted well, but they are still in the walk phase of a crawl, walk, run training schedule.

Boyd said the unit will conduct a convoy live fire exercise in June, which will reenforce their training and prepare them for a deployment to the National Training Center in August.



Soldiers evacuate their vehicle and move into fighting positions after their convoy was ambushed.



Members of the opposing force move into position to attack as the convoy approaches.

Engineers tackle tough training

63rd Eng. Co. takes road less traveled

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The point man signaled for the squad to move forward toward its first objective.

Although a squad out on patrol might be the norm for some units, these Soldiers weren't infantry, rather engineers from the 13th Corps Support Battalion's 63rd Engineer Company.

The 63rd Soldiers went to the field for a four-day training exercise last week. One day was devoted to reviewing tasks the squad might need to accomplish and situations the Soldiers might encounter as they went through the lanes.

"The squads received a mission brief to conduct reconnaissance in the area," said 1st Sgt. George Joseph, company first sergeant, and had markers they needed to hit as they went.

Although the 63rd Engineer Co. is a construction company made up of platoons with squads of general engineer equipment operators and truck drivers, platoon sergeant Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Sanchez said the engineers needed the infantry training.

"As engineers, we have to do recon," Sanchez said. "We are subject to being ambushed and we have to be ready."

Sanchez walked the lane with the squad from 2nd Platoon as they navigated with their Global Positioning System, compass and map.

The first event the squad encountered required them to call in a report to the company headquarters after finding an enemy map and book lying by a tree, before heading out on a new azimuth.

The second event involved civilians on the battlefield — three confrontational land-owners insisting the Soldiers leave their property immediately.

Although the squad members felt they lost their composure somewhat when they encountered the civilians, Sanchez said they handled the situation well.

"Civilians are one of the biggest threats you'll face," Sanchez said, drawing on his experience in Iraq.

Spc. Thomas Byers said it was important to take what they saw in Iraq and use it during the training.

"We always had civilians coming up to the project sites," Byers said. "Although they don't have weapons, you need to learn how to get people away from your area.

"You don't want to scare them, but you want them to understand what you are there for."

Sanchez praised the squad for not getting physical with the civilians, one of whom was played by Spc. Mary Powers. Powers said she had been "tossed a few times" by overzealous Soldiers.

After bypassing the civilians, the squad found an area marked as a chemical hazard, quickly donned their protective masks and called in a report. They also encountered unexploded ordnance and a booby-trapped road.

Sgt. Kenneth Wright soldiered through problems with the radio and tried to keep his squad in a wedge formation on the mile-long lane.

The squad was ambushed at the end of the lane, forcing it to react quickly to get out of harm's way. But company commander Capt. Holli Bennett told Wright his point man, Pfc. Dariusz Sadkowski, was seriously injured, "shot" through the lower leg.

Squad members quickly assessed his injuries, applied a pressure dressing, splinted his broken leg, then carried Sadkowski to the final point.

At the end of the lane, Sanchez held an after-action review with the squad.

"You worked well as a team," Sanchez said. "You didn't get upset with each other.

"This is a learning experience. We're now at the crawl, but by the end of the next field problem, we'll be at a walk," he said.

Sadkowski and Pfc. Jennifer Bourbon said the level of training was neither too easy nor too complicated.

"But if we do this again," Bourbon said, "we'll need more stuff."

Sanchez emphasized the need for squads to conduct thorough pre-combat checks and inspections and told the squad to practice for the next day's mission.

"Team cohesion will be here if you practice," Sanchez said.



Melissa House
Sgt. Kenneth Wright shoots his next azimuth.

Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Talley, command sergeant major for the 13th CSB, sat in on the squad's AAR.

He said the training was a great way for the Soldiers to perfect the things that would help them survive.

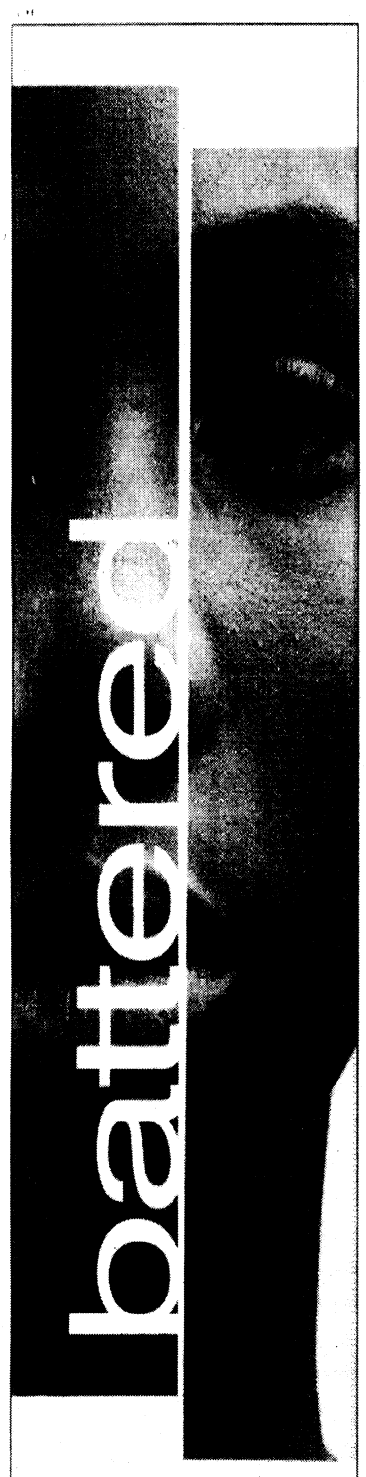
"Every Soldier will be a rifleman first," Talley said. "We've heard it. You have to be able to suppress the enemy. Unless you know basic soldiering skills, you won't be able to do that."

Talley encouraged the Soldiers to get better at their "soldiering craft," because the better they become as individuals, the better the unit would be.

Soldiering is an outdoor sport," Talley said. "You can't do it at the motor pool, the PX or the snack bar. You have to get out here and put boots on the ground."

Bennett said she was happy with the results of the training exercise.

"Overall, it was very productive," she said. "All the squads had lessons learned and identified different strengths and weaknesses."



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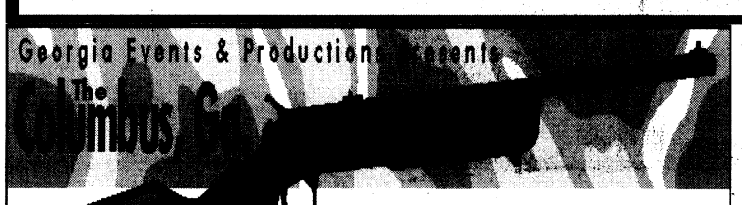

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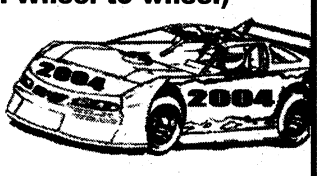

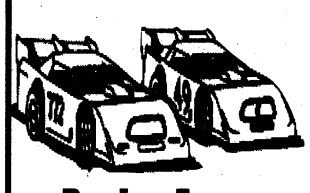

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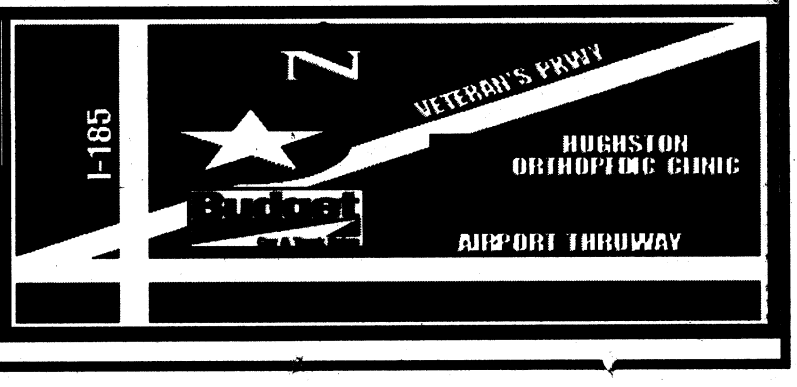
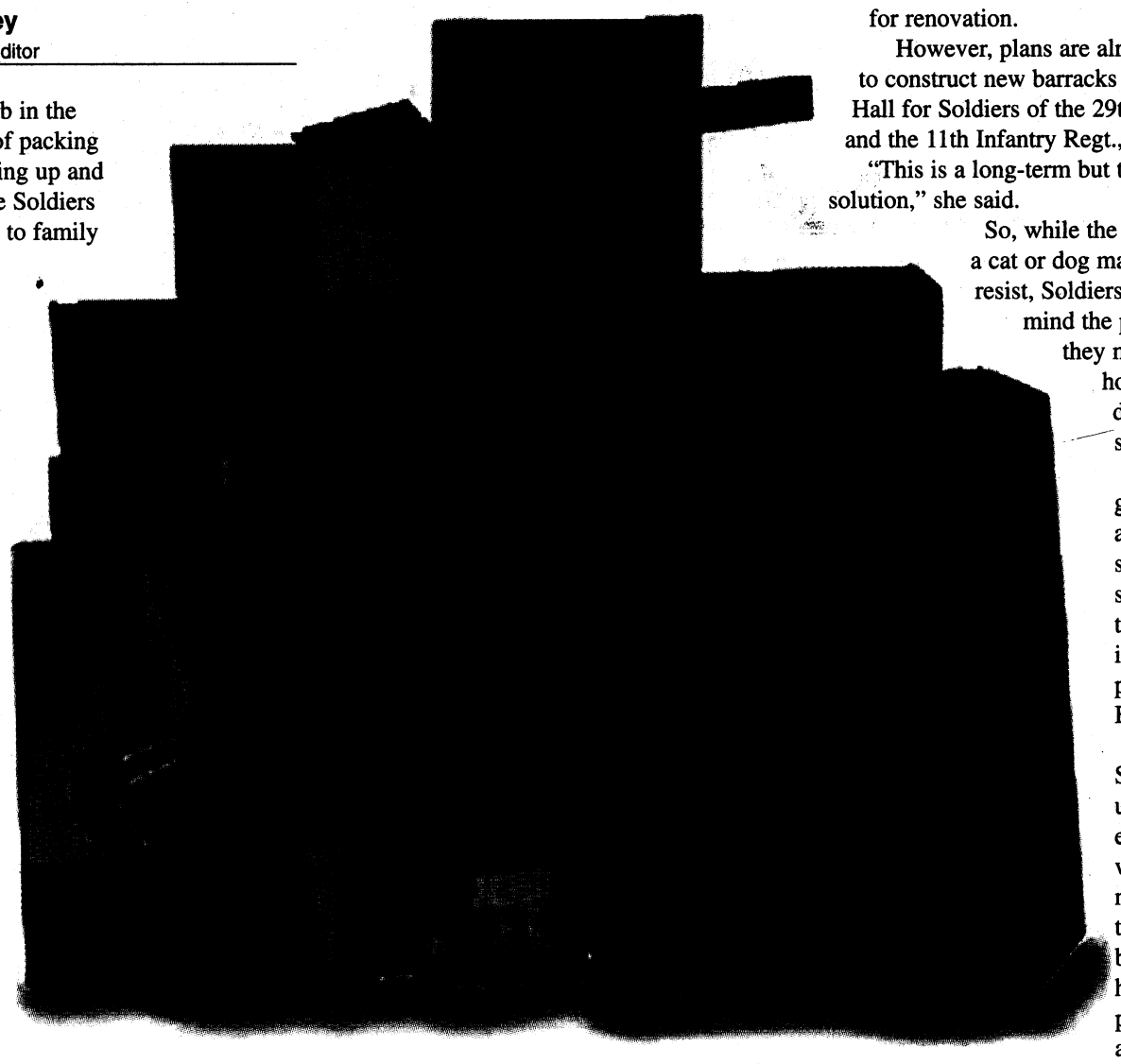


MOVIN' ON UP
Single Soldiers settle into family housing

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor



Smack dab in the middle of packing up, picking up and moving up, single Soldiers making the move to family housing may not have had a chance to consider the details in the fine print.

More than 100 single Soldiers, private through staff sergeant, from the 29th Infantry Regiment, 11th Infantry Regiment, 988th Military Police Company and various other units said good-bye to their digs in Buildings 17 and 27 this week, leaving behind 80-year-old rooms in dire need of renovation for housing units in McGraw Manor and Indianhead Terrace.

After life in the barracks, a housing unit complete with kitchen, tub, yard and some level of privacy may feel like the jackpot. But this lottery ticket comes with a price tag.

Soldiers moving into housing have a few things to keep in mind as they get settled in, said Pat Burns, chief of Family Housing.

In addition to the barracks rules they should already know (which still apply in housing), the Soldiers will be expected to get familiar with housing's rules.

"The single Soldiers have to follow all the same rules as the family occupants," Burns said.

Although it will be largely up to the units to ensure compliance among their Soldiers, Burns said the Soldiers will all receive housing and Self-Help briefings as they go. Each set of quarters will also come with a Family Housing Handbook.

But there are a few issues these new housing residents should keep in mind as they get set up:

• **Reimbursements.** As they move from the barracks to family housing, most of the Soldiers are going to run into a few expenses. Transferring phone lines, cable and other optional utilities comes with a fee.

Not to worry, though — they will be reimbursed, Burns said. Initially, it will be an out-of-pocket expense, but once Soldiers have paid the transfer fees, they can bring their proof of payment to Room 121, Building 6, to file for reimbursement.

Because the pay-back will come from DFAS, it will be a direct-deposit and could take up to 30 days, Burns said.

• **Pets.** One thing Soldiers may be looking forward to as they move into housing is the chance to own a pet. But that might not be such a good idea, Burns said.

The Soldiers were moved to housing for two reasons, Burns said — to boost occupancy rates in housing and to clear out the quarters they previously occupied to allow for renovation.

However, plans are already underway to construct new barracks near Infantry Hall for Soldiers of the 29th Infantry Regt. and the 11th Infantry Regt., Burns said.

"This is a long-term but temporary solution," she said.

So, while the temptation to get a cat or dog may be hard to resist, Soldiers need to keep in mind the possibility that they may not be in housing for the duration of their stay at Benning.

"If they're going to get anything, I would say get a fish or something small they can contain in a room — pocket pets," Burns said.

• **Noise policy.** Soldiers may be used to an environment where a little noise here and there isn't such a big deal. But in housing, the noise policy is concrete and inflexible.

Residents must keep the noise in their quarters to a level acceptable to their neighbors at all times.

Passersby outside of the house should not be able to hear stereos, TVs or voices from inside, according to the Family Housing Handbook.

Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

• **Overnight guests.** Some Soldiers may be excited at the notion of escaping the visiting hours enforced in the barracks. But that's not exactly the case.

The same rules that applied in the barracks apply in housing, Burns said — that means visiting hours, too. Overnight guests are not allowed.

• **Absences of 30 days or more.** According to the Family Housing Handbook, Soldiers planning to go on a temporary duty assignment or take off on an adventure that will extend more than 30-days must seek approval from Housing to ensure proper

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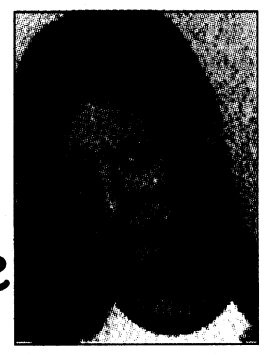
Get Outta Here



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Sick of sitting around in the barracks looking at the walls? Need to get the family out of the house or just take a break? We've got the answer for you. 'Get Outta Here' will appear in The Bayonet *each week to highlight recreation and leisure venues right here in the tricommunity. If you would like to suggest a hot spot for the column, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367.*

It's not for the faint of heart, and it's *definitely* not for the thin-skinned, but The Loft's weekly Comedy Night is as close to the Apollo as you're going to get in Columbus.

Comedy Night features every comic style from animated rants on social issues like racism, stereotypes and, of course, the evils of the opposite sex, to a random but still entertaining motley of jokes covering the gamut.

The comics are amateurs, usually of the Chris Rock variety — loud, slightly vulgar and eager to hit that nerve just to keep you on your toes. But it will get you laughing, and it will keep you interested.

Probably the best part of the act is the comic-crowd interaction (although, God help you if you're sitting directly in front of the stage). Just being in the room, you or someone in your party are fair game to be picked on.

It's a 21 and older show — which makes sense, for those of you who are new to the area, because it is a bar. And being a bar, the crowd can be pretty rowdy, and it can get a little cloudy from the cigarette smoke. But all things considered, those are minor drawbacks.

I've been three or four times in the past year or so, and every time I've been, the line-up has been entertaining. Now, of course, you're going to have your doozies here and there, but I think the risk is worth the $5 cover charge.

There are two shows every Thursday night — a 9 p.m. and an 11 p.m. show — and each show lasts about two hours.

I know, I know — it's a school night, you've got to get up before the crack of dawn for PT the next morning. But if you can't hold out for a four-day weekend, then be aware that the 9 p.m. show requires reservations, and I would make them well in advance. That show always draws a full crowd.

Meanwhile, the 11 p.m. show doesn't require reservations, but I would recommend them. That, or get there at least 45 minutes to an hour early and hang around in the main bar until your name is called.

Let me reiterate that Comedy Night is not a place I would recommend for those of you who are easily offended by foul language, vulgar jokes or stereotypes put to work. It's all part of the act and in good fun, but it can also be in pretty poor taste.

That said, if that stuff doesn't bother you and you're looking for some up-close-and-personal stand-up comedy, this is your cup of tea ... or whatever else you're drinking. (Ooh ... and don't forget your designated driver.)

Mad science gets kids screaming for more

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor



Photos by Lori Egan

Kindergartners Brent McDowell and Kyle Geiser react to Dr. J's "methanol demonstration." The audience gasped as the liquid changed to a gas and a blue flame shot into the air.

Although the students at Dexter Elementary School initially mistook Jason Raines as "the Germanator," by the end of the assembly he was known as Dr. J and the students wanted more science.

Raines, a chemical engineer by vocation but a mad scientist by avocation, demonstrated his passion for science with "Jurassic Snark," a hovercraft and a program called "Up, Up and Away " during an assembly to celebrate the end of the school's annual Terra Nova testing March 12.

Mad Science, an organization out of Atlanta where Raines is the director of operations, was a perfect follow-up for the school's hands-on science fair because it meshes with the school's science standards while entertaining the students, said Vicki Rogers, Dexter principal.

Typical scientific terms like "hypothesis," "observation" and "experiment" were interspersed with "awesome" and "I wish I could do that!" when Dr. J showed how one's lungs work to propel air with a hair dryer and ping pong balls or how fast moving air causes lift. (This was proved with a plunger, toilet paper and a leaf blower.)

The transformation from chemical engineer to mad scientist didn't involve an experiment gone awry but boredom and four years as a middle school science teacher.

The administration wasn't exactly happy with Raines' teaching techniques.

"I kept getting notes ... 'please don't stand on the tables' or 'you shouldn't use colored Karo syrup for hemoglobin'."

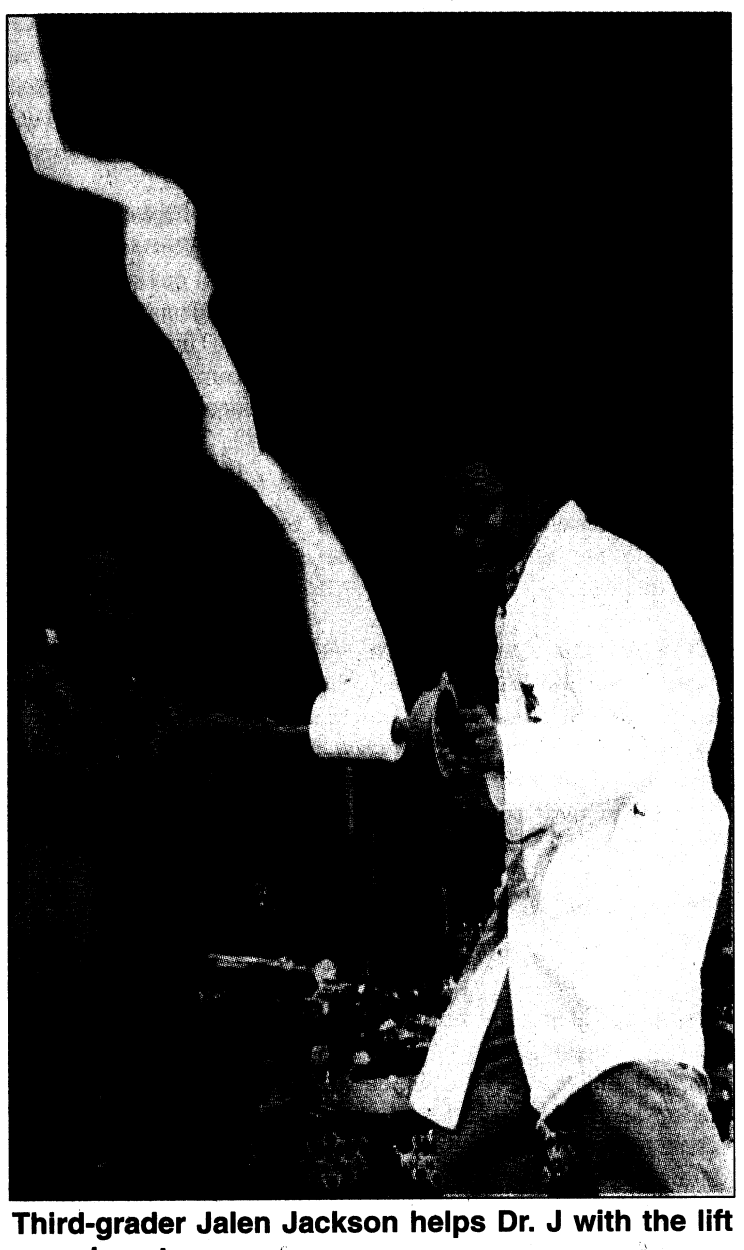
But a mad scientist using a wooden disk, plastic and a leaf blower to make a hovercraft is OK, Raines said. And talking about how a dinosaur would sneeze is just gross enough to keep kids interested, which explains Jurassic Snark.

"This is a neat way to get kids riled up and screaming about science," he said.

Which is just what the kids did.

Although the volunteers were preselected, every time Dr. J asked for a volunteer to help with the next experiment, hundreds of hands shot into the air.

At the end of the assembly, kindergartner Kyle Geiser kept screaming, "Do another experiment!"



Third-grader Jalen Jackson helps Dr. J with the lift experiment.

ASK THE JUDGE

Capt. Steven J. Collins
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: My husband and I filed a joint tax return, but I do not think I should be responsible for paying all the tax we owe. Is there anything I can do to avoid paying these taxes?

A: The answer to your question depends upon your circumstances. Filing a joint tax return is a decision many taxpayers make because of the tax advantages and benefits connected with a joint return. However, the decision to file a joint return also means that both taxpayers are jointly and individually responsible for the tax and any interest or penalty due on the joint return even if they later divorce. This means that one spouse could be held responsible for all the tax due both this year and any owed in the past.

One way to prevent yourself from paying more than your "fair share" of the tax burden is to apply for injured spouse relief. This relief is appropriate when a joint return is filed and all or part of the refund is (or will be) used to pay one spouse's past-due debts.

These debts include child and spousal support, federal debt and past-due state income tax. The non-injured spouse can claim his or her share of the refund by filling out Form 8379 Injured Spouse Claim and Allocation.

In order to qualify, the injured spouse must have:

No. 1. Filed a joint return

No. 2. Received income

No. 3. Made tax payments

No. 4. Reported the income and tax payments on the joint return

No. 5. All or part of the refund was paid (or will be) to satisfy past due debts of the other spouse.

In addition to claiming injured spouse relief, there are other ways to dissolve joint and several liability.

Innocent Spouse Relief is one method and it must be documented by filing IRS Form 8857 Request for Innocent Spouse Relief (And Separation of Liability and Equitable Relief). Innocent Spouse Relief should be used when one spouse fraudulently or intentionally makes erroneous claims on the joint tax return.

To qualify for innocent spouse relief, you must have:

No. 1. Filed a joint return with an intentional understatement of tax. The total tax that should have been shown minus the tax that was actually shown on the return is the understatement of tax.

No. 2. The understatement of tax must be due to erroneous claims by your spouse. Erroneous claims include any deductions, credits, or bases that are incorrectly stated and any income that is not reported on the return.

No. 3. You must establish that you did not know, and had no reason to know, that there was an understatement of tax when you signed the return. You also have to show that it would be unfair to hold you liable for the understatement of the tax.

No. 4. You must request relief within two years of the date the IRS began collection action against you.

Another method for relief is separation of liability, which calculates the total understatement of tax, interest, and penalties on your joint return and divides it between you and your spouse.

Your division of the understatement of tax is usually the amount of income and deductions attributable from your earnings. To qualify for separation of liability relief, you must have filed a joint return. At the time of your request, you must no longer be married or you must be legally separated from your spouse. You must also have lived apart from your spouse for at least a 12-month period ending on the day you file Form 8857.

Equitable relief is also available if you do not qualify for innocent spouse or separation of liability. The IRS must still determine that it would be unfair to hold you liable for the understatement of tax. The following factors are:

No. 1. Current marital status

No. 2. Any abuse experienced during the marriage

No. 3. If you had any reason to believe that the particular amount of tax was going to be owed at the time you signed the return

No. 4. Your current financial situation

No. 5. Underpayment or understatement attributable to the non-requesting spouse

No. 6. The lack of significant benefits that the requesting spouse will receive.

If you apply for innocent spouse relief first, and are denied relief, you do not need to reapply for the other two categories. The IRS will automatically consider whether any of the other provisions apply.

Both spouses can request liability relief with Form 8857. If only one spouse requests relief, the IRS is required to notify the non-requesting spouse about the request for relief to allow him or her to participate. He or she will also be notified of the determination of the requested relief. However, if the non-requesting spouse chooses not to participate, he or she has no right to appeal the decision. Only if relief is denied and the requesting spouse petitions the U.S. Tax Court, will the non-requesting spouse be given the opportunity to be a party in the proceeding.

Other information about innocent spouse relief can be found in Publication 971, Innocent Spouse Relief (and other relief for joint filers. This publication, forms, and more information can be found on the Internet at www.irs.gov. If you would like to consult with someone regarding your taxes, come by the Fort Benning Installation Tax Center and speak to a tax advisor. The Tax Center is open now through April 15. E-filing is free.

Normal hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The tax center will also be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 27 and April 3 and 10. Call at 545-4267.

BIRTHS

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Dameon Alamando Walker Jr. — born March 4 to Staff Sgts. Danella and Dameon Walker.

Jaylen Aaron Morris — born March 5 to Laura and Spc. Terrel Morris.

Jacob Ryan Davidson — born March 7 to Amy and Capt. Kyle Davidson.

Bryan Alexander Santiago — born March 9 to Nirin Gierbolini and Staff Sgt. Cesar Santiago.

Jayson Charles Clinton Jr. — born March 9 to Kellie and Spc. Jayson Clinton.

Benjamin Josiah Davis — born March 11 to Bridget and 2nd Lt. Bobby Davis Jr.

Girls

Caitlyn Nicole Patterson — born March 8 to 2nd Lt. Kekico and 1st Sgt. Ivory Patterson.

Makyah Dianna Butler — born March 10 to Shannon and Sgt. James Butler.

Tyesha Esther Hayes — born March 10 to Pvt. Lauren Leonard and Spc. Carl Hayes.

Chassidy A'Daishya Vance — born March 11 to Spc. Shemekia Vance.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Free CPR class — The American Red Cross will offer a free CPR class Saturday, with certification in adult, child and infant CPR.

Three classes are available. The times are 9 to 11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. There is a maximum of 30 people per session. The class will be held in Building 2626 at Soldiers' Plaza.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Deadline approaches for OSC Scholarship — The Fort Benning Officers' Spouses' Club scholarship is open to family members with a valid military ID card residing in the tricommunity or whose sponsor is assigned or attached to Fort Benning.

Applications must be postmarked by Saturday.

The scholarship applications are available at the OSC Thrift Shop, Officers' Club, Sayers Library, from high school guidance counselors. Questions can be directed to the scholarship chairman by calling 687-6111.

St. Patrick's Day brunch —The Officers' Club and Basic Combat Training Brigade will host a St. Patrick's Day brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. All members of Fort Benning and Columbus active duty, retired and civilian government employees and their guests are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Capt. Arnold Noyola at 544-8583.

Open auditions — Auditions for the dinner theatre production of Neil Simon's *California Suite* will be held at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center.

Show dates will be May 21, 22, 28 and 29. Casting is looking for six women ages 20-50 and five men ages 20-60. Auditions are open to the public.

For more information, call 689-4342.

PX/Commissary meeting — The next PX/Commissary meeting is 9 a.m. March 29 in the Lexington Room of the Officers' Club. Authorized users of both facilities are invited to attend the meeting.

For more information, call 545-3328.

Thrift Shop closing — The OSC Thrift Shop will be closed March 23, 25, 26 while the handicap ramp is being installed. The consignment desk will also be closed.

The Thrift Shop will reopen on March 30.

For more information, call 687-4830

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Community Initiative will mail out surveys to current family housing residents from March 19 to 25.

The surveys will ask respondents to comment on how well on-post housing needs are being met.

The results of the survey will assist RCI in providing the services and facilities that are important to military families.

A follow-up post card will be mailed on April 2.

The cutoff for receiving responses is June 25.

Family housing residents are encouraged to fill out and return their surveys.

For more information, call Lillian Salazar at 545-0667.

OSC Welfare Funds — The OSC Welfare Committee is accepting applications for Welfare Fund disbursements.

Non-profit groups and organizations on Fort Benning and Columbus and national military organizations are eligible to request funds.

Organizations should be as specific as possible in describing how the funds will be used, and should also solicit funds from other sources as well.

The application deadline is April 1.

For more information, e-mail oscwelfare04@hotmail.com.

Easter Eggstravaganza — Fort Benning Child and Youth Services will have an Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside from 10 a.m. to noon April 3.

The event is free and open to the public. There will be egg hunts for children ages 18 months to 11 years with prizes for each age group. In addition to the egg hunt there will be face painting, train rides and other activities for the children to participate in.

For more information, call 545-3582.

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The Citadel Muster — All graduates of The Citadel are invited to a Muster at 6:30 p.m. today at the Green Island Country Club.

For more information, call Bob Poydasheff at 653-4712 or 327-9415.

Women Build meeting — The Women Build Committee of Habitat for Humanity of Russell County in Phenix City will hold its monthly meeting at noon Saturday at the HFHRC office, located at 1501 Broad Street in Phenix City.

For more information, call (334) 297-2174.

Job fair — Davis Broadcasting, Inc. will host a job fair Tuesday at the Open Door Community House Inc., located at 2405 2nd Avenue in Columbus.

The fair will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call ShaunTe' Bergeron at 576-3565 ext. 204.

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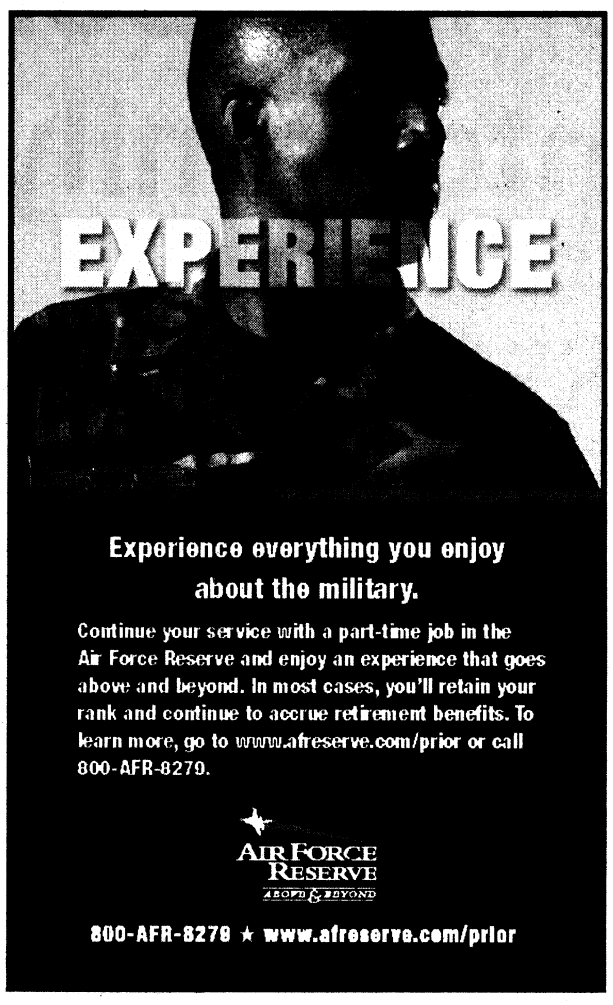

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Give blood, save lives

Benning blood drive needs donors

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How many times have you driven past a terrible car accident on the highway? Or seen the story of a child hit by a car or otherwise seriously injured on the news? And how many times have you stopped to ask yourself if there will be enough blood at the hospital to help those people survive?

Lane Brown, a donor recruiter for the Columbus Blood Service, is more than familiar with how much blood it takes to save Georgians' lives.

"We need to collect 1,200 pints of blood a day to keep hospitals at a safe level," she said, adding that, most days, that goal isn't reached.

And in a country where someone needs a blood product every two seconds, meeting the goal is crucial.

"Nine out of 10 people who live to be 72 or older will need at least one blood product in their lives," Brown said. "And what people forget is that the product expires — it's only good for about three days. That's why we need people to keep giving on a regular basis."

To that end, the CBS will conduct a blood drive at Fort Benning Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 359, the Family Unit Network Center on Ingersoll Avenue.

The goal is to collect 36 good pints, Brown said, which means at least 42 to 44 people need to come through and give blood.

On an installation this size, that should be easy, right? Not necessarily.

With stringent blood donor safety restrictions, military personnel, Department of Defense civilians and even some family members are often banned from giving.

DoD restrictions bar DoD-affiliated personnel from donating:

• If, at any time from 1980 through the end of 1996, he or she traveled or resided in the United Kingdom for a cumulative total of three months or more; or if, at any time from 1980 to the present, he or she received a blood transfusion in the U.K.

• If, at any time from 1980 through the end of 1996, he or she traveled or resided anywhere in Europe for a cumulative total of six months or more.

• If, at any time from Jan. 1, 1997, to present, he or she traveled or resided anywhere in Europe for a cumulative total of five years or more.

The restrictions are in place to reduce the theoretical risk of spreading mad-cow disease by way of contaminated blood transfusions.

The precautionary deferrals are indefinite, Brown said, until a test is developed to detect the disease in the blood.

In the meantime, however, anyone 17 or older who weighs at least 110 pounds and is not precluded from donating by these restrictions is direly needed at the blood drive — especially Type O blood donors.

"Type O blood is the universal blood," Brown said. "O positive blood is the most common type of blood, and O negative blood can be transfused to anyone in emergencies when there is not time to find out a patient's blood type."

> "It's hard to get over (the fear of needles). But you have to remember you're helping to save lives."
>
> **Lane Brown**
> Donor recruiter,
> Columbus Blood Service

But no matter what your blood type, you are needed, Brown said. Still, many people don't give.

The number one reason — they're scared of needles, Brown said.

"It's hard to get over that fear," she said. "But you have to remember you're helping to save lives."

Three lives, that is — every good pint of blood can save up to three lives.

"That's pretty dramatic," Brown said. "And one day, that blood could save someone in your family."

Transition: Presents new issues

Continued from B-1

action will be taken in case of emergencies.

This is something to keep in mind for Soldiers going on extended leave or attending military schools — especially if they are between "housemates."

"Absence does not relieve occupants of their responsibilities for their quarters," the handbook states. "The lawn must still be moved, sidewalks shoveled, pets cared for, etc."

Soldiers must arrange for a personal "housewatcher" to make daily inspections of the quarters and report any facility problems. Soldiers should be 100 percent sure their housewatcher is dependable, because the occupant will be held responsible for any unreported problems or damage.

• **Lock-outs.** The comfort of a short jaunt down to staff duty to pick up keys when you've locked yourself out of your room is a little more complicated in housing.

Housing residents must go to the Housing Office to check out a key during duty hours, and the key must be returned within four hours. Meanwhile, afterhours lock-outs will require military police assistance.

• **Satellite dishes.** Soldiers must receive approval for satellite dishes through the Family Housing Office. Unless an exception has been approved through the Housing Office, satellite dishes can only be installed in the backyards, according to the handbook.

They cannot be attached to government property, nor can siding be penetrated to run wiring.

Flat coaxial cable must be used to extend satellite wiring through a window or door opening.

• **Inoperative vehicles.** Much as you love that rusty old junker you've been fixing up in the barracks parking lot, don't anticipate dragging it into post housing.

"Inoperative vehicles will not be parked in housing areas for more than seven consecutive days," the handbook reads. "major repair or maintenance of vehicles is not authorized in the housing area." This includes: removal or changing of engines or transmissions, brake work, body work (painting or sanding), and replacement of the exhaust system. Soldiers can take these projects to the Automotive Self-Help Shop.

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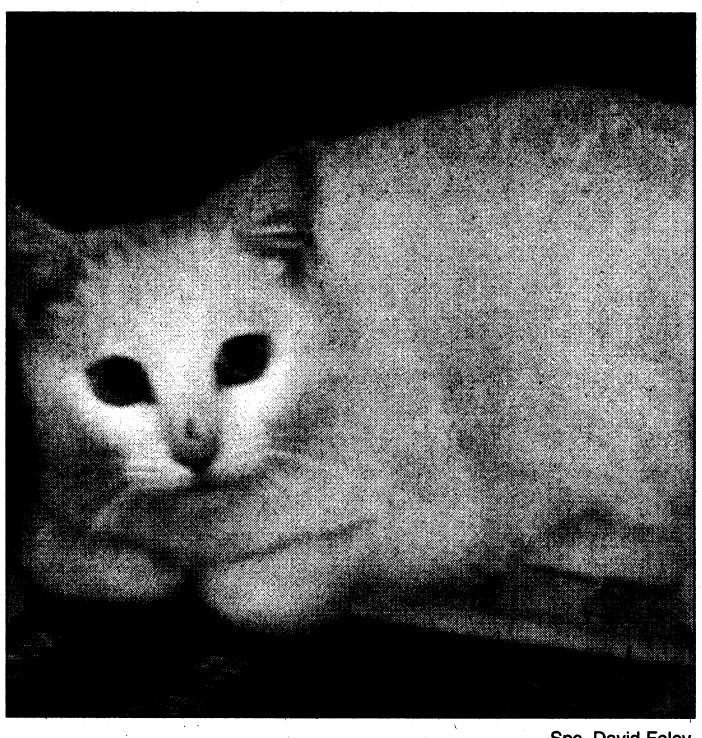



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The Infantry Center Chapel celebrates 70 years
Fort Benning's oldest chapel, The Infantry Center Chapel, will celebrate 70 years of service April 4. Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) David Hicks, the U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains, will speak during the Palm Sunday ceremony, which will include the dedication of a plaque bearing the names of former TIC chaplains. Dinner will follow. Service starts with a musical prelude by the Infantry Band at 9:30 a.m.

Benning students master technology

Hone computer skills with fun, games

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Hannah Herberlig's feet don't even come close to touching the floor when she sits at the computer desk. But nonetheless, this White Elementary School preK student — along with the rest of the school's youngsters — is becoming quite the computer expert.

Every week, Hannah and her classmates trek over to the school computer lab, where they add a little technological spice to their classroom lessons.

This week, in celebration of National Excellence in Science, Technology and Math Week, students from all grade levels were joined by their parents during their computer lab visit, said Kris Tuten, the school's education technologist.

The visit gives parents a chance to see how the students integrate technology into their daily lessons, Tuten said.

"I coordinate with the teachers to tie in with what they're teaching in their classrooms," Tuten said. "That way, what they do here reinforces and correlates with what they're already learning."

In a day and age when simply pumping your gas requires the use of a computer, familiarizing the children with technology — even at such a young age — is important, Tuten said.

"Most of the children are already using computers at home," she said. "But their (work here) is interesting, challenging and self-paced so they will have success."

That "work" includes lessons that help the students learn the various parts of the computers, work on their reading skills, numbers and comprehension. And it's up to Tuten to make it interesting, which she does by introducing animation, graphics and games to the lesson plan.

"For instance, we'll play Simon Says," Tuten said. "Simon says put your hand on the keyboard, Simon says find the mouse — they have a wonderful time, but they're learning the parts of the computer while they're playing the game."

But it's not all fun and games for Tuten, who is responsible for more than teaching the children how to use the computer.

"The Internet is a big concern for many parents," she said.

To that end, Tuten has set up special icons that lead to specifically designated Web pages she's give the OK. Some of the pages are even her own handiwork — like the page where students get to write a letter to the Easter Bunny by filling in the blanks with their own words.

All of this is good fun for Herberlig, who said she uses the computer at school because "that's how you learn. And it helps you to know how (to use a computer) because there's so many of them."

Herberlig puts her skills to good use at home, playing computer games like Monopoly Jr. and Scooby Dooby Doo with her sister. But it's in the computer lab, "making cats in a row" — an assignment that requires her to count, read letters on the keyboard and learn control functions — where she really becomes a computer whiz.



Sgt. Kim Dooley

White Elementary School preK student Ethan Center, middle, watches as his mother, Kerry Bowling, demonstrates a computer task for his classmates and him. The students study computers and technology regularly.



Melissa House

Reading buddies

E.A. White first-grader Widalys Velez, left, and her fifth-grade reading buddy, Marinel Rincon, listen to a St. Patrick's Day story Wednesday.
The students get together monthly for a special reading event like this one, which was followed by lime sherbet floats. Fifth-grade teacher Shelia Brown said her students learn how to be mentors as they help the younger students with their reading skills.

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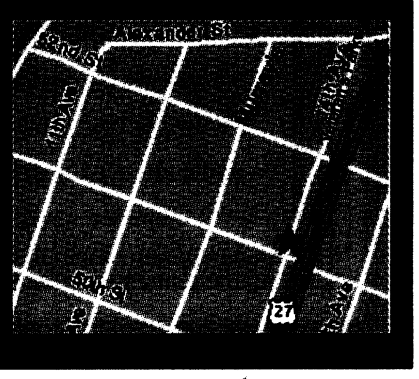

Faith helps us during times of separation

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Donald Stover
2145th Garrison Support Unit

Many people feel a sense of emptiness in their lives during a period of separation from family. The empty feeling can easily be turned into something positive.

In the first place, nothing can fill the gap when we are away from those we love. We must commend our loved ones wholly and unreservedly to God and leave them in his hands, transforming anxiety for them into prayers on their behalf.

The emptiness can be a reminder to pray for them. It is during a time of separation that we should think more deeply about our spiritual lives, on the individual family level.

What can you do each morning? You may find it helpful to begin the day asking God for guidance and strength. The military lifestyle gives us a unique opportunity to experience the peace and grace of God during hard times.

We can work at learning and implementing productive responses that will honor the Lord.

Carol Vandersteeg mentions in his book, *When Duty Calls*, "that we should pray as if everything depended on God; work as if everything depended on you."

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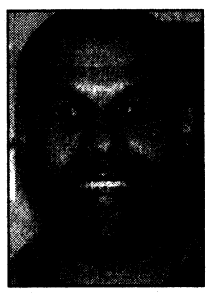

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Vandersteeg quoted Adm. Grady Jackson as saying, "In many ways I've never been closer spiritually to my family than when I've been away from them for extended periods, because those are the times I fully put them into the Lord's hands."

If you are a believer but are not doing anything to nurture your faith, you may find that a daily personal devotional time will help keep you positive and spiritually strong.

Remember that God is with you everywhere you go, even in the most isolated place the military may send you. It is because God is with us that we should never worry, because "All things are possible with God, who strengthens us." You should use time wisely to deepen your relationship with God. Find others who share your faith for friendship and prayer. Maintain a godly lifestyle. It is essential that we communicate with loved ones.

With the support of others and your sense of God's strength within, you will be hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed... in addition to the strength you may draw from your personal faith, your chapel or place of worship will also be a source of encouragement. God is ready to meet your needs.

CHAPEL NOTES

PWOC meetings — There will be no Protestant Women of the Chapel meetings Thursday or April 8.

Passover Seder — Everyone is invited to the postwide Passover Seder at Sand Hill's Regimental Chapel from 6 to 9 p.m. April 5. Sign up with unit chaplains before March 26. Call 544-9496 or 545-4960.

PWOC Spring Bible studies — The Protestant Women of the Chapel will conduct the following Bible studies this Spring:

• Calm My Anxious Heart by Linda Dillow — This study is filled with encouragement and practical help for learning contentment and overcoming anxiety.

• I Peter by Kay Arthur — Will trials and tribulations reveal your faith and bring glory to God? Listen to what Peters said to believers about enduring tribulations.

• Living Beyond Yourself by Beth Moore — A detailed look at the nine character traits that make up the fruit of the spirit as described in Galatians. After this study you will better understand the person and fullness of the Holy Spirit.

• And Then I Had Kids by Susan Yates — This study will help you handle common struggles such as priorities, discipline, fatigue and other challenges of raising young children.

For more information on these classes, call Natalie Rauch at 221-5607.

CFLC seminars — The Chaplain Family Life Center offers the following seminars:

• Making Love Last Forever — A couples seminar, meets the first Friday of each month.

• Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours — Parenting seminar, held the third Friday of each month.

There is also individual, couple and family counseling available.

For more information, call the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760.

Praise can take different forms

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

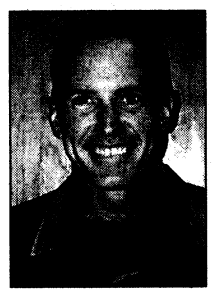
"There is no more influential assessment people make, than the judgment they pass on themselves."

That's a fancy way of saying the most important assessment you'll ever make is what you believe to be true about yourself!

I used to think that building self-esteem in my kids was all about "praising" them. Praise them for making their bed, tying their shoes, getting an A, coming in on time, etc. You know the deal. However, I've come to realize that although praising them sure beats criticizing them, it doesn't necessarily build self-esteem. Praise can be a tricky thing — in fact praise can sometimes have unintended effects. Faber and Mazlish in their book, *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, and Listen So Kids Will Talk*, give five unintended consequences of simply "praising":

1) Praise can make you doubt the praiser ("she's lying or doesn't know what she's talking about").

2) Praise can lead to immediate denial ("Smart! Hey, you obviously don't know what I did yesterday ...")



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3) Praise can cause one to focus on his or her weakness. (I didn't talk well, I never do— I know I can't.)

4) Praise can actually raise anxiety. ("Great hit? Hey, I got lucky. Next time I get up he's going to expect me to hit it again like that.")

5) Praise can be experienced as manipulation ("Sure he's praising me — what does he want?)

Instead of praise as the primary tool for building self-esteem, let's do a cheetah-flip in our heads and think of specifically describing what we've seen or experienced. Here's an example. Let's say your 6-year old brings you a picture and asks, "Is it good?" You might be tempted, as I would be, to say, "Sure, it's beautiful!" However, many times the child will say, "Do you really think so ... you're just saying that ... you don't like it, do you?" If we evaluate it, they tend to question or reject our evaluation. However, if we describe it, they tend to reinforce themselves. Instead we might say, "Well, I see you drew these circles here, and then you made bunch of dots over here, along with some really bold slashes up top." "Yeah," the child says enthusiastically. You can then add, "How'd you ever think to do that?" "Because I'm an artist," he'll say! Mission accomplished.

Bottom line, try using descriptive praise this week ("Andy, I really appreciate the way you took that complicated phone message. It was written so clearly, I knew exactly when to show up for formation and in what uniform ... thanks!) verses Evaluative Praise (Andy, you're great!)

Want some more tips on talking so that your kids will listen? Then come see us at The Chaplain Family Life Center, Building 2606 Soldier's Plaza or call at 545-1760 — we look forward to serving you!

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
Monday- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, Classroom 2, Building 3305

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3951
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
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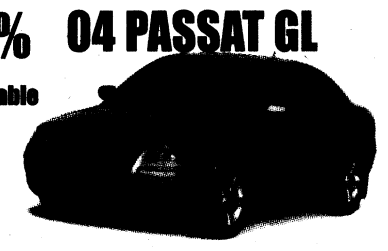

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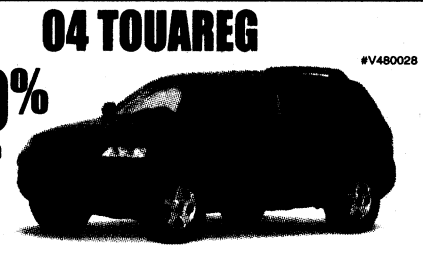

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SPORTS

Competition calls turkey talkers

Wild turkey callers perform wild turkey dance

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

If turkey calling isn't the strangest sight you'll ever see, it surely holds a respectable spot in the top 10.

The concept of turkey calling, like turkey hunting, requires the caller to lure the tom with calls similar to those females, or hens, make during the spring mating season. It's actually a natural contradiction, since hens typically chase toms. But, hey, unnatural behavior seems to be the norm, if that's possible, at turkey calling competitions.

Callers are an uninhibited lot, boldly performing their bizarre song and dance for an audience that seldom includes turkeys. They preen and strut and sway. They bob and weave and lurch. They cackle and gobble and coax from their hand-held instruments of seduction a medley of strange skin-curling screeches, not unlike that of a fingernail on a chalkboard. All in an attempt to woo an imaginary bird, or at least convince a panel of judges that — in the event there actually was a wild turkey nearby — theirs is the serenade most likely to succeed.

"It's a blast, and it *is* humorous. We like to cut up," said Lamar Fussell, the 1984 turkey calling world champion, and Fort Benning's district fire chief.

"We like to show the audience what goes on out there in the woods. It's fun to watch, but it can give you a headache."

Fussell was one of 17 professional turkey talkers to compete in the March 11 calling contest sponsored by the local Rivercity Gobbler's Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. The event, which took place at the firemen's hall at Bull Creek in Columbus, drew callers of all ages and expertise from across the Southeast, more than 50 in all.

They used various contraptions — tools of the trade — including a diaphragm inserted in the mouth, hand-held boxes that emit noise when the lid is twisted back and forth, and "scrapes," rubbing devices which rely on friction.

And they were judged in five classes; Poult (baby turkey), for children 7 and younger; Juniors, 15 and younger; Hunters, amateur callers; Friction, which relies solely on hand-held devices; and Open, the professionals like Fussell, men who once simply considered turkey calling a means to an end.

The "calling of the turkeys," like the running of the bulls, has evolved into a sport in and of itself and is often more lucrative than that which spawned it. Champion callers can bag thousands of dollars in regional competitions, though the winner of last week's contest, Tom Drake, a Fort Benning fireman, netted merely $800.

Drake, a second generation national champ, bested the Open competition in four areas; the Tree Call, which simulates the sound a turkey might make from its roost on a tree limb; the Fly-down Cackle, which simulates the sounds said turkey might make as it swoops from said tree limb; the Yelp of an Excited Hen, which needs no further explanation; and the Caller's Best, a free-style option.

The wild movements of the wild turkey caller serves a purpose other than entertainment, Fussell said. Serious callers quickly overcome stagefright, and most tend to embellish for the audience's sake.

"The judges sit on the other side of that curtain, maybe with their eyes closed, listening to your call and trying to picture a turkey," he said. "You've got to make it as realistic as possible, and the more you can improve on the movement and the call and the rhythm, the better.

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> **Lamar Fussell**
> Former world champion turkey caller

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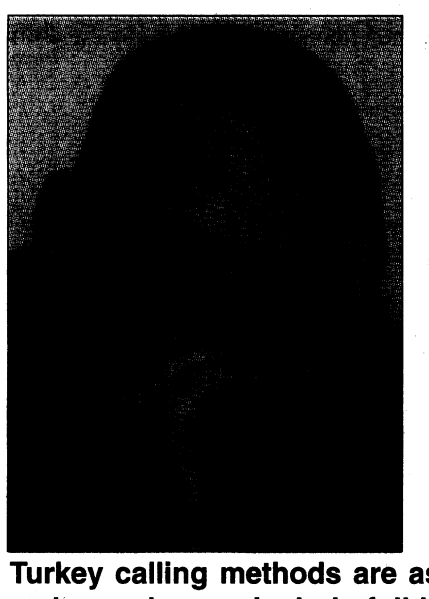
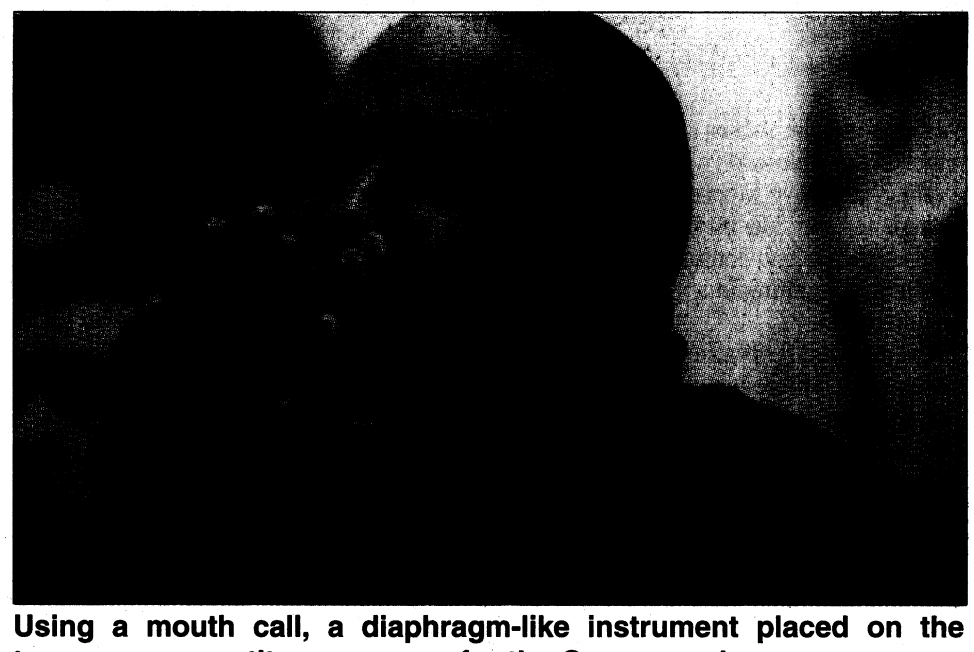
Jeff Murphy practices turkey calling using a slate and striker between rounds of the Rivercity Gobbler's annual turkey calling competition March 11. Proceeds from the contest benefit the local firefighters' association.





Turkey calling methods are as varied as the sounds they make, and many include full-body turkey struts. Pictured here, callers practice the conservative "cup" as they wait their turn on stage.



Using a mouth call, a diaphragm-like instrument placed on the tongue, a competitor warms up for the Open round.

Columbus lacrosse begins season with high hopes

One up, three down for Blue Devils

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Widely regarded as a rough and tough man's sport, lacrosse is a sport where even some of the best players get injured.

But don't tell that to the players of the Columbus High School's women's lacrosse team, who are currently in their first year of varsity competition and are hungry for some action.

"We did well last year, but we want more this year," said senior right attack wing Carisa Huggins. "We want to continue to develop our game and go further than we ever dreamed of."

Last year, the Lady Blue Devils competed, but only as a club team. They finished second in their region and made the playoffs.

This year, the team is part of the second division, and they'll compete against the likes of Woodward Academy, in Cherokee County, Rockdale County High School and lacrosse powerhouse St. Pius X, in Atlanta.

"These girls want to show these teams that they can compete with them," said head coach Shepherd Chuites. "And I know they can, because they have the will and desire to do well in this game."

Katie Graydon, who played for the team last year and is now helping coach the team, said the girls have shown how much they want to win and are willing to work for it on the field.

"I've never seen them not try their hardest," Graydon said. "They continue to show me the heart that it takes to be successful in this sport, and I'm proud of their work ethic."

The Lady Blue Devils began the season with a win over Rockdale County, 13-11, March 3.

Some of the players said winning that game showed them that, by sticking together and playing through the tough times, they can get through anything.

"Rockdale came back on us and tied the game with not much time left," said senior Carson Chuites, left attack wing.

"After they tied the score, we called a timeout and regained our composure. Once we came out of the huddle, we knew what we had to do to win the game. All we had to do was execute."

And execute they did.

The Lady Blue Devils scored two quick goals and won the game.

But the victory was short lived. Columbus dropped their next three games.

And the players said they won't let the defeats get them down.

"We have to remember that this is our first year playing on the varsity level," said junior Shannon Yelverton, defensive wing.

"We know that we are going to take our bumps and bruises in the first few games, but as the season goes on, we'll get better and I believe we will achieve the goals we want to achieve throughout the season."

Huggins said what will help them throughout the rest of the season, is for them to continue to get to know each other.

"We use the time that we travel up to Atlanta as a time to get to know each other," Huggins said. "The more we know about each other, the better our confidence will be in our teammates. Plus, not to mention, it's a long trip up there, so what better thing to do than to continue to build our bonds of friendship."

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> **Carisa Huggins**
> Right attack wing

Huggins said everyone can expect good things out of the team this year.

"We'll show everyone that we belong in lacrosse," she said. "All we have to do is believe in ourselves, then everyone else will catch on and start to believe in us as well."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Juniors Shanell Davis, left, and Liz Evans fight for the ball Tuesday on Fort Benning's Blue Field.

Youth soccer season to kick off

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff



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Jonathan Payton, 11, right, moves the ball upfield during practice Tuesday night. Post soccer season starts with games Saturday on French Field.

After months and months of waiting, more than 250 post youths can finally lace up their cleats and get out on the soccer field.

The Youth Services soccer season kicks off Saturday with many children excited about the beginning of the season.

"I'm ready to get out there and play some games," said Emmanuel Payne, 10. "Practicing is fun and all, but I love to compete."

This year the league is comprised of five coed age groups, and games will run until the end of May.

During practice the players have worked on the fundamentals of soccer, including dribbling, passing and shooting.

Coach Alan Neyland said playing sports can help teach children vital skills.

"Learning the skills of the game are important," he said. "But, the most important aspect of the game is teamwork. Once they learn that, then they can be successful."

Linda Laine, director of Youth Services, said the coaches play a vital role in determining how successful the season will be.

"The coaches are role-models to these players," Laine said. "They look to them for guidance.

"Also, when the players are out and about on post and they see their coaches, they still call them 'coach,'" she said. "That shows the respect the players have for their coaches and how much their coaches mean to them."

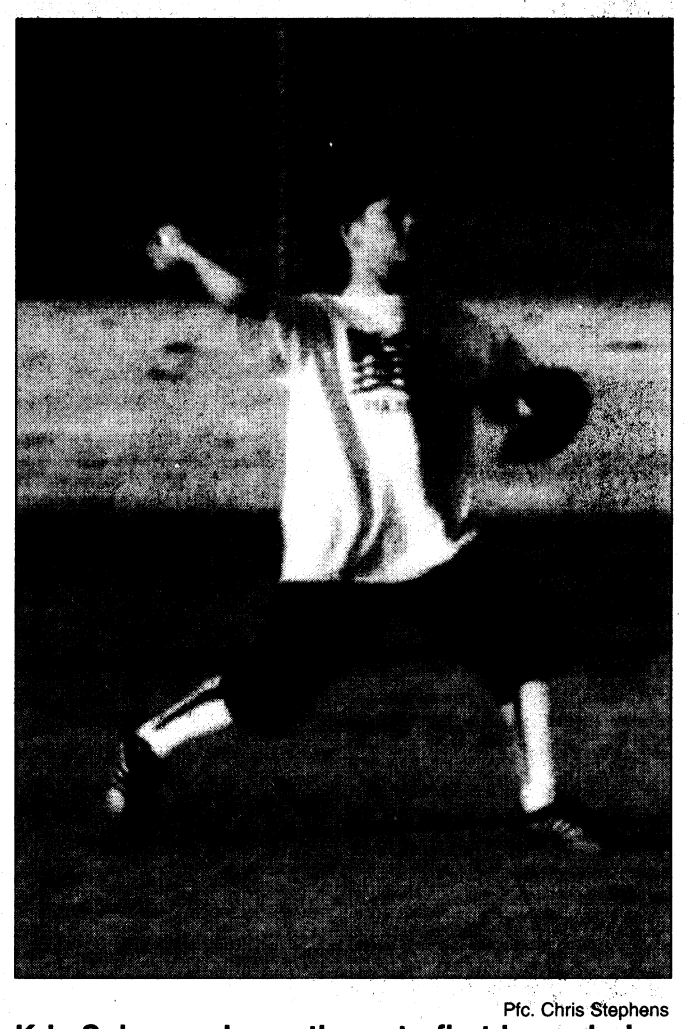
Neyland said what he loves about coaching is encouraging the children.

"Sometimes all the players need is a little encouragement," Neyland said. "They could be having a bad day, and when you encourage them, their day suddenly gets better. That means a lot to them."

All Youth Services soccer games will be held on French Field.

For more information, call 545-1853.

Play ball!



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Kris Spicer makes a throw to first base during practice Tuesday at the Youth Service Baseball Complex.

Athletes — Standards compromised?

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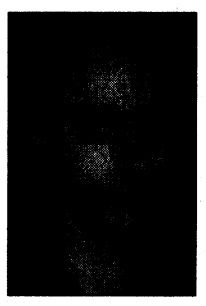
Bayonet staff



I don't know what it is with all these famous athletes, but somehow they figure because they are rich, they are above the law.

And, to make matters worse, the leagues they're in give them a slap on the wrist for doing wrong and a few games later, they're back on the field making more money.

Take for instance the Vancouver Canucks' Todd Bertuzzi.

Last week, he sucker punched the Colorado Avalanche's Steve Moore from behind, and then slammed his head on the ice and continue to punch him, resulting in a fractured neck.

Bertuzzi did it because a month prior, Moore put a clean hit on the Canucks' star player Markus Nasland that put Nasland out for a few games.

The National Hockey League suspended Bertuzzi for the rest of the season, which is 13 games, and the playoffs.

Now to me, there seems to be a different standard for athletes. Sure, Bertuzzi can get tearful and say he is sorry, but that doesn't change what he did.

If I did the same thing, could I say I'm sorry and just get suspended from work for 15 days? Because I sure could use the vacation.

But, I don't think that would fly with the authorities. If I did the same thing on the street, I would be facing an aggravated battery charge, which carries a 15- to 20-year sentence.

Now take into account the Kobe Bryant rape trial. He's a high-profile athlete with a lot of money.

At the beginning, he said he never had sex with the girl. Then, after evidence was found that he did, he changed his story. He did, but it was consensual.

Hmm . . . sounds a little fishy to me.

I'm sure when he's convicted of the crime, all he'll get is a slap on the wrist. They'll probably sentence him to a couple of months in jail, which will be during the off-season, so he doesn't miss any playing time.

If it were you or me, we would be punished 10 to 20 years at a minimum.

Now, what about all of these athletes who get caught doing drugs? I know they get fined, but why don't they get jail time like the rest of us would?

Yeah, they might be put on probation, but when they break their probation, they just get another fine and probation starts all over.

They usually don't serve jail time until the third or fourth offense. I guarantee by the second time, I wouldn't see any daylight except through bars in a jail cell.

So, why is it that athletes are held to a different standard? Are they really that special? Should we baby them in society because they have money? Why should they be treated any differently than the "average Joe?"

I believe we should send a message to all athletes. If they break the law, they'll be treated like everyone else.

They should serve jail time, regardless of how long it is, because they broke the law. Who cares if they have a lot of money? They were wrong, and I think it is time they started living up to the same standard every other citizen does.

Fort Benning CID is requesting the assistance in locating Night Vision Goggles lost March 15 in the vicinity of the Recycle Center on Cusseta Road. Anybody with information, should call the CID office at 545-5238 or the MP desk at 545-5222.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

Sam Spears Benefit Golf Tournament — The Sam Spears Benefit Golf Tournament will be at 12:30 p.m. today at the Follow Me Golf Course.

The cost is $30 per person and $5 for two mulligans.

Food and prizes will be available.

For more information, call 544-7044.

Aerobics classes — The Briant Wells Fitness Center Aerobics Program is in full step. The fitness center offers box aerobics, aeromix, step combo, core crunch, yoga and aqua aerobics.

The cost is $25 per month or $3 per class.

For more information, call 545-4388.

Aerobics instructor needed — Briant Wells Fitness Center is looking for certified exercise instructors for a wide variety of classes.

For more information, call 545-4388.

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Benefit Golf Tournament — The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary will present a benefit golf tournament at Maple Ridge Golf Club at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The cost of the event is $40. Proceeds will help the Salvation Army in its ministries to serve those less fortunate in our community.

For more information, call 327-0275.

Wild Turkey Banquet — The National Wild Turkey Federation, Fort Benning Chapter, will host a banquet on March 25 at the Fraternal Order of Police building located on Whitesville Road, Columbus.

For more information, call Bill Hogue at 324-7801.

SpongeBob SquarePants Appearance — The star of Nickelodeon's smash-hit cartoon series SpongeBob SquarePants will make a live appearance at the Columbus Civic Center on SpongeBob SquarePants Night with the Riverdragons, 7 p.m. March 26.

Tickets for the event are $5 for all children 12 and under. Adult tickets are regular gate prices.

For more information, call 225-1112.

High School Rodeo — The Harris County High School Rodeo Team is sponsoring a Georgia High School Rodeo on March 26 and 27 at the Mike Tracy Arena in Hamilton, Ga.

The arena is located on Highway 116 East. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for children.

For more information, call Bill Hogue at 324-7801.

Armed Forces Rodeo Association — The Southeastern Circuit for the Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association is looking for members in the area to join up. Eligibility requirements are:

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- DoD civilians who have a valid DoD I.D. card,
- any prior service member who was honorable discharged and can provide their DD 214.

For more information, call Bill Hogue at 324-7801.

Softball players — Post-level softball players are needed to play in the Downtown League.

For more information, call Jimmy Armstrong at 566-2015.

Celebrity Classic 5K/10K — The 2004 Celebrity Classic 5K/10K run to benefit the John B. Amos Cancer Center will begin at 8 a.m. April 17 along the Columbus River Walk.

Registration for the race is $18 per person before April 16 and $20 on race day.

For more information, call 660-6559.

Dodge Tour de Georgia — On April 21, 120 world-class cyclists, including five-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, will race into Columbus for the 2nd annual Dodge Tour de Georgia cycling competition.

Volunteer course marshals are needed.

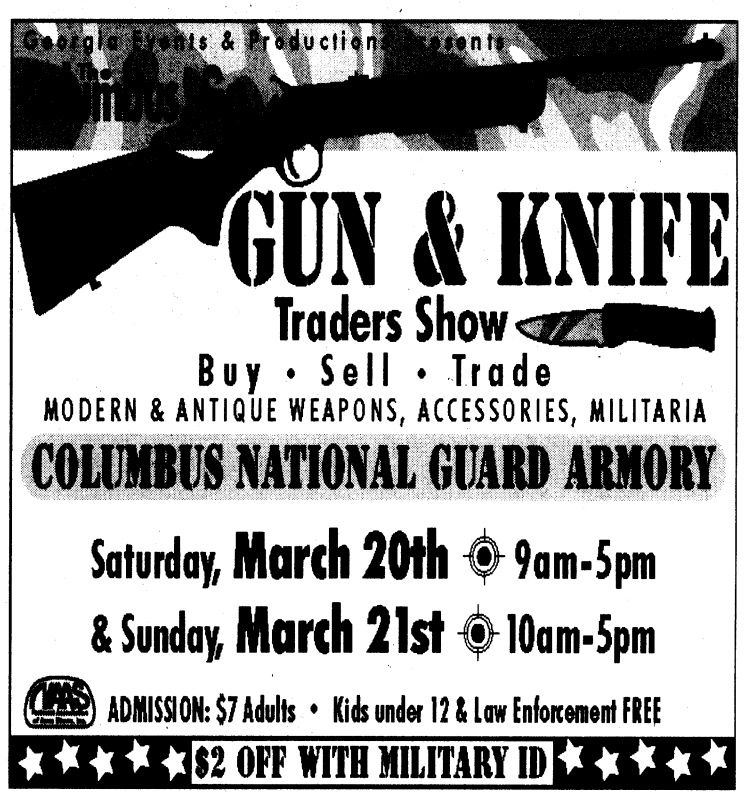
For more information, call Susan Vann at 660-1996 or e-mail svann@columbusga.org.

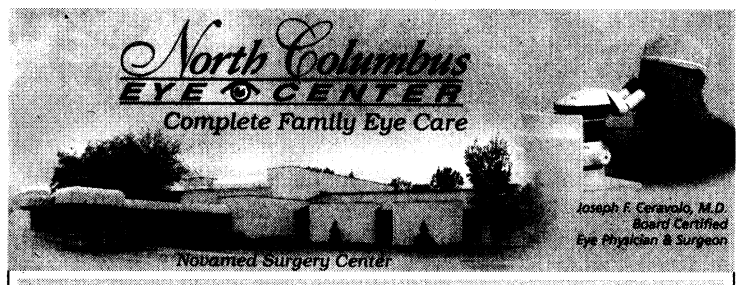
Rivertown Bike Event — The Rivertown Riders, Chapter G, will host "Bikes on the Hooch" May 21-22.

Events include North and South Poker Runs, a bike parade, bike show, light show, vendors and live entertainment.

Early bird registration is $100, to be selected from all registrations postmarked by May 1.

For more information, visit www.gwrracolumbus.com or call Art Murphy at 681-8386, Jared Cohen at 569-1139 or Stanley Steele at 464-6766.





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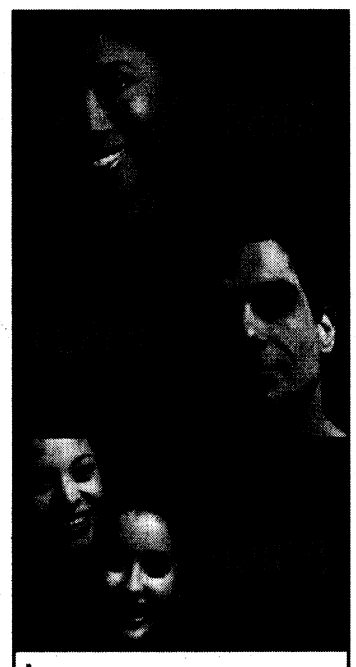

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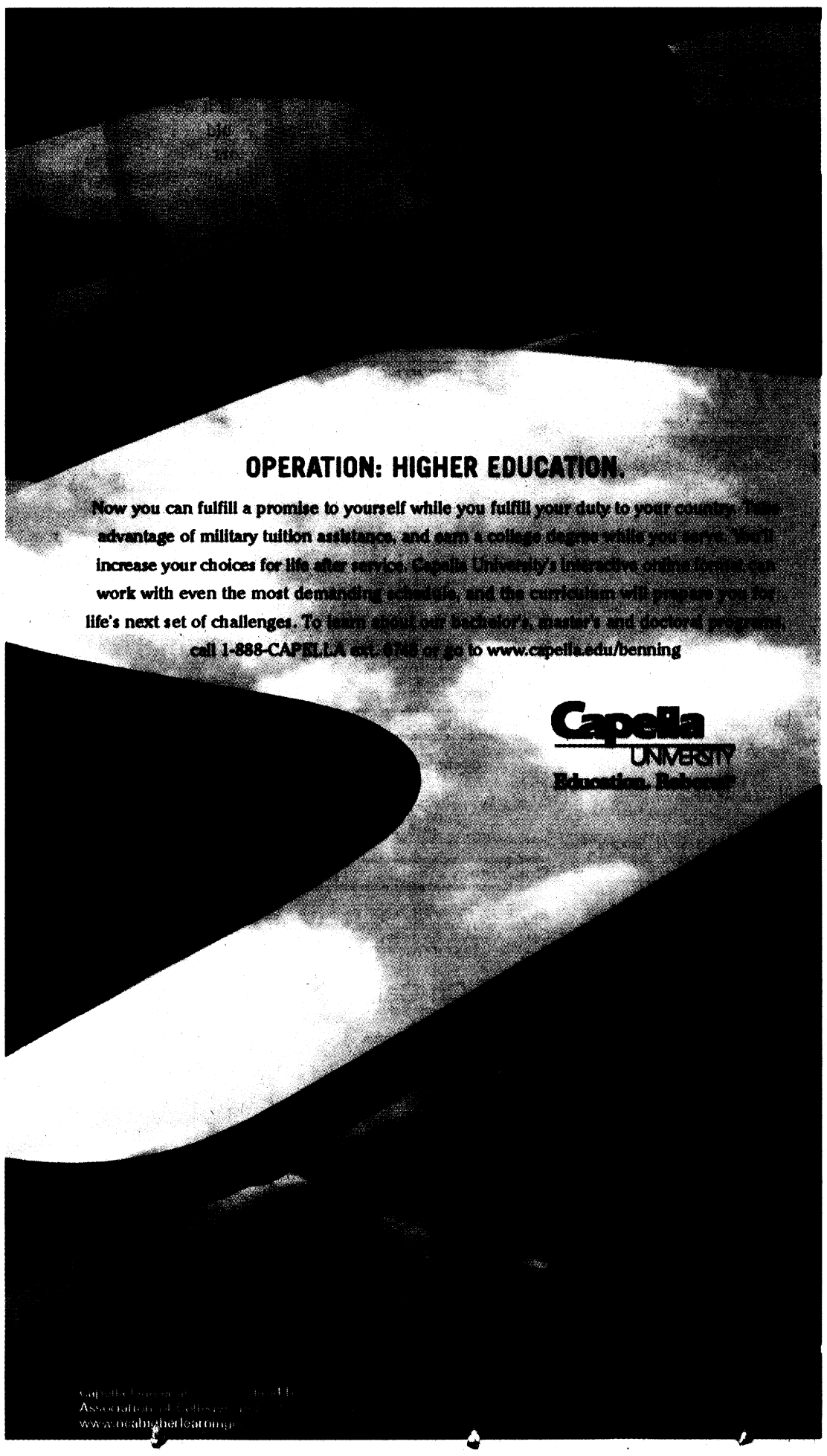

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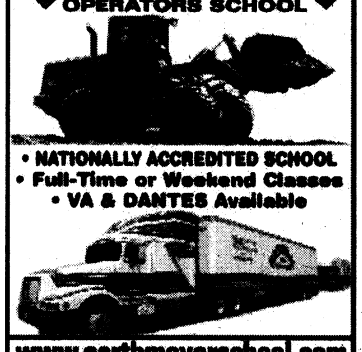

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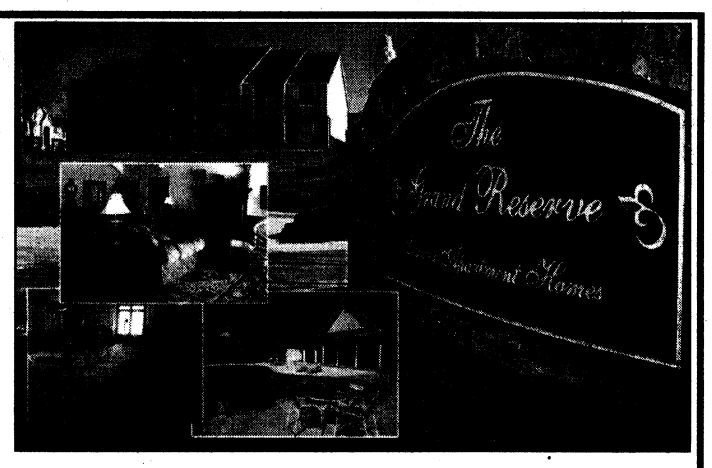

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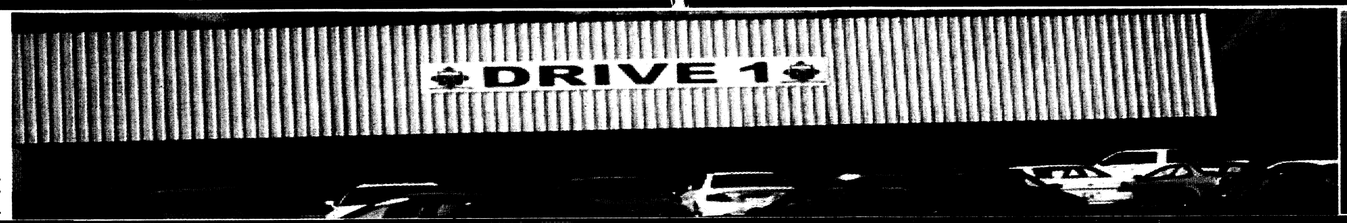

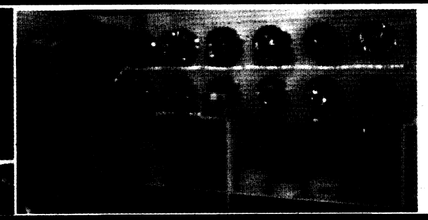

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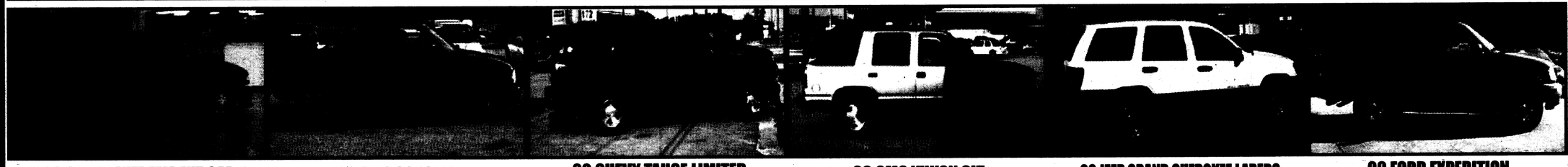

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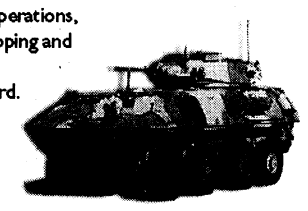

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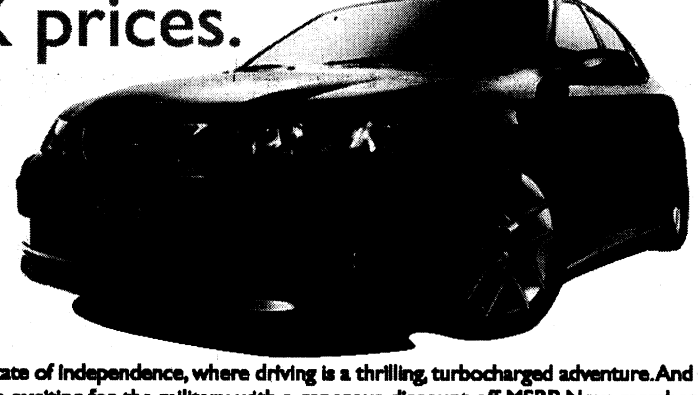

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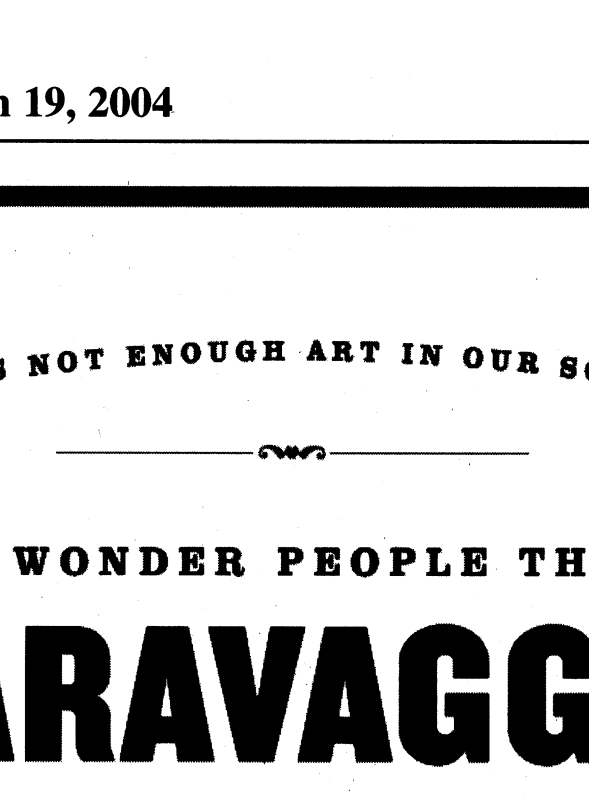

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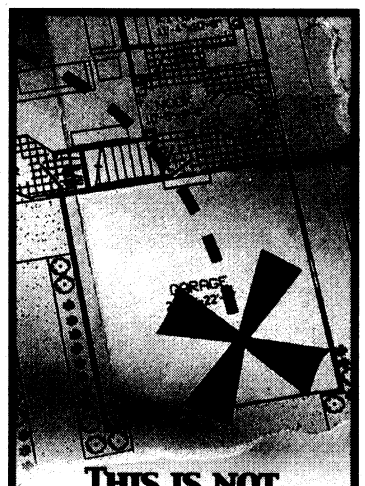

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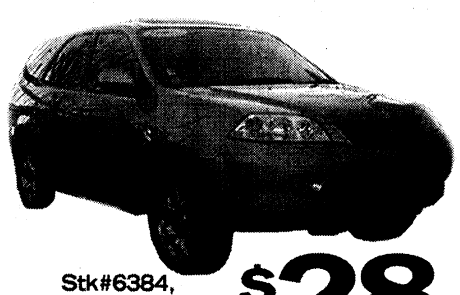

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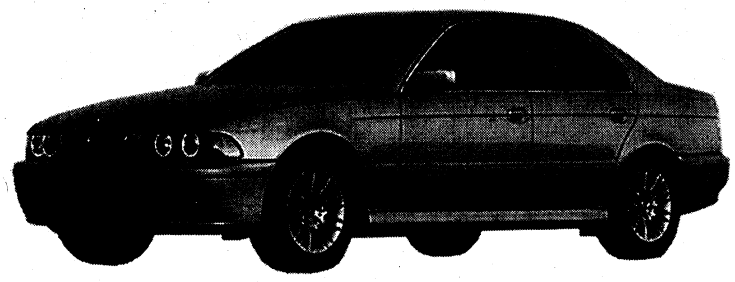

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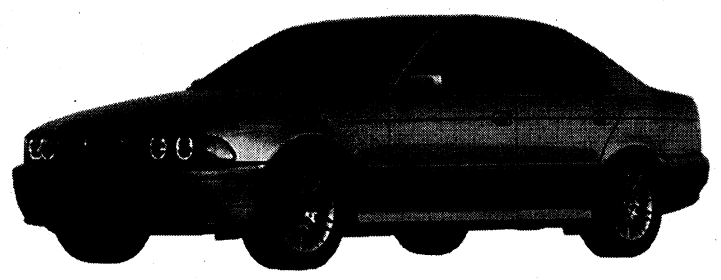

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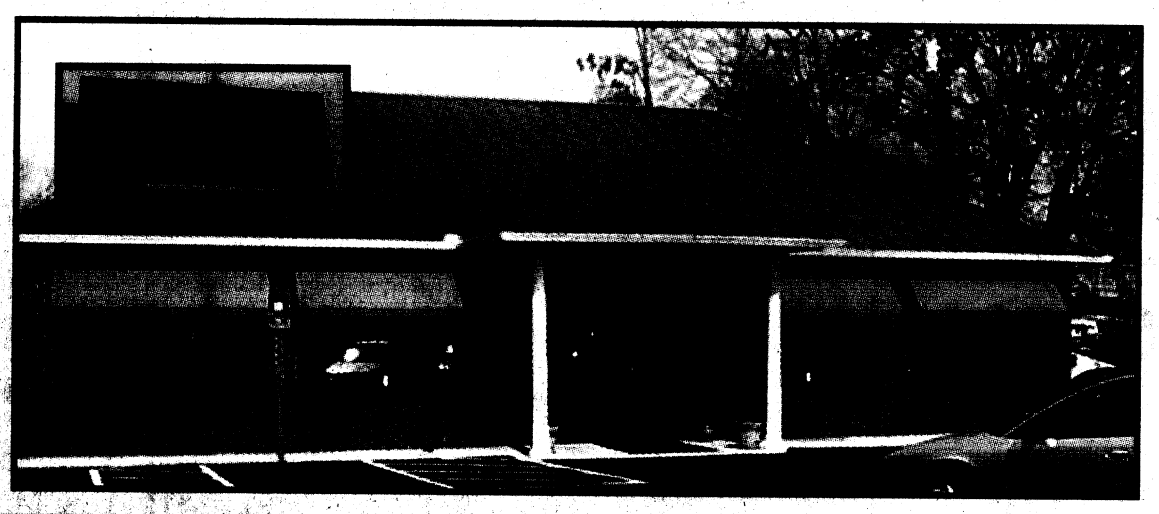

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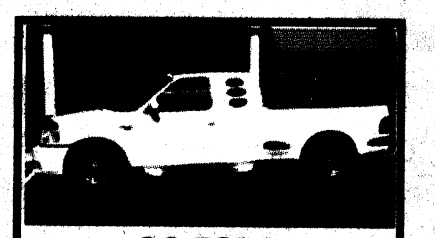

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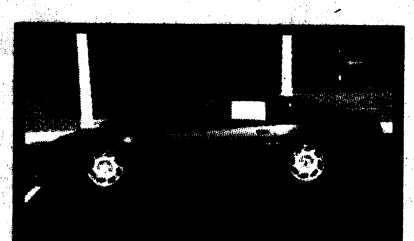

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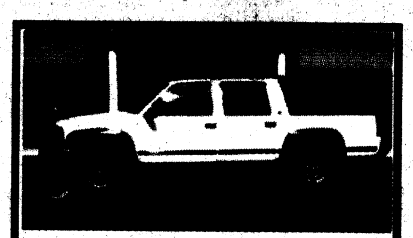

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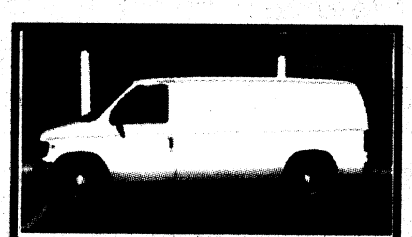

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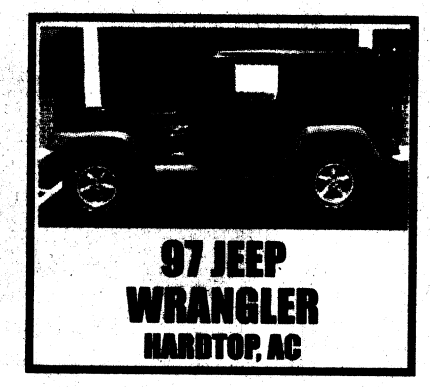

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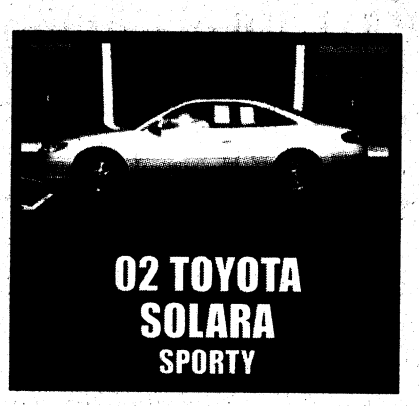

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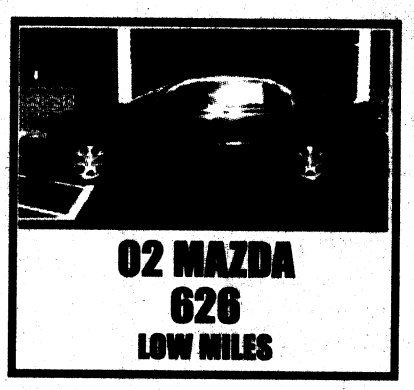

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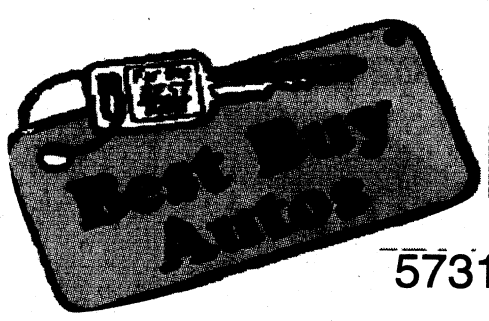

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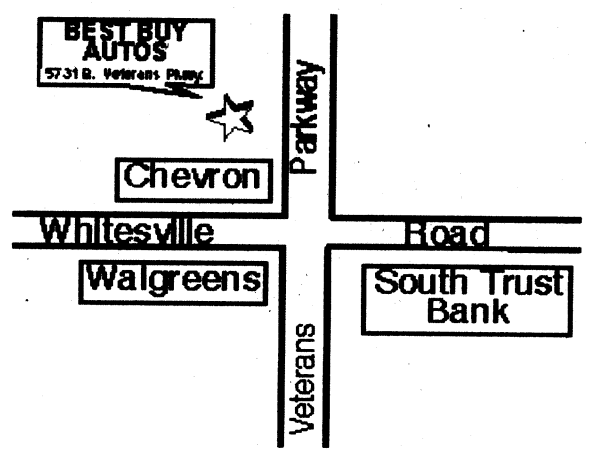

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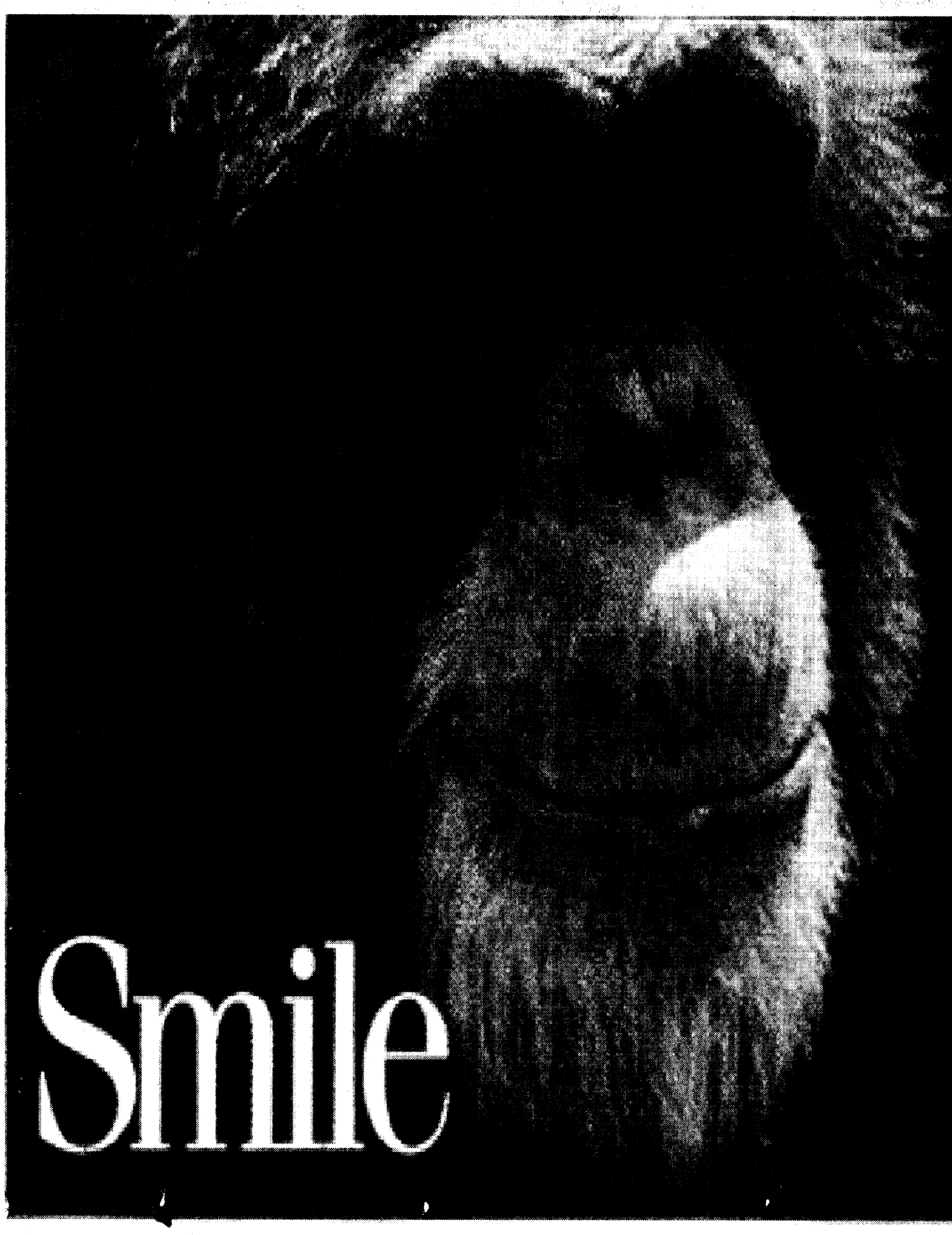

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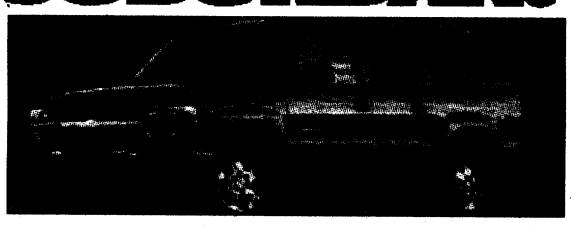

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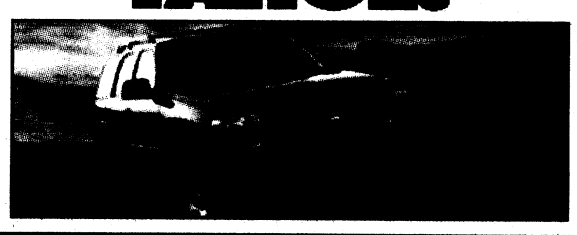

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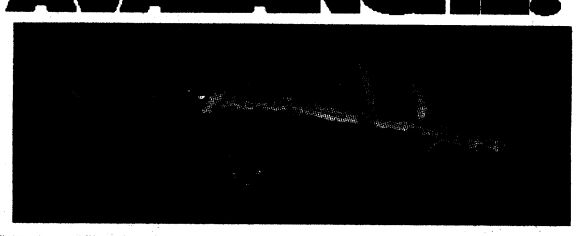

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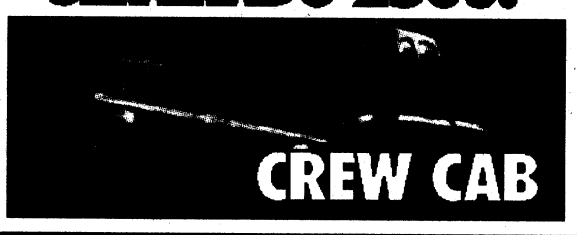

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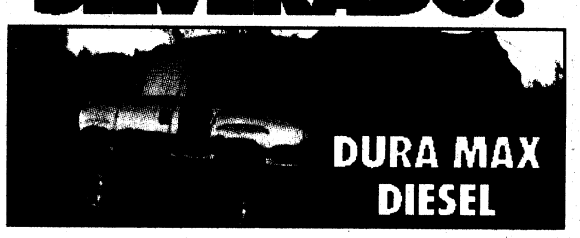

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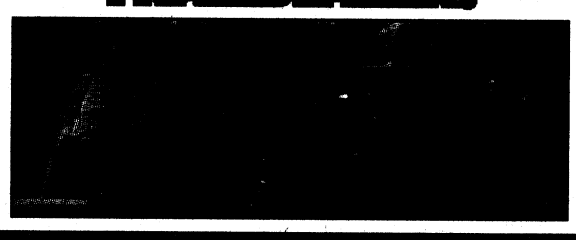

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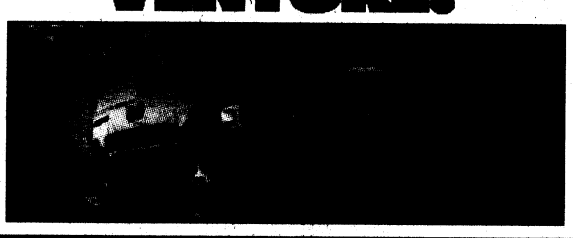

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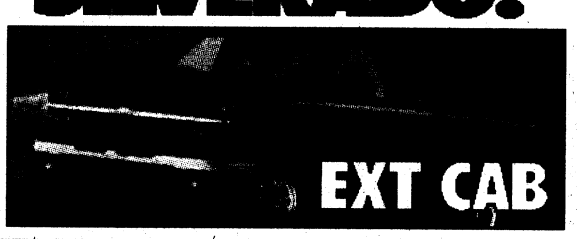

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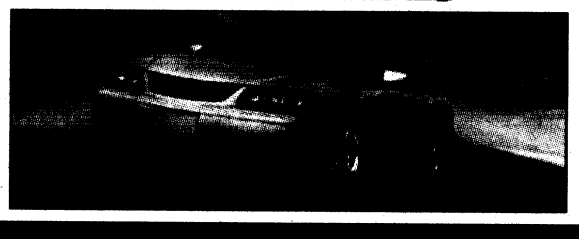

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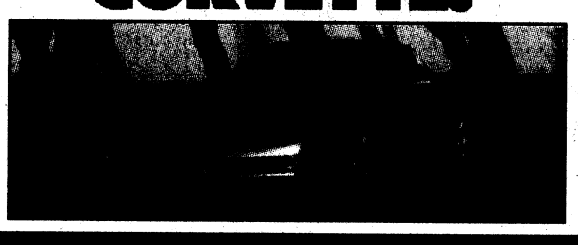

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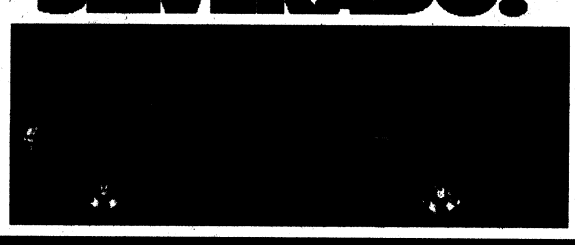

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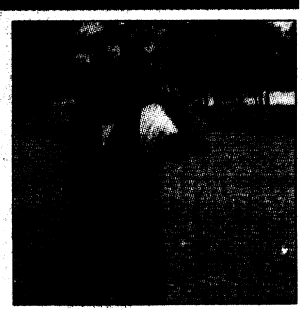

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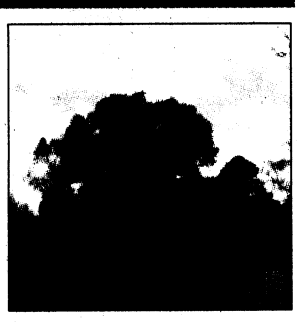

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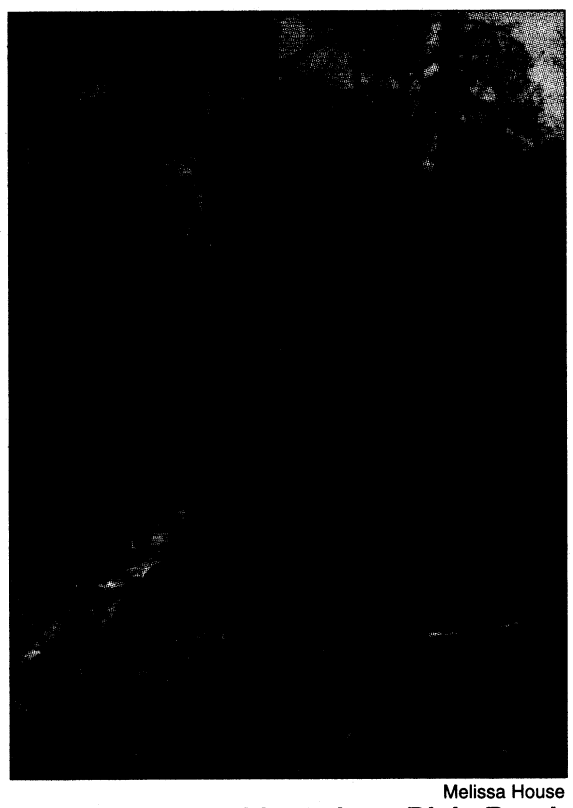


Melissa House

A burn site smolders along Dixie Road, near Dianda Range, Tuesday.

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Nearly one-third of Fort Benning's longleaf pine acreage has already gone up in smoke. And that's a good thing.

Every year since 1985, the Land Management Branch has steadily increased the number of acres being maintained on a two- to four-year prescribed burn cycle.

The goal for this prescribed burn season, which began Dec. 1, was to burn about 35,000 acres.

"We're almost done," said Bob Larimore, chief of the LMB. "With three good weeks of weather in a row, we can cover a lot of ground."

Most areas are managed on a three-year cycle, he said, but some areas were bumped up to two years because of the longleaf pine density. Other areas, like research sites, can go four years between burnings.

When scheduling the burns, Larimore said the first priority goes to military training. After training, the weather conditions, presence of endangered species or any construction projects, or timber harvests are also considered.

The prescribed burning, Larimore said, eliminates fire fuels like grasses and pine straw from the areas, thereby lessening the impact of wildfires. In 1985, there were almost 600 wildfires on Fort Benning, when less than 10,000 acres were managed by controlled burning. Last year, with the help of a wet spring, there were only 14 wildfires.

"This whole area was maintained by fire through history," Larimore said. "But by reducing the fuels, it's less catastrophic, and there's less smoke impact under our conditions and it perpetuates the ecosystem."

Larimore said the number of wildfires includes those started by military training, but said they now only need to suppress a few of the fires and allow many of them to burn themselves out.

This year, Larimore believes there were at least 10 arson fires set along roads in the northeastern section of post on March 8. The LMB reported the fires to the military police

"We know they were arson because they were set along the roads and there was no training going on," Larimore said.

One fire might have gone unreported, he said, but the 10 fires were unusual.

See **BURNS,** A-15

Waste site found on post

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

A ravine on Main Post and the area surrounding it was recently identified as an orphan waste site.

An orphan waste site is an illegal landfill or dump site which cannot be tied to an individual or organization.

The ravine, which serves as a natural collection point for runoff water from adjacent paved areas, feeds a tributary of the Chattahoochee River when it rains.

Two Soldiers stumbled upon the site while walking in the woods and reported it.

The post sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Kelso, the garrison sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Fortson, and the garrison commander, Col. Rick Riera, all surveyed the site the day it was reported.

The ravine is littered with a myriad of refuse, including vehicle parts, fuel cans, scrap metal and hundreds of tires.

The forested area surrounding the water-course is spotted with large discarded water blister bags, hundreds of kevlar helmet liners, parachutes, more tires and vehicle parts, 55-gallon drums, storage containers and other unidentifiable refuse.

John Brent, chief of the Environmental Division of the Directorate of Public Works, said the discovery of the site comes as no surprise. He said the division is currently managing more than a dozen similar sites around post.



Photos by Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Decaying vehicle parts at an orphan waste site leak contaminants into a tributary that feeds the Chattahoochee.

Brent said units, residents and directorates dug countless landfills or used natural depressions in the landscape, such as the ravine, for waste disposal areas for years before environmental regulations were established. Many were filled in with no plan to manage the settling of the contents or the potential environmental hazards.

In some cases, the sites can cost taxpayers millions of dollars to manage. Brent said a landfill in Harmony Church cost the

See **TOXIC,** A-15



Rivulets of rust leach from the littered ravine sides into the unpotable waters.

Post hosts RCI site visit

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

In the quest to improve housing for Soldiers on Fort Benning, the post's Residential Communities Initiative Office hosted a site visit Tuesday for more than 50 interested developers.

The reason — the Army wants to get out of the housing business, and RCI is the means to the end.

The plan calls for Fort Benning to transfer its housing inventory to a developer. In return, the developer receives the Soldiers' basic housing allowance for providing families with quality, affordable and safe housing.

Col. Rick Riera, garrison commander, introduced Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, commanding general, to the developers as a man who spent his career living in substandard housing.

Freakley talked about the "double-wide" he lived in as a battalion commander at Fort Hood, Texas, and how his family spent $300 on landscaping right after they moved in.

He told the developers that Soldiers deserve better than living in quarters that need serious repair and instead are

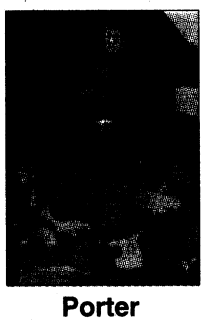
See **RCI,** A-15

Two Soldiers lose battles with cancer

Community Life SGM hailed as 'ultimate Soldier'

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

"Before the Army even wrote its values, Ronnie Porter lived them," said Col. Rick Riera, Monday, at the funeral of Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Porter, a career artilleryman who took control of Fort Benning's Community Life Program two years ago.



Porter

Porter, 48, died March 18 at the Eisenhower Medical Center in Fort Gordon, Ga., following a long battle with cancer. He was buried in the Main Post Cemetery.

Riera, Fort Benning's garrison commander, called Porter "the ultimate Soldier ... one who lived the Soldier's Creed."

Porter never surrendered, Riera

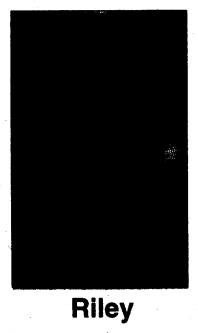
See **PORTER,** A-15

Former Best Ranger 'fought to the end'

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

One member of the Ranger family will be missed during next month's Best Ranger competition. Sgt. 1st Class Eric Riley, 39, who was recently medically retired, died from appendix cancer March 13.

Riley, a five-time competitor, won the Best Ranger competition in 1998 with (then) Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Smith.



Riley

"For those of us who grew up in the Ranger community, Best Ranger is a social gathering," said Capt. Mark Sheehan, himself a former competitor and a long-time friend of Riley's. "Eric was

See **RILEY,** A-15

RELAY FOR LIFE

Come walk with me

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



Around this time every year, I start thinking about the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, and who it is I'll be walking for — who I'll be remembering or praying for as I circle that track again and again. And each year I add a couple of new names to the list. But thankfully, my list has always been relatively short.

Until now.

Suddenly that list — that mental record I keep of the names of those I've known who've been victors *over* or victims *of* cancer — suddenly it doubled in a matter of weeks.

This year, it seems, I'll be dedicating every lap to a different person. And it hurts.

The first lap I'm reserving for Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Porter, whose death last week took many of us by surprise. Sure, I knew he was battling cancer, but the smile on his face and the strength in his voice belied the severity of his condition. Or maybe I just didn't want to see it.

As the Community Life officer, the man responsible for the folks who manage post neighborhoods, Ronnie left his mark on Fort Benning. He made many changes and improvements that will continue to have positive effect on the way we live here on post. He'll be sorely missed.

I'll be walking for Kathy Fritz, who lost her battle with cancer last month. Kathy was a leading contender for Coolest-Mom-On-The-Block every year when I was growing up in Kokomo, Ind.

She was the mother of one of my best friends, and looking back, I realize that Kathy was a big part of the attraction, the reason I loved to spend the night at the Fritz house, which was always filled with laughter. Kathy was only 56 when she died.

I'll be walking for Big Daddy, the grandfather of one of my coworkers. I've never met him, but I've been a fan ever since Erin shared this insight from Big Daddy: "The world is 99 percent ignorant," he says, and I hardily agree. I'll be walking and praying for Big Daddy, because the world can't afford to lose even one of the other one percent.

I'll be walking for Sharon Sharp, my stepmom, who lost her youngest brother Eddie to cancer last month — one of those deaths that leave the survivors with no sense of comfort, no sense of "he was ready to go." No, at 56, Eddy didn't want to go, and his poor mother and sister are still reeling from the loss. There's no salve for that kind of pain.

I'll be walking for my friend Linda Turner, who lost her daughter Katie to a rare form of cancer three years ago. Yep, three years ago. The way I figure, being a mother and all, some pains never heal, and the loss of a child is incomprehensible. Each year, I pray for Linda as I circle that track.

I'll be walking for Jennifer Riley, whom I've never met. But we have a couple of things in common, Jen and I. We're both proud wives of Rangers with four children each. Jen lost her Ranger to cancer March 13, and I can't begin to imagine what life is like at the Riley house now. I'll pray for that family as I circle the track.

I'll be walking for my friend Bill Brickner, who was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. He's believing his vigilant doctor caught it early enough. I'll keep my fingers crossed and pray. And I'll walk an extra lap for Bill.

And finally, I'll walk a lap for someone whose name I do not know and maybe never will. I'll walk for whomever it is that's sitting in a doctor's office somewhere this very minute, hearing the words they dread the most. "It's cancer." Because until we find a cure, cancer will continue to kill.

Join me May 14 and 15 at Kinnett Stadium in Columbus for the the Relay for Life, and let's see if we can't generate a little money to help fund the war on cancer.

To join a team or start one of your own, call 324-4573.

Where's the welcome wagon?

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff



I'm proud to say that growing up, I was the chairman of the neighborhood "welcome committee."

Anytime a new family moved into my block, I would run over there and volunteer myself (as well as the other 10 kids playing with me), to help unload the new family's belongings.

I also let them know what days the street sweeper, the trash truck and the county ticket lady drove by our block to help them avoid future headaches. Our help was always rewarded with ice cream or cookies.

I lived in the same neighborhood most of my life and when the crew and I grew out of my "welcoming committee" years, my younger siblings took over.

I moved only four times growing up and there was always someone to welcome me into my new house, which was conveniently located a block away from my old one. So moving was always a nice experience — up until two weeks ago.

I'm one of the single Soldiers who has recently moved into the post's family housing areas. Hooray for me!

I was really looking forward to my new kitchen, living room, back yard and the sound of kids playing outside.

That is, until "the kids playing outside" suddenly turned into a little boy standing across the street with his arms crossed making mean faces at me.

Needless to say, I wasn't feeling the love from the welcoming committee, not that there should have been one, but the excitement of my move into a new neighborhood was suddenly dampened.

Then my roommate told me about a neighbor who threatened to have her car towed if she parked in the fire lane again. Not to defend the illegal parking, but really, all that was necessary was a "Hey, you shouldn't park there anymore."

My next door neighbor was polite enough to point out that I was parked in his parking space and that we all had assigned parking spaces.

Hey, thanks a lot, neighbor, I appreciate the information and politeness.

There's no harm done in simply asking instead of threatening.

I understand, as well as most of the single Soldiers, that we aren't very welcome by the families living in housing areas. But really, what's the big deal?

Why can't we be looked at as just new neighbors? Why is there such an issue because we're single Soldiers? What's the threat?

We aren't here to cause any trouble; we just want to have a place we can call our own, a place we can invite a few friends to have a barbecue, a place where we can bake a cake, for crying out loud!

Those married Soldiers who lived the barracks life once upon a time know how bad barracks life can be, so cut us a break.

Just relax. Don't think of us as any different. We're not going to terrorize the neighborhood. We have the same responsibilities as the families in housing and are expected to maintain good behavior while we're here.

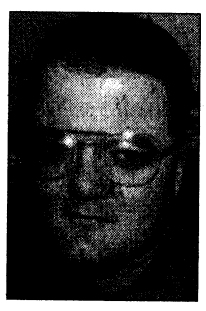
If there's a problem with any Soldier, including me, communication is the key. Just talk to us. We aren't foreigners. We speak the same language.

So hey new neighbors, we're here to stay — at least for a little while — so let's all take a chill pill and enjoy our stay in the Fort Benning family housing areas.

Home, sweet home.

If kindergarten teachers ran the world

Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner
USAIC Public Affairs Office



Can you remember your kindergarten teacher's name? I can. Her name was Mrs. Darby and she had an assistant named Mrs. Wonneberger, who I hope will forgive me for the massacre I'm sure I just inflicted upon her name.

Mrs. Darby ruled the classroom with an iron fist and wielded her weapons of "time in the corner" and "calling your parents" with the skill and agility of a ninja.

Despite the fact she demanded we behave like young ladies and gentlemen (can you imagine?), I had a lot of fun. I also remember learning important life lessons that I still try to apply to my daily life. It's true — all you ever really needed to know you learned in kindergarten.

It's amazing how applying kindergarten concepts to almost any situation will make it better for everyone involved.

For instance, I wonder how others would behave if Mrs. Darby ran the gas station. I know exactly how she would expect me and the other three to behave.

First, she would demand straight orderly lines going in one direction. There would be no pushing, and keep your hands to yourselves! "Cutting" would not be tolerated and it would surely get you sent to the end of the line.

I think Mrs. Darby would find talking in your indoor voice acceptable, but playing loud music — especially loud music laced with profanity — while waiting in line would earn you a trip to the end of the line and some time in the corner for being inconsiderate. She'd probably want to wash your speakers out with soap, too, and then — oh horror! she would call your parents.

She would remind those finished pumping gas that shopping while parking at the pump is rude and inconsiderate of others waiting in line. Pulling ahead to a parking space would be the polite and right thing to do. Before pumping gas, she'd say, pull ahead to the furthest available pump, so that others may have their turn.

If you do get stuck waiting for somebody to move, being rude and shouting obscenities at that person will only get you sent to the corner of the room opposite from him or her. Or worse yet, you may be forced to spend the rest of the day side-by-side, "glued" to that person everywhere you go. And if you were really rude, you might find yourself at the end of — yes, that's right — the lunch line!!

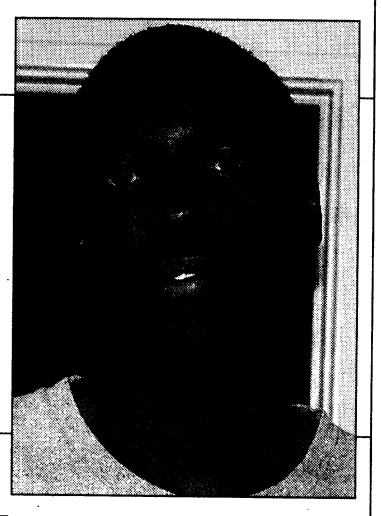
Hmm … what if kindergarten teachers ran the world?

VARIOUS VOICES

What are you enjoying the most about living in housing?



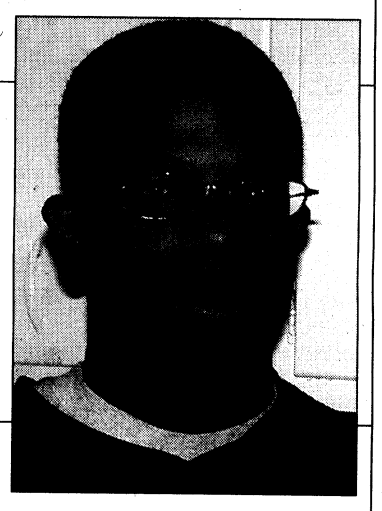
Spc. Nina Blackwater, CONUS Replacement Center — "There's more space and a kitchen. There's also more freedom — we're no longer confined to four walls and a bathroom."



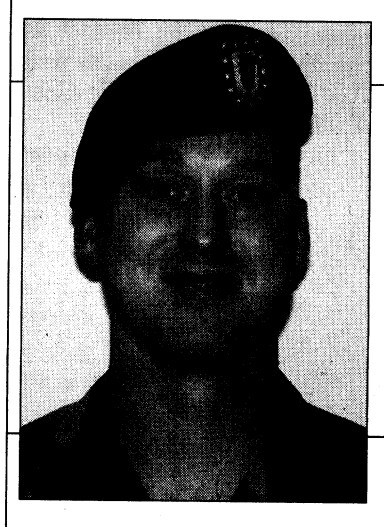
Spc. Alvin Butler, U.S. Army Garrison — "I have an oven and a dishwasher now."



Spc. Michelle Cox, U.S. Army Garrison — "The room — there's so much space. It's nice to have something to decorate. Also, the kitchen. We can cook whatever we want and eat healthier."



Spc. Donald Berrys, U.S. Army Garrison — "There's more space and more privacy. I can cook without worrying about having a hot plate or a toaster oven. I can take a bath!"



Spc. Donald Taylor, NCO Academy — "It makes me feel like I have my own house."



Pfc. Hollie Hamstra — "The extra living space."

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Thunder in Valley air show takes flight

Sgt. Kim Dooley
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"It's raining men.
Hallelujah! It's raining men.
Every specimen
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Rough and tough and strong and lean ..."

It's Raining Men
Weather Girls

Many a girls' prayers were answered this weekend, when lean, green fighting machines fell from the skies of Columbus.

These Soldiers drawing "oohs and aahs" from an excited crowd were all part of the annual Thunder in the Valley Air Show Saturday and Sunday at the Columbus Metropolitan Airport.

Fort Benning Rangers fast-roped onto the tarmac from hovering helicopters for Rangers in Action demonstrations, and Fort Bragg's Golden Knights gave an awe-inspiring free-fall demonstration.

Jonathan Dreelin, 7, couldn't think of anything better to do with his day. Sporting head-to-toe camouflage, Jonathan explored the air show Saturday afternoon with his father, Dennis, brother, Andrew, and family friend, Jack Norman. But one day wasn't enough for these boys — they came back Sunday for more.

The trio climbed around on military equipment, took in all the aeroacrobatics they could handle and even got airborne in a HUEY helicopter. But for Jonathan, nothing beat the Golden Knights.

"Watching them fallin' out of the sky at really fast speeds ... that was the best part," he said, adding that he might just have to try it himself some day.

Dennis, a retired Navy officer, was more than happy to chaperone the boys at the air show.

"It's wonderful to see all the planes and people out here," he said. "This is just great patriotism, and we're big believers."

Meanwhile, Soldiers from other units around post manned static displays, giving visitors a hands-on peek at what it is today's Soldiers are doing.

Staff Sgt. Robert Osburn spent his time at the air show introducing visitors to the Army's antiarmor weapon systems.

The B Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, Soldier said bringing Benning out to the event was a public relations venture of sorts — a way to keep the post's relationship with its surrounding communities healthy.

"It gives us a closer working relationship with the civilians," Osburn said. "And it gives them a better understanding of the military. And as a taxpayer, I would want to know how my dollars are being put to work."

Of course, many of the curious onlookers weren't taxpayers at all, but rather children jumping at the chance to play with sniper rifles (not loaded, of course), 50-cals and the like.

Osburn spent the better part of his day breaking down the technicalities of a thermal camera for a command launch unit to eager, little boys.

"They get pretty impressed," he said. "It lets them have a little hands-on."

While they weren't getting to know Fort Benning Soldiers or pawing around in Fort Benning's Stryker, Bradley Fighting Vehicle or HUEY helicopter, event-goers took advantage of the chance to peek at the inner workings of a variety of aircraft. Everything from the only flying B-29 in the world (100 feet long with a wingspan of 141 feet — that's half a football field) to military aircraft to one of the Wright brothers' first line of exhibitionary planes were front and center.

Dana Smith, a retired aviator who now spends his days traveling to air shows across the country, was proud to share a Wright brothers B-EX, built by the duo in 1911. The "EX" in the plane's name stands for exhibition, as this was one of a few planes the Wrights sent around the country to introduce Americans to the fantasy of flight.

"Most of the people who saw an airplane for the first time (back then) saw one of these things," he said, patting the plane's wooden wing.

The plane has another distinction, Smith said — it was also the first plane to complete a transcontinental flight.

Cal Rogers, a famed historical pilot, flew the plane from Long Island, N.Y., to Long Beach, Calif., and it only took him 84 days, Smith said.



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

Staff Sgt. Robert Whitely buckles his daughter, Marah, 3, into a helicopter at the Thunder in the Valley Air Show Sunday.

That was 49 days to Pasadena, Calif., where Rogers was hospitalized for more than a month after an accident, and three days on to Long Beach once he recovered.

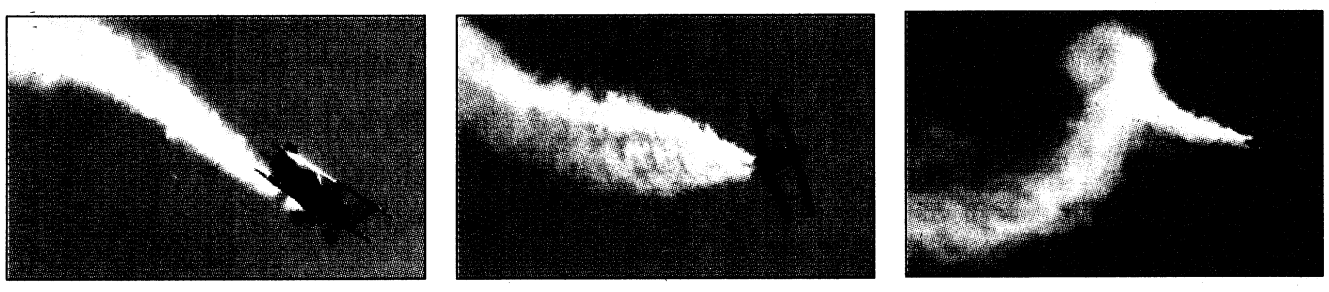
But he made pretty good time, considering the plane only goes about 25 miles per hour for about 30 miles at a time, Smith said.

Smith has flown the historic air craft at more than 100 air shows and said it's never made him nervous, even though it can reach up to 10,000 feet.

"To me it's just like doing anything else," he said. "Besides, it's probably safer than when I drive."

For those who missed all the fun and excitement this time around, it's not the end of the world. There's always next year.

To keep up on the details, check out www.thunderinthevalleyair show.com.



A Pitts Special plane performs aeroacrobatics at the Thunder in the Valley Air Show Sunday.



Staff Sgt. Robert Osburn shows Tyler Hudson, 10, how to use a thermal camera.

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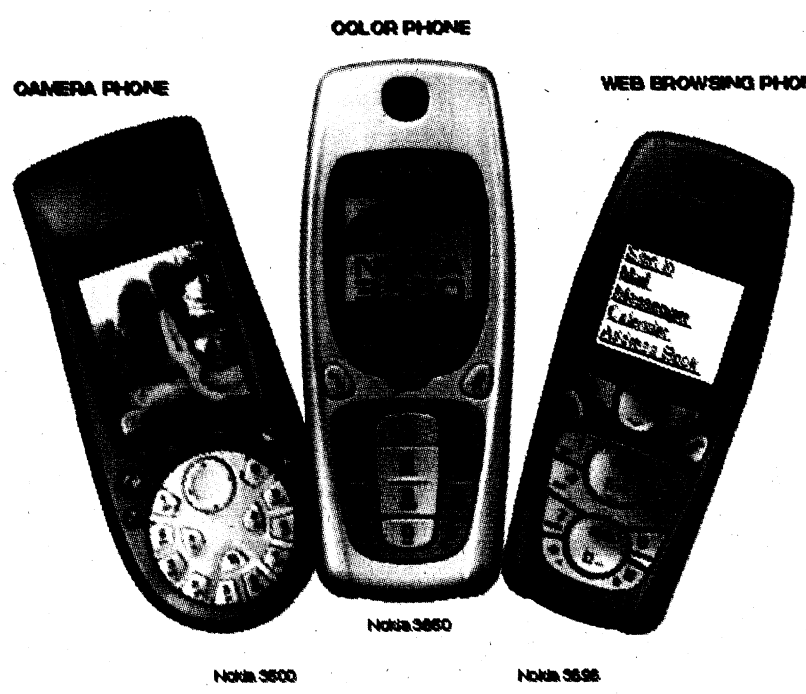

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Reserve CG visits, talks of change to come

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The commanding general of the U.S. Army Reserve Command, Washington D.C., visited Fort Benning Saturday.

Lt. Gen. James Helmly arrived at Lawson Army Air Field and was greeted by the post comanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, the garrison commander, Col. Rick Riera, and other post officials.

Helmly first visited the 2145th Garrison Support Unit, a reserve unit from Nashville, Tenn., which has been mobilized and active here since January 2003.

He promoted Majs. Tharrel Kast and Bill Powell to lieutenant colonel in a short ceremony before a town-hall meeting with the Soldiers.

During the meeting, Helmly discussed many issues, including the media's constant debate over the necessity of the war in Iraq.

"Let me tell you what I think now, as a Soldier," Helmly said. "I've not seen one war, either read about it or participated in it, that everybody unanimously said, 'This is a good war.' In fact, I would tell you they're all bad, because people die in them and things get destroyed. But it is a fact, a fact of life. We can all pray and hope that one day we'll live in a world without war. But until then, I'm fond of the saying that says, 'You and I have to deal with the world as it is, not as we would like it to be.'"

Helmly talked about the current state of the Army Reserve, as well as the direction it is headed in the future. He referenced current and future operational tempos and described a need to transform the Reserve from a force organized for massive linear mobilization to one that is flexible and expeditionary in nature.

He described a new organizational structure to be gradually introduced during the next five to seven years. The new structure's goal is to provide some level of predictability to the average Reserve Soldier's reasonable expectation of mobilizations by organizing reserve units into a five-year rotation plan.

The new system would break the reserve force into five "packages." Units in package one can expect to be mobilized at any time, while units in package two would be relatively certain they wouldn't mobilize for about four years, when they cycle through to package one again.

Reserve Soldiers will be able to expect mobilization for a nine-month to one-year period every four to five years.

Soldiers in package five will not be able to retire or ETS from the Reserves until they are back in package two or three.

The new system, Helmly said, is designed to stabilize the reserve force and give Soldiers predictability and time to complete NCO Education Systems and officer development courses, along with other professional development actions.

The commander of the 2145th, Col. Daniel Schultz, said he fully supports Helmly's initiative and believes it will improve total Army readiness by ensuring units in the ready-to-mobilize phase of the five-year cycle are truly fully ready to mobilize and deploy.

Reserve Soldiers, Helmly said, cannot reasonably sustain the current operational tempo. He said they, as well as active-duty Soldiers, have to be given the opportunity to go home and reconnect with family and rest for periods of time, or morale, readiness, efficiency and retention all suffer.

Schultz said the 2145th was mobilized for one year, but was involuntarily extended in December for another six months, despite the fact that 80 of the 131 personnel volunteered to extend. He said he is proud of his Soldiers' motivation, and he has managed to handle individual problems that have arisen because of the mobilization with little impact on the unit's mission so far. But, he said, he agrees with Helmly that the system needs to change to alleviate stress and the impact of reserve commitments on families, individuals and civilian employers. Helmly also addressed the importance of the Army values during his speech.

He cited situations in U.S. detention centers in Iraq where detainees have been brutalized and the Soldiers who reported the mistreatment were ignored by the chain of command.

He also cited instances of sexual assault against female Soldiers, who were told by their commanders, "What do you want me to do about it if you can't identify the assailant?"

He described situations involving Soldiers whose conditional promotions were revoked because they could not complete necessary NCOES training within the prescribed time period because of deployment and questioned why such matters are making it all the way through the chain of command to his desk without any commanders in the chain having the personal courage to rectify the situation.

Helmly challenged the Army leadership to live up to their sworn oath. He demanded those charged with leadership duties restore the faith of Soldiers in their command and its ability and willingness to respond to the needs of Soldiers underneath them.

Helmly watched Reserve Soldiers conducting theater specific individual readiness training at a CONUS Replacement Center range and then spent time with the Soldiers discussing the new packaging system.

Helmly then conducted a walk-through of the CRC facilities and ate lunch at the CRC dining facility before departing for Lawson Army Air Field and a flight home.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Lt. Gen. James Helmly discusses upcoming force structure changes with Reserve Soldiers after they completed training at a CRC range Saturday.

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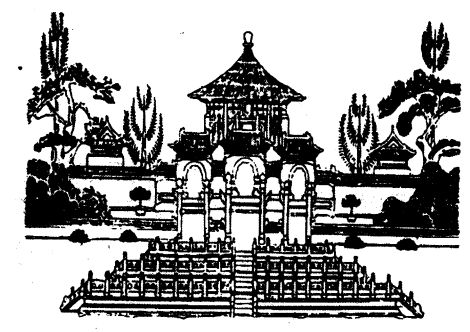
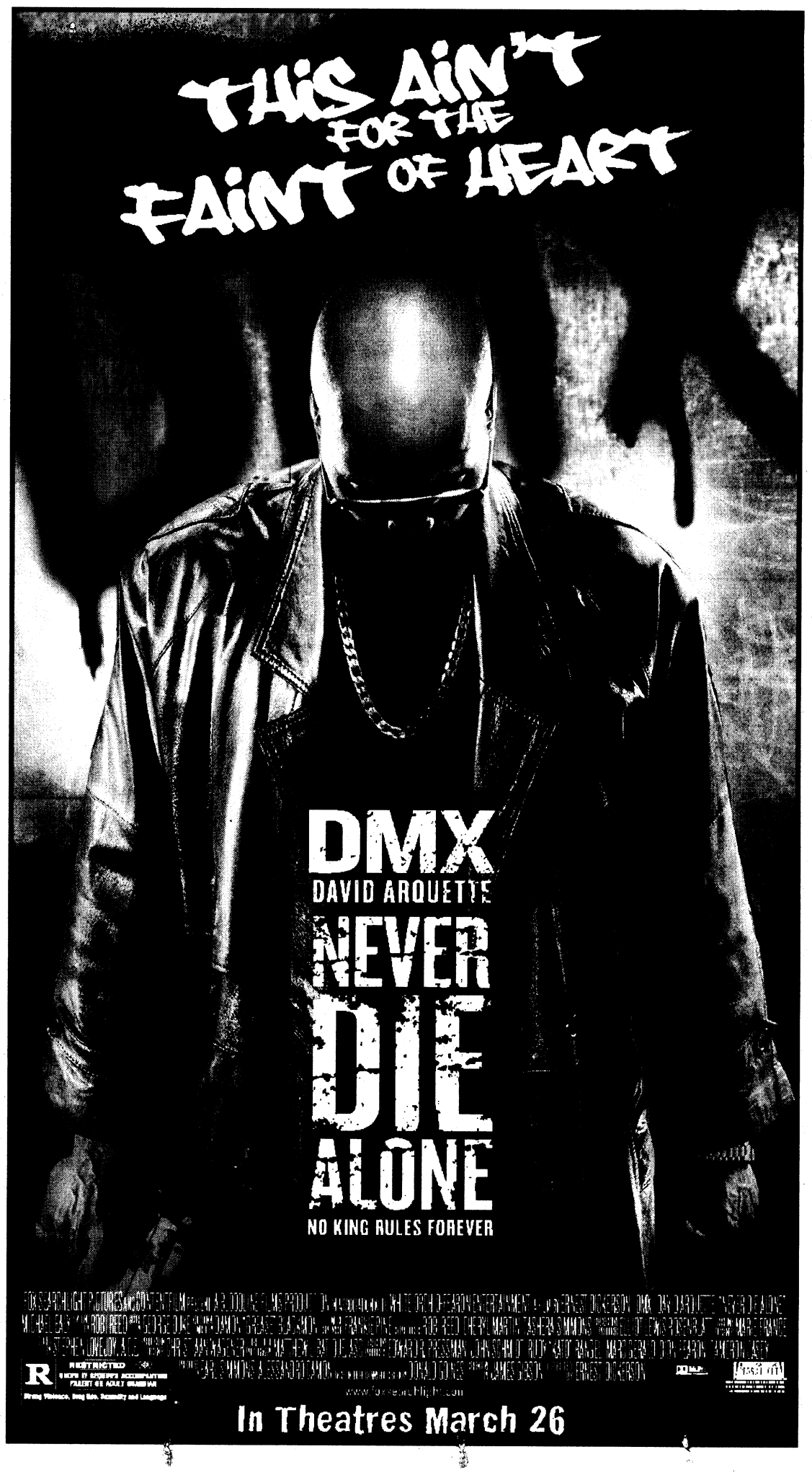




Former Old Guard Soldiers donate uniform to museum

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Everything old is new again at the National Infantry Museum.

The 3rd Infantry Regiment, the Old Guard unit that keeps reinventing itself, will soon have a place in the spotlight at the museum.

"We're the Home of the Infantry, and the Third Infantry was the first infantry unit," said Frank Hanner, the museum director. "Stands to reason we ought to have something on display to honor the Old Guard."

Hanner's long-time desire to honor the nation's oldest regiment was fulfilled Tuesday when Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bergman, a former Old Guard regimental sergeant major, and Staff Sgt. Steven Lee, a former sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknowns, presented the museum with an Old Guard uniform.

"I'm enamored with it," said Hanner, as he gazed at the Dress Blues, decked out with the ribbons and awards Lee wore in his two and a half years on guard detail. Bergman, the U.S. Army Infantry School sergeant major, completed the ensemble with a standard issue hat, sunglasses and white gloves.

"I couldn't be prouder. This is *your* museum," Hanner said to Bergman and Lee, "and you do us honor by sharing this with the people of Fort Benning."

The 3rd Inf. Regt. was called the 1st American Regiment when it stood up June 3, 1784. In 1815, it became the 3rd U.S. Infantry. It was deactivated in 1946, reactivated two years later, and named Honor Guard to the President in 1952.

Since then, it's continually evolved, adding first a drill team, then a fife and drum corps, a Commander-in-Chief's Guard and a military police company.

The Old Guard, headquartered at Fort Myer, Va., is now chiefly a ceremonial unit, the only U.S. Army unit with an official historic uniform, its own field music, and the only one to use horses in performance of its official duties.



Bridgett Siter

Staff Sgt. Steven Lee makes last-minute adjustments to the Old Guard uniform he donated to the National Infantry Museum Tuesday.

Old Guardsmen maintain an around-the-clock vigil at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, where they conduct more than 1,500 funeral details each year.

It was while on assignment at Arlington that Lee, now the Infantry Training Brigade's drill sergeant of the year, met Bergman.

The two met again at Fort Benning last year, and when Hanner expressed a desire to have something on display from the Old Guard, Bergman and Lee set about putting a uniform together.

"There's a lot of history in that uniform — and a lot of work," said Bergman.

The highly polished, neatly pressed uniform of an Old Guardsman takes nearly two hours to prep for duty, he said.

"The Old Guard represents the Army," Bergman said. "It's all about tradition and history and duty."

The uniform will be carefully catalogued and preserved before it's put on display, a meticulous and time-consuming process, Hanner said.

"It's important that we document and label and take care to preserve not just the uniform, but the historical information about the uniform," he said. "It'll take a little while, but we've finally got something from the Old Guard, and that's a step forward."



Courtesy photo

Lee, pictured here on guard duty at the Tomb of the Unknowns, served more than two years with the Old Guard.

German Liaison Office donates to fallen troops

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

When 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, came back from its deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, they were short three Soldiers.

Pvts. Gregory Huxley and Kelley Prewitt and Staff Sgt. Terry Hemingway were killed in action last April.

While the unit was still deployed, a mission began back home to make sure these Soldiers were not forgotten.

"Watching the news one night, a reporter on FOX News forgot Private Jessica Lynch's name when she was all over the news," said Teresa Sanderson, coordinator of the memorial garden. "I thought of our Soldiers and decided we needed to do something that would ensure they were not forgotten."

On Sept. 11, 2003, 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., dedicated a memorial garden with a tree for each Soldier, as well as three rooms in the battalion's headquarters building named after each of the Soldiers, said Capt. Collin Donlin, battalion assistant operations officer.

Soon after the dedication of the garden, the post's German Liaison Office celebrated the annual Oktoberfest, but decided to do something special during their celebration for fallen Soldiers.

"The Oktoberfest is an annual celebration in Germany when we celebrate the end of the harvest," said Lt. Col. Herbert R. Sladek, German army liaison officer. "It's a time to eat and drink good authentic German food and beer."

Last year, however, the German liaison office set out to raise money for the families of Fort Benning Soldiers killed in action.

"I put a five-liter steinkrug on the table and told everybody I wanted them to fill it up with money by the end of the night to help out Soldiers," Sladek said.

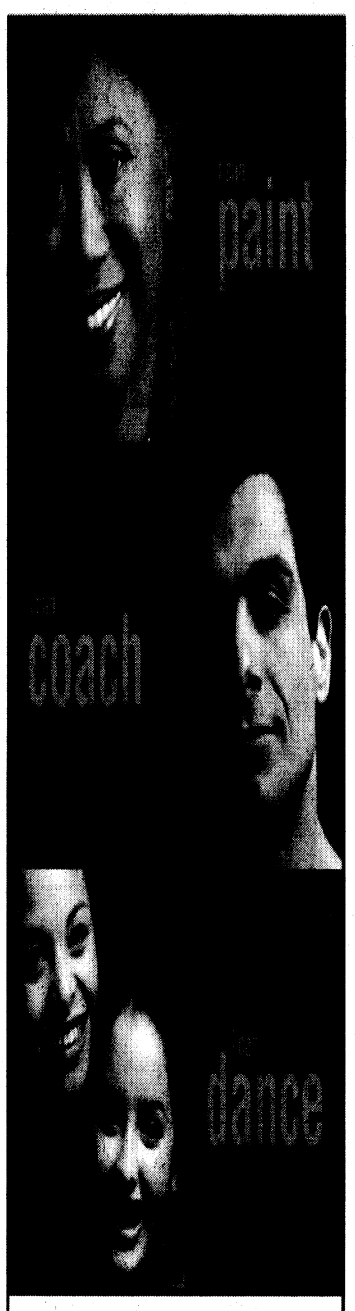
The steinkrug, a large stone mug used in Germany to serve beer, was filled with $250.

"We didn't know how to find a Soldier or a family that needed the money, so we talked to the garrison commander, Colonel Rick Riera, and he directed us to the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, and their memorial garden," said Sgt. Maj. Manfred Jerabek, German army liaison sergeant major.

Sladek and Jerabek presented Lt. Col. Jeffrey Sanderson, 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt. commander, with a $250 check in a ceremony March 19 at the battalion headquarters building.

"This donation is greatly appreciated by all of us at the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, and will allow us to buy more flowers to keep up the garden," Sanderson said.

"It's important to always remember those Soldiers who have lost their lives defending our country," he said.



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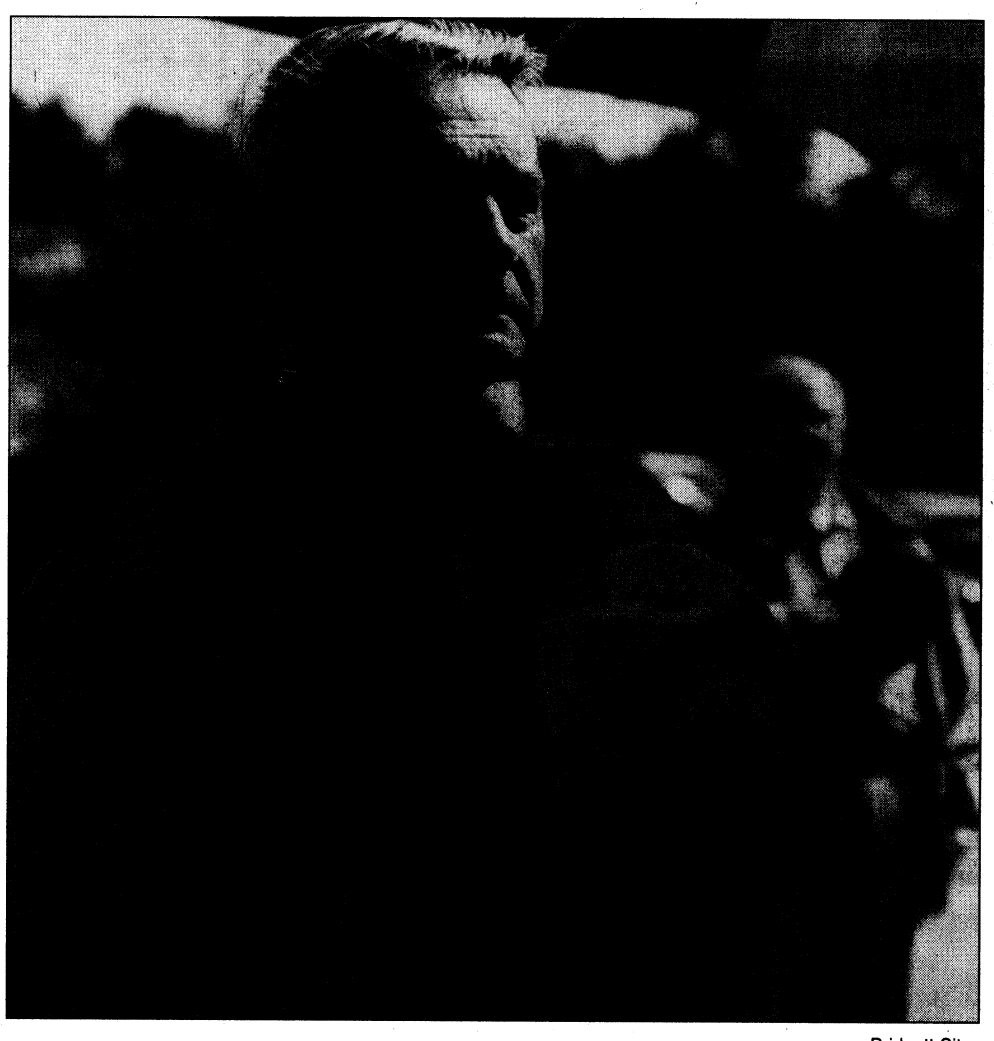

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John Cobb, who served with the 17th Airborne Division during World War II, pauses to remember his fallen comrades, the 1,100 troopers killed during Operation Varsity, the largest and most deadly airborne assault in U.S. history.

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Bayonet staff

John Cobb made a tactical error. In 1944, the 17-year-old high school junior told his study hall teacher to go to hell.

Her husband was the president of the draft board in Bridgeton, N.J. Cobbs was drafted the day he turned 18.

After basic training and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Cobbs was shipped to Europe to join the Allied Forces. He was assigned to the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment and "dropped into" the tail end of the Battle of the Bulge, where the 17th Airborne Division lost nearly half its troops. Cobb's C Company had only 17 men.

"Here I was in school, with war the farthest thing from my mind, and then suddenly I'm in the middle of War World II," recalled Cobbs, Wednesday. He joined 25 fellow 17th Division veterans on Fort Benning's Fryar Drop Zone, where 100 Soldiers from the 1st Battalion (Airborne) 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment conducted a mass tactical jump to commemorate the 59th anniversary of Operation Varsity

On March 24, 1945, 3,917 aircraft carrying American and British troops unfurled what has been called "a 200-mile airborne carpet over the skies" of Europe. More than 14,000 troops descended behind the Rhine River into the heart of the German defense near the town of Wesel.

The Germans outnumbered the Allies 10 to one.

No matter. Operation Varsity, which has never been matched in size, shook the war-weary Germans, whose resources were sorely depleted. Later, a German prisoner of war was quoted as saying, "They never told us they were going to drop the whole damn U.S. Army on us."

All told, the Allies took more than 2,800 German prisoners that day. Nearly 1,100 U.S. and British troops were killed and 522 wounded in what remains the single worst day in airborne history.

Despite its tremendous loss, the 17th Division secured all its objectives in less than four hours, and Operation Varsity was declared a success, ushering the Allies to eventual victory.

For 19-year-old Sgt. Eugene Howard, it was "an experience of a lifetime, like no other."

Howard had seen action on Utah Beach as a combat engineer. That experience proved extremely frustrating, Howard said. As an engineer he "couldn't shoot back," so after the battle, in what he called "an unguarded moment of unwarranted optimism," Howard volunteered for duty with the 17th Division.

"And I never regretted a day of it," he said, despite the massive loss of Allied Forces during Operation Varsity and despite the five times he came "within inches" of losing his life.

"We were young men. We didn't have any sense," Howard said with a laugh.

Then he grew serious.

"We knew we were there for a reason. They showed us pictures of German death camps, pictures of bodies stacked up by the ovens," he said. "I'll never forget that image."

"Those images" haunt Howard when he hears people disparaging the role of American forces in the war on terrorism.

"I have a lot of strong feelings about that," he said. "There are people out there who hate us, and the only thing they understand is force.

"People who think we can write a letter telling our enemies we love them and we want them to be nice, those people aren't living in the real world. Not the world we saw."

Soldier fights injuries for Ranger School

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The tan beret. The scroll. The standards that defy most mortal men. Those are the signatures of a brotherhood earned with sweat and toil and consecrated in blood on the lonely battlefields of the world.

The elite ranks of Army Ranger units are filled with men who were faced with tests of unimaginable proportion and succeeded despite the odds.

Spc. Akili King, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Infantry Center, has only just begun his battle to become a Ranger against seemingly insurmountable odds, but said beating the odds are nothing new for him.

As an all-state tailback at St. Andrew Episcopal High School in Jackson, Miss., King ran for more than 2,000 yards and, upon graduation, had offers from Southeastern Conference universities like Auburn, Mississippi and Tennessee.

King turned those offers down and accepted an opportunity from West Point in 1992 instead.

"I have a deep respect for the Army and for anyone who does their time for this country," King said. "I wanted to be a part of that."

During his three years at West Point, King set a single-game rushing record of 235 yards against Colgate his freshman year, ran for 883 yards with a six-yards-per-carry average his sophomore year and rushed for 136 yards against Duke his junior year before suffering a hamstring injury against Temple.

After only a week's recovery, King took to the field again and tore his left anterior cruciate ligament.

With his season over because of injury and his enrollment at West Point terminated later that year, King could have let go, but couldn't give up on the chance to return to the field.



KING

With the help of his coaches, King arranged to play for Oregon State University in 1996 and returned to his career on the field. Even with nagging injuries, King was selected as the team's most valuable player in his final year of college competition.

After Sept. 11, 2001, King answered the country's call for service and enlisted into the Army, but found himself frustrated by the attitudes of most of his fellow service members.

"It's the 'me' generation," King said. "Everything in our society is based on making us more comfortable and geared toward comfort instead of getting the mission accomplished."

He said the motivation to join the military shouldn't be based on selfish reasons, like college money or loan repayments. He said it's a volunteer force and people are joining for the wrong reasons.

As a demonstrator for the Land Warrior System, King travels the country epitomizing what tomorrow's Soldier should and will be, but being the Warrior Ethos poster child as the Army moves into a new era isn't enough for the former football star.

He has his sights set on Ranger School, and it is a challenge he is committed to overcoming, he said.

"I came in to be a Ranger," King said. "I won't settle for less. When you get used to being the best, you can't ever accept being mediocre at anything."

That attitude is what will help the infantryman overcome mountainous obstacles to get into the school.

After spending his whole life functioning at peak performance for no more than 100 yards at a time, the 30-year-old must retrain his body for long-distance, endurance-focused runs and cardio challenges in order to score at least 70 percent in all three of the Army Physical Fitness Test events in the 17- to 21-year-old bracket, which is only one of the prerequisites for Ranger School.

King said the hardest part is the mental challenge of forcing his body to keep going and battling recurrent injuries, but he is determined to keep training until he meets the rigorous physical standards demanded by the school.

King's NCOIC, Staff Sgt. Andrew Davis, a Ranger who earned a Bronze Star for valor with the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, in Operation Iraqi Freedom last year, believes King has what it takes to make it in Ranger School.

Davis said King is strictly focused and goal-oriented.

"(King) is strong. He knows what he wants and doesn't stop," said Davis. "He just doesn't quit until he accomplishes what he wants to do."

Determination and personal courage to drive on through the rigors of Ranger School will be key to King's success, and he said he is ready for both the mental and physical challenges of not only the school, but the trials and tribulations that come with the Ranger way of life.

"If it was easy, everyone would do it," King said. "It looks cool, but the reality of it is it's not an easy life. It's hard. Standards don't change for anyone over there (at 75th Ranger Regiment.). I want to exceed the standards. "

King is immersed in a rigorous training regimen in preparation for the Ranger Indoctrination Program and, if all goes well, will be reporting for his personal test of intestinal fortitude in the next few months.


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Driver fatigue causes post accident

Soldier struck by vehicle while running

Sgt. Kim Dooley
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Recently, as an initial entry training Soldier was running behind his morning PT formation as a road guard, he was struck from behind by a car.

Was the driver drunk? Speeding? Not paying attention? No. The driver was actually in the formation's trail vehicle, and an investigation revealed that the main cause of the accident was driver fatigue, according to a Fort Benning safety alert from post Chief of Staff Col. Charles Cornwell.

The Soldier was taken to the hospital for evaluation and released the same day — no serious injuries or broken bones. But that was a matter of luck, said Regis Beighley, post safety manager.

"When the truck struck him, it knocked him down and he fell between the (front) wheels," he said. "A few feet in either direction, he would have been run over. It was just a matter of inches between a few bumps and scrapes and a fatality."

Not everyone is so lucky. A Fort Benning Soldier returning from Christmas leave was killed when he fell asleep at the wheel and drove off the road.

While driver-fatigue related accidents on post are rare, Fort Benning Soldiers are regularly involved in them off of the installation, Beighley said.

In fact, it's a common problem on the road, and just as dangerous as, say, drinking and driving.

According to the National Safety Council, 37 percent of drivers have nodded off for at least a moment or fallen asleep while driving at least once in their driving careers. Eight percent have done so in the past six months.

"When you're driving long distances, you become more relaxed; you put your guard down," Beighley said. "You lose consciousness and start daydreaming even though you're awake — road hypnosis."

Today's cars are very comfortable, Beighley said. "Warm, comfy and sound-proof," can create quite the cozy environment. Add to that cruise control, dull landscapes, the droning of tires and engines and the repetitive patterns of headlights, trees, poles and highway center lines and you can enter that dangerous trance-like state.

Your senses deaden, your reaction time slows and it becomes a challenge to stay awake.

Once you fall asleep, you and drivers on the road with you will be lucky if you wake up in time to prevent an accident.

Fatigue is a major killer on America's roads, according to the National Roadway Management Agency, and a factor in 18 percent of all fatal crashes.

In fact, studies have revealed that driving after 24 hours without sleep puts drivers at the same risk as someone with a blood alcohol level of 0.1 — the legal limit is 0.08.

But there are things drivers can do to ensure that they don't become or create a driver-fatigue fatality, Beighley said.

"Have a road buddy to talk to and keep you awake, open the window, turn up the radio, chew gum, stop every two hours and walk around — anything to change it up," he suggested.

He also warned that cold remedies and even just one beer can contribute to driver fatigue.

And of course, Beighley said, "no matter what mistakes you or another driver makes, the consequences of any accident are less if you have your seat belt on."

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Women's History Month Luncheon

The Women's History Month Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

The guest speaker will be Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones, the Army Reserve command sergeant major. Tickets are $7.50 and are available from the installation Equal Opportunity Office.

Last day for ticket sales is today. For more information call your unit EO advisor or call 545-3198.

AUSA meeting

AUSA will hold its general membership meeting from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Regimental Room of the Officers' Club.

Cost is $5. Guest speaker is Lt. Gen. William Wallace.

See your chain of command for a reservation.

For more information, call Chuck Hunsaker at 327-7228 or e-mail chuck.hunsaker@mail.house.gov.

Chapel groundbreaking

Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley invites everyone to the Chapel Groundbreaking Ceremony at 10:15 a.m. April 2.

The new chapel site is across from the Wynnsong Theater on Ingersol Street.

R.S.V.P. by Monday to 545-2288 or 545-2289.

PLDC graduation

Primary Leadership Development Course Class 5-04 graduates at 10 a.m. April 15 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

BNCOC graduation

Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course Class 3-04 graduates at 10 a.m. April 22 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

EO 2004 Luau

The Equal Opportunity Office is searching for ethnic performers to perform Asian or Pacific Islander songs or dances or willing to display cultural items during the 2004 Luau at Uchee Creek. This year's Luau is scheduled for May 14.

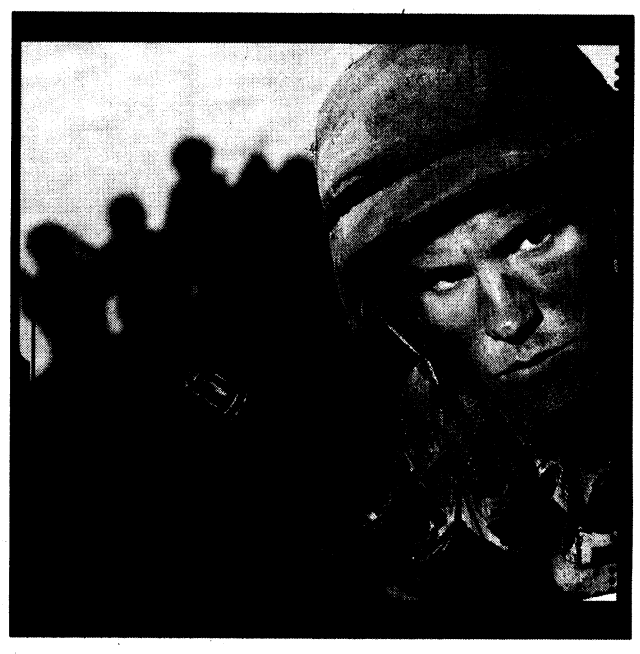
For more information call, 545-6666 or 545-3197.

Sergeant Major board

The Department of the Army sergeant major promotion selection board will convene June 4.

All master sergeants or first sergeants with a date of rank June 1, 2002 and earlier with a basic active service date between June 1, 1979 and June 1, 1994 are the zones for consideration.

Contact your personnel sergeant or call the Personnel Service Branch at 545-5646, 545-2602 or 545-2611 to schedule an appointment.



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Cómo se dicé ... ?

School goes extra mile to educate ESL students

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Evelyn Braman remembers it clearly — about eight years ago, a little, Korean girl moved to Fort Benning with her family. She spoke no English.

Her first few months at White Elementary School were tough, said Braman, the school's former ESL teacher and present gifted education teacher.

"I remember she would just stand against the wall at recess. The other children would try to play with her, but she would just shake her head — she couldn't communicate with them," she said.

In fact, the little girl had a hard time communicating with anyone. Her days were lonely as she tried to adjust to American life. The culture was strange, the food made her sick and she had no one to talk to at school.

That was before White became the only school on Fort Benning to offer a formal English as a second language program. Sure, there was a small class for ESL students before school. But the school didn't have a formal program.

The school developed the Pals Program, which brought in volunteer "mentors" from the community to visit with ESL children and help them learn English.

The difference it made was amazing, Braman said.

"I remember the first time she ever spoke in English," she said. "We all celebrated — the other students were so happy."

Today's ESL program is a more structured Pals Program of sorts. Only Zoraida Andrade is every ESL students' "pal." Although she speaks only Spanish and English, Andrade has worked with children who speak several different languages, including French, Italian, Korean and Filipino.

"These students actually end up learning faster, because they can't just have me translate," Andrade said.

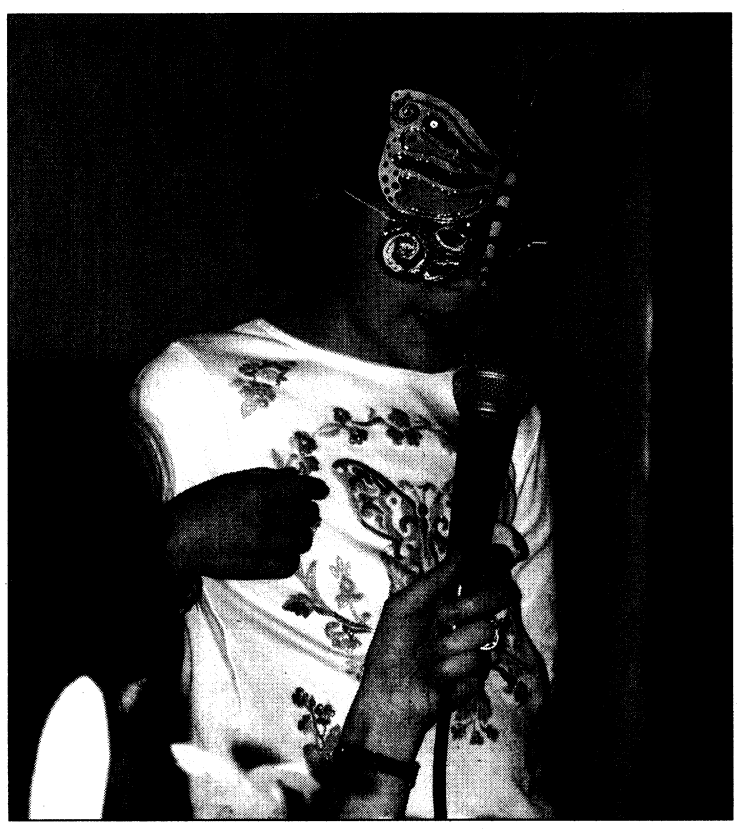
Most of her students are children of soldiers at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation who are only here for one or two years at a time, she said. Others are children or stepchildren of American Soldiers, and are coming to America for the first time.

They come from everywhere, she said — Honduras, El Salvador, Peru, Chile, Puerto Rico, Columbia, Mexico, Haiti, the list goes on.

But no matter where they've come from or how long they will be in America, they all need to learn English to be able to learn in school and make friends, she said.

"When the kids come here, sometimes they don't understand a word of English," Andrade said. "But the teachers in the regular classes don't have the time to stop and explain everything.

"The children go through a silent period — they're just observing and listening, and they won't speak," she said.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Isabel Colón, a White Elementary School second-grader recites her line during a play performed by the school's Spanish Club Tuesday.

"They learn the survival words — 'bathroom,' 'water,' 'nurse.'"

Andrade knows that feeling. She was only 5 years old when she moved to Chicago from Puerto Rico.

"I never had ESL," she said. "I was just kind of thrown into it — a sink-or-swim situation."

Although she "survived," she doesn't want her students to have that same experience. She meets with them every day for about an hour to an hour and a half to help them learn English.

Every object in her classroom, from the desk to the chair to the pictures on her walls, have a "name tag" on them, with their English names. She uses flashcards, pictures and drawing assignments to help the children learn basic English vocabulary.

For students who don't speak English or Spanish, she uses a lot of sign language and pictures to communicate with them, she said.

There are five levels of English proficiency — Level V being proficient, Andrade said. Most of the ESL students start out Level I and are generally proficient by the time they leave White.

But the program wouldn't be complete or successful without the support of the school's students and teachers.

"The children usually don't have any problem integrating with the other kids," Andrade said. "Right away, they all want to be friends with the ESL students, to help them."

Most classes "buddy up" ESL students with another student in the class to help them get through their first few months. The buddies help them read, show them where the lunchroom and the bathrooms are, etc., she said.

This is something the English-speaking children love, Braman said.

"We're kind of like ambassadors who teach them about American culture," she said, adding that many of the ESL students' home countries are "vastly different."

"The children really embrace the ESL students wonderfully and try to take care of them," Braman said. "They get so excited when the ESL students are speaking and reading English — they really share in their accomplishments."

Mixing the students helps to foster a more cultured atmosphere.

"The more they get to know and understand the ESL students, the more they realize that we're really all the same," Braman said. "It helps foster an atmosphere of tolerance."

And while the students offer their friendship to the ESL children, the school's teachers are making their own strides to ensure they can provide as much help as possible to the students.

In fact, one of the school's parent volunteers, Celiana Colon, has hosted several Spanish classes for the teachers to help them learn to communicate better with the ESL students and their parents.

It's basic Spanish, Braman said, but it can help set the parents and the children at ease.

Colon also led the school's Spanish Club, which attracted a "handful" of ESL participants before it ended Tuesday afternoon.

The Spanish club — created at White this year at the suggestion of Maj. Al Lugo — is one of the few things at school that reinforces what Spanish-speaking children already know, Colon said.

They were able to take leadership roles in the club, helping others along when new concepts were introduced. The club learned about aspects of Hispanic cultures — from food to vocabulary to traditions.

But perhaps more importantly for the ESL students, it gave them a chance to be just like everyone else.

"When you speak a different language, you feel different," she said. "But it's confidence-building when other students are interested in your language and culture. It helps them blend in, and it sends the message that it's OK to still keep their language and learn English, too."

3rd Brigade unit boosts family team building

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning Army Family Team Building Office and 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, worked together to empower their Soldiers and families for the future Monday at the AFTB Office in Soldiers' Plaza.

AFTB is a program designed to teach individuals and families how to be more independent with minimal outside support when their sponsors deploy.

"The threefold purpose of AFTB is to improve force readiness by teaching personal and family readiness, help the Army adapt to global changes and respond to family-related lessons from recent deployments," said Melissa Franks, AFTB volunteer program manager.

After 10 years as a military wife, Franks said she understands the issues military spouses face while their Soldiers are deployed.

"This is our first step in a process to build stronger family readiness groups and better prepare our families for the stress of a long deployment," said Lt. Col. John W. Charlton, battalion commander. "AFTB provides Army families with training and tools for coping with these deployments."

Family members, Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians may receive training through AFTB.

During the level-one training, Soldiers and their spouses learn about:

- Military terms and acronyms,
- Customs and courtesies,
- The chain of command and the chain of concern,
- Military and community resources, benefits, entitlements and compensations,
- Family and military expectations,
- Impact of the mission on he family life and basic problem solving.

"The Army has its own unique language that nobody knows anything about," Franks said. "As a military spouse, I know that every post is different, and it takes a while to get used to the language, especially if you're a new spouse."

Although the spouses will benefit from AFTB the most, it's important for Soldiers to attend the course and hear some of the issues their spouses face during deployments, Charlton said.

"It gives us more appreciation for what they go through," he said.

Encouraging all spouses to attend AFTB gives the commander a valuable resource since they are scheduled to redeploy to Iraq between November and February.

"I now have about a hundred spouses who can go out and better help other families that might be having difficulties with the Army life," Charlton said. "This all has a direct impact on unit readiness since Soldiers perform their duties better when their families are taken care of."

Heather Borosh attended the course with her husband of one year and a seven month deployment.

"This is a great benefit for wives because it helps us understand what our husbands do, and it teaches us what to do if something happens while they are gone.

"I think I will look into volunteering with AFTB in the future," she said.

"We're happy that the battalion requested us to do this for them," Franks said. "It shows they're concerned for the family members and want to make sure that the family members have the skills and the knowledge to take care of themselves when the Soldier is not around."

"This training will have a direct impact on the strength of our family readiness groups and greatly improve the overall readiness of the battalion," Charlton said.

For more information about AFTB classes, call 545-5377.

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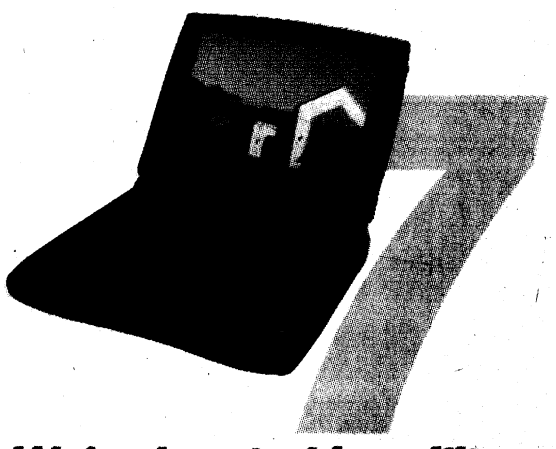

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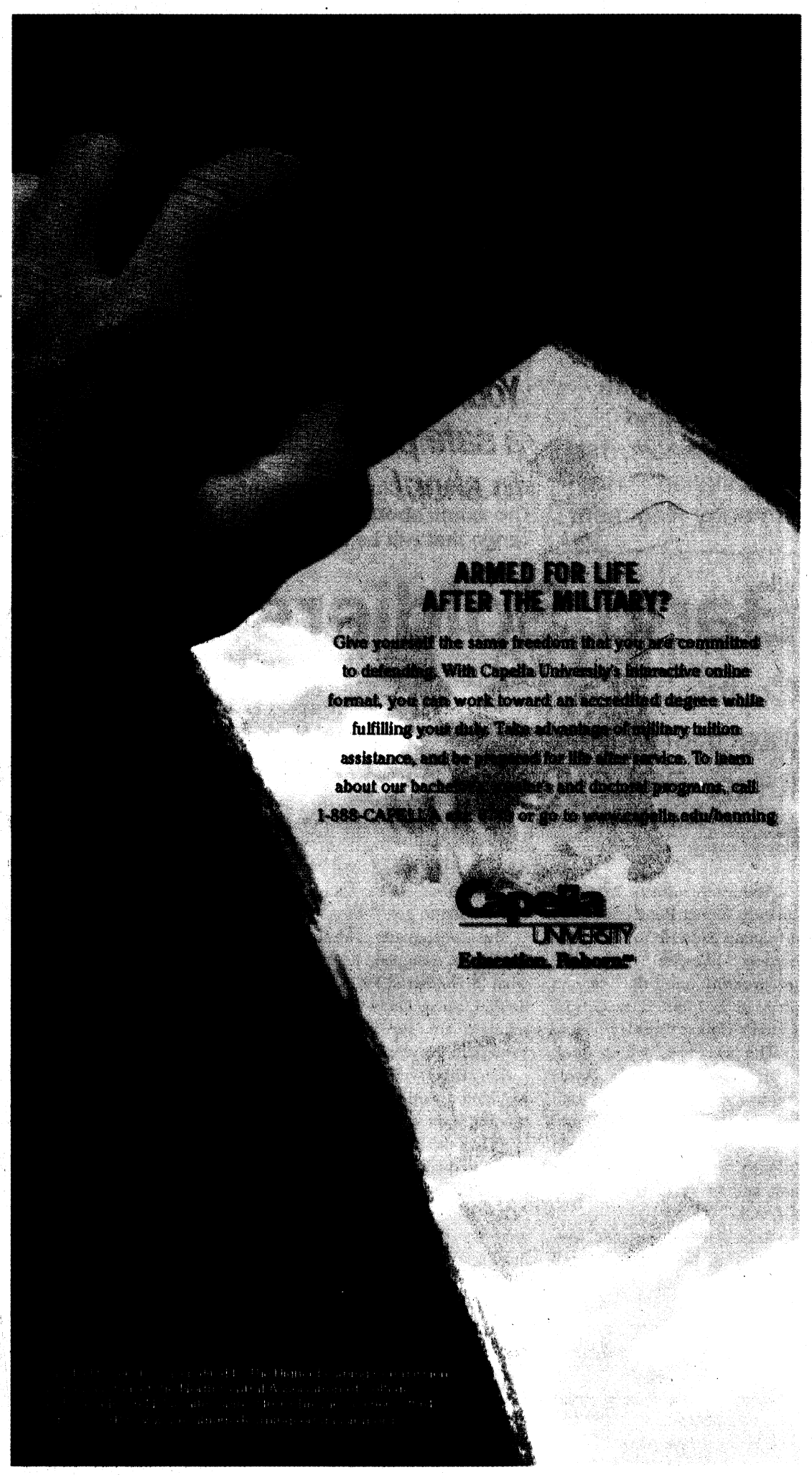

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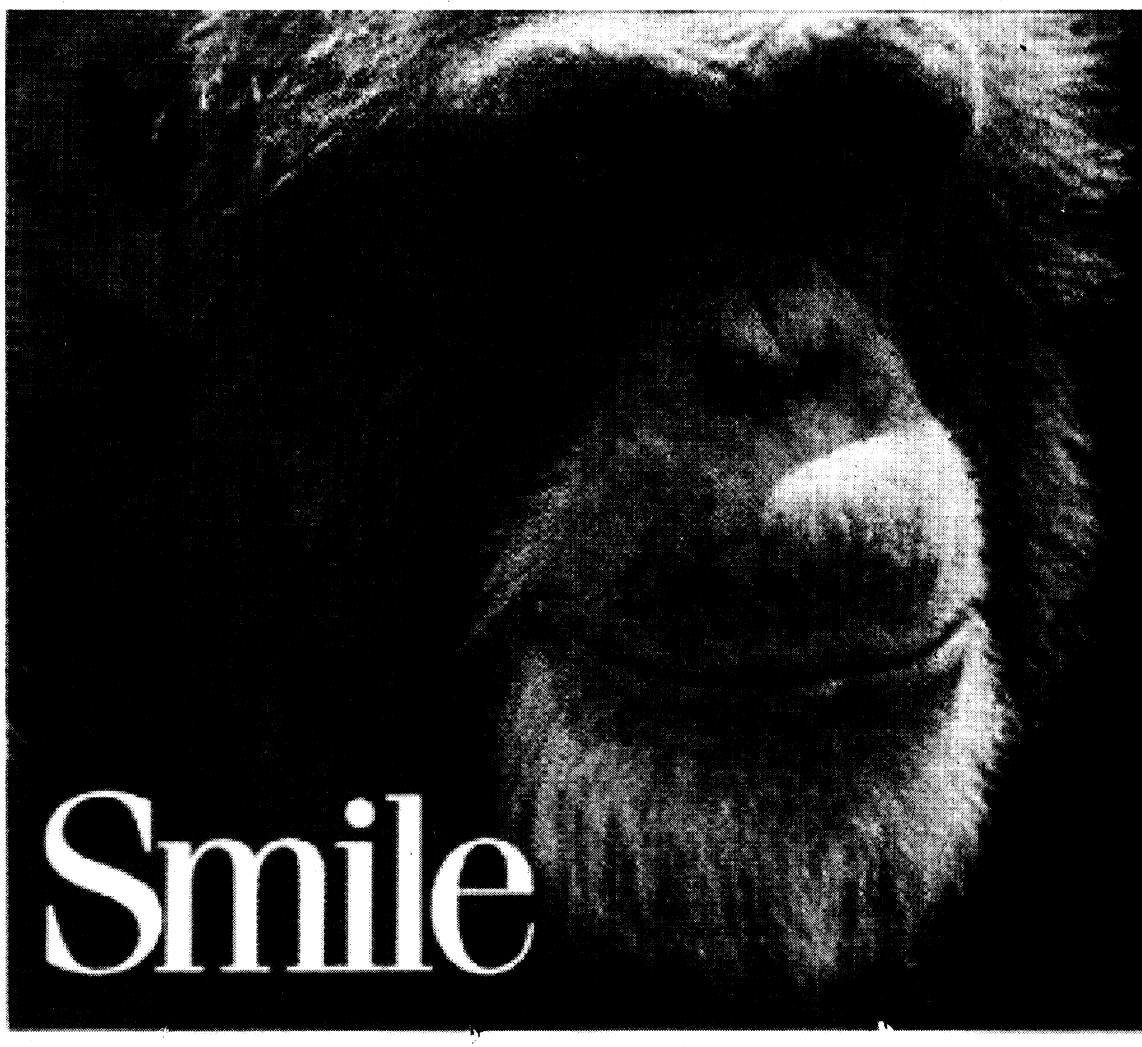

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Commander, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

Sgt. Patrick Close, of the Infantry Center Band, runs back to his humvee after conducting 360-degree security around his convoy. Close and about 40 other Soldiers from the band conducted a training exercise Tuesday at Ware Range to validate a convoy live-fire range that will be integrated into the second phase of the Army's future Basic Officer Leaders Course.

Band Soldiers test convoy live-fire range

Course to be integrated into future BOLC II

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

About 40 Soldiers from the Infantry Center Band conducted a training exercise to validate a convoy live-fire range for integration into the second phase of the future Basic Officer Leaders Course Tuesday.

The exercise, which took place at Ware Range, was conducted for two reasons, said Lt. Col. Alan Neyland, commander, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — to train a unit and to validate a concept for BOLC II.

Although many people may not know it, Neyland said, band members assigned to divisional installations have a wartime mission to perform security for the headquarters. Several bands have been deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he said.

"(When a band is deployed), as long as it is possible and safe, they perform for troops in the area to boost morale," said Sgt. Alan Salsberry, a tuba player in the Infantry Center Band and a squad member during Tuesday's exercise.

"When it's no longer safe, they switch to augmenting the military police," he said, "guarding prisoners of war, pulling security, etc."

Although the Soldiers of the Infantry Center Band do not deploy, when they move on to other assignments, they could be called upon to go.

But no matter where a Soldier is assigned, no matter what a Soldier's MOS, every Soldier must know the skills required for survival on the battlefield, Neyland said.

For this type of training, Neyland said, the band's training level was "fairly low."

"They go to the range and zero and qualify, but very rarely do maneuver live-fire," he said. "They had knowledge, but they were by no means expert. But during this training, their proficiency has increased."

Equally important to training the Soldiers, Neyland said, is the role this exercise will play in the future of the Army.

The Army is presently developing a course to train all officers — BOLC. There will be three phases, he said.

The first phase will be any commissioning source, such as a military academy. The second source will be a "basic training" of sorts, a collective training for all officers in the Army. Lieutenants will go to their separate branch training during the third phase.

Neyland and the Soldiers of 1st Bn., 11th Inf. Regt., are responsible for creating the second phase, which will be conducted at Fort Benning and three other unidentified installations, Neyland said.

BOLC II, which is scheduled to be implemented in 2006, will incorporate the 40 warrior tasks and nine essential warrior battle drills identified by the chief of staff of the Army, he said.

One of those tasks is convoy operations.

"Convoy live-fire is a critical aspect (of training Soldiers)," Neyland said. "If you watch any news, you see convoys on a routine basis, ambushed, running into (improvised explosive devices).

"This range mirrors what's happening in Iraq," he said.

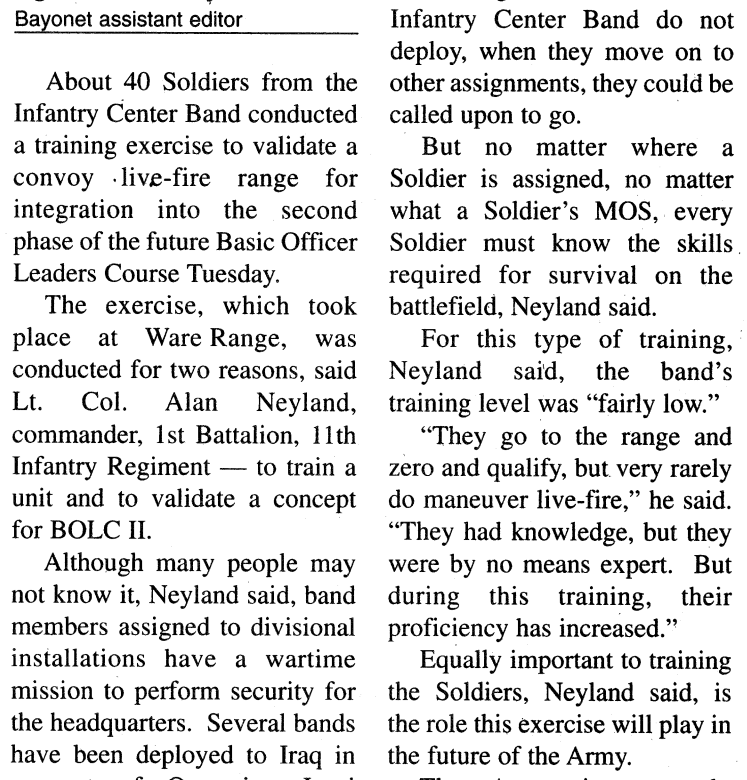
The exercise, which used a convoy of four humvees, trained the Soldiers how to set up 360-degree security around the convoy and how to react to wire obstacles, enemy targets, disabled vehicles and casualties, Salsberry said.

To ensure the training was as accurate as possible, Neyland called in a team of five observer/controllers and instructors from the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La.

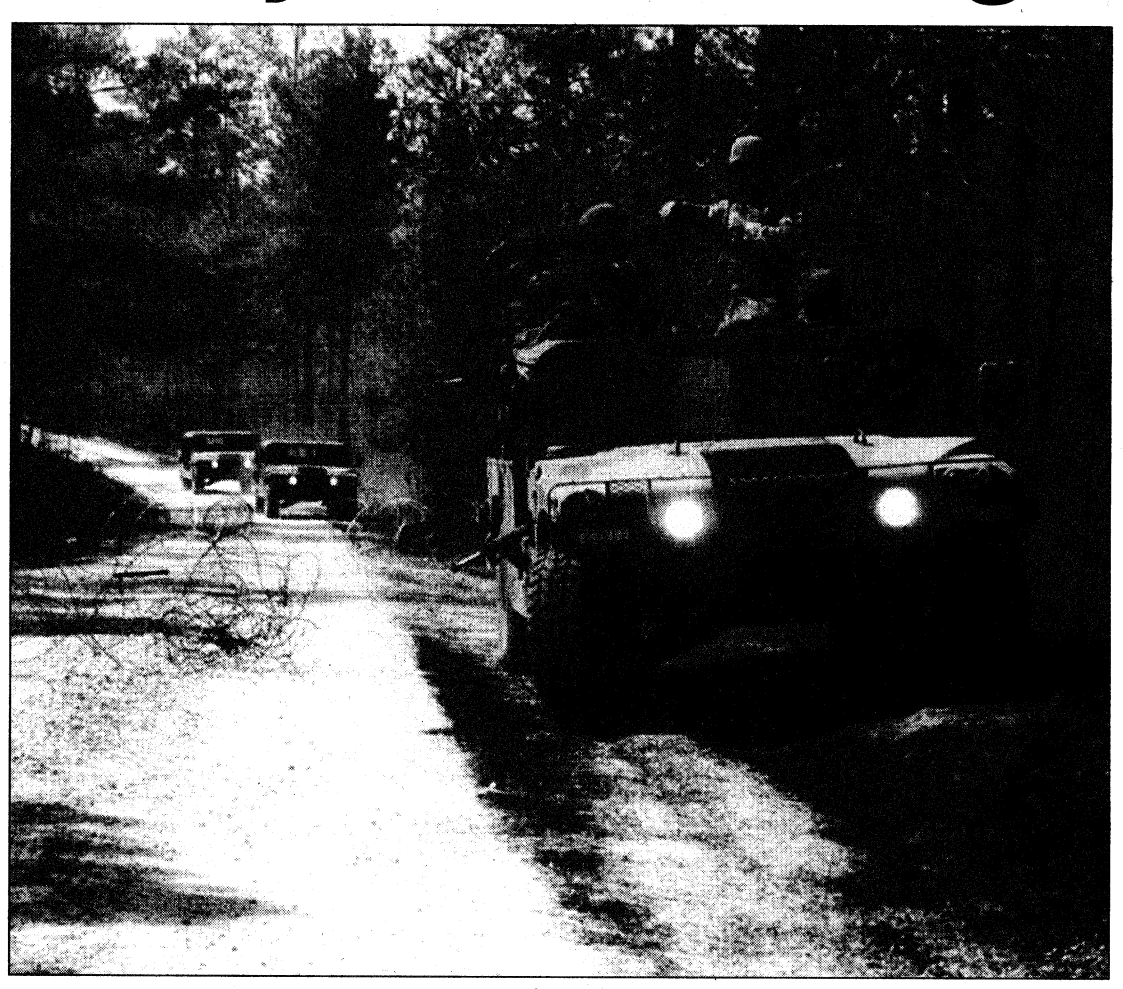
The team's primary mission is training convoy live-fires, Neyland said. The team has assisted the Army's transportation school and several divisional units across the Army.

Tuesday, these expert trainers executed initial training for the band Soldiers', acting as OCs during the actual exercise and certified the course for future use.

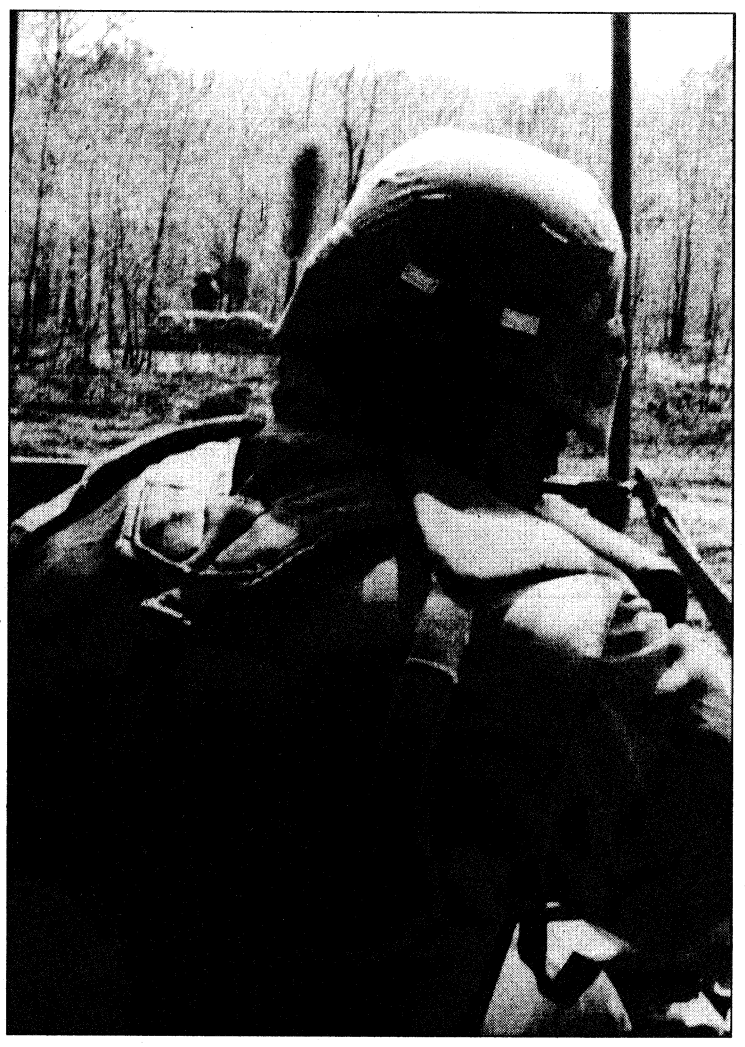
The training exercise will be conducted again in June or July, using another unit that "has (Soldier) skills like those of a new lieutenant," Neyland said. The exercise will continue to get more challenging, he said, with the introduction of more targets and obstacles to react to, like non-combatants on the battlefield.



Spc. Jason Lane gets back onto his feet after lying in the prone position, reacting to enemy contact during a rehearsal.



The convoy maneuvers around a wire obstacle during the live-fire range.



Sgt. Alan Salsberry takes aim at an enemy target from a humvee.

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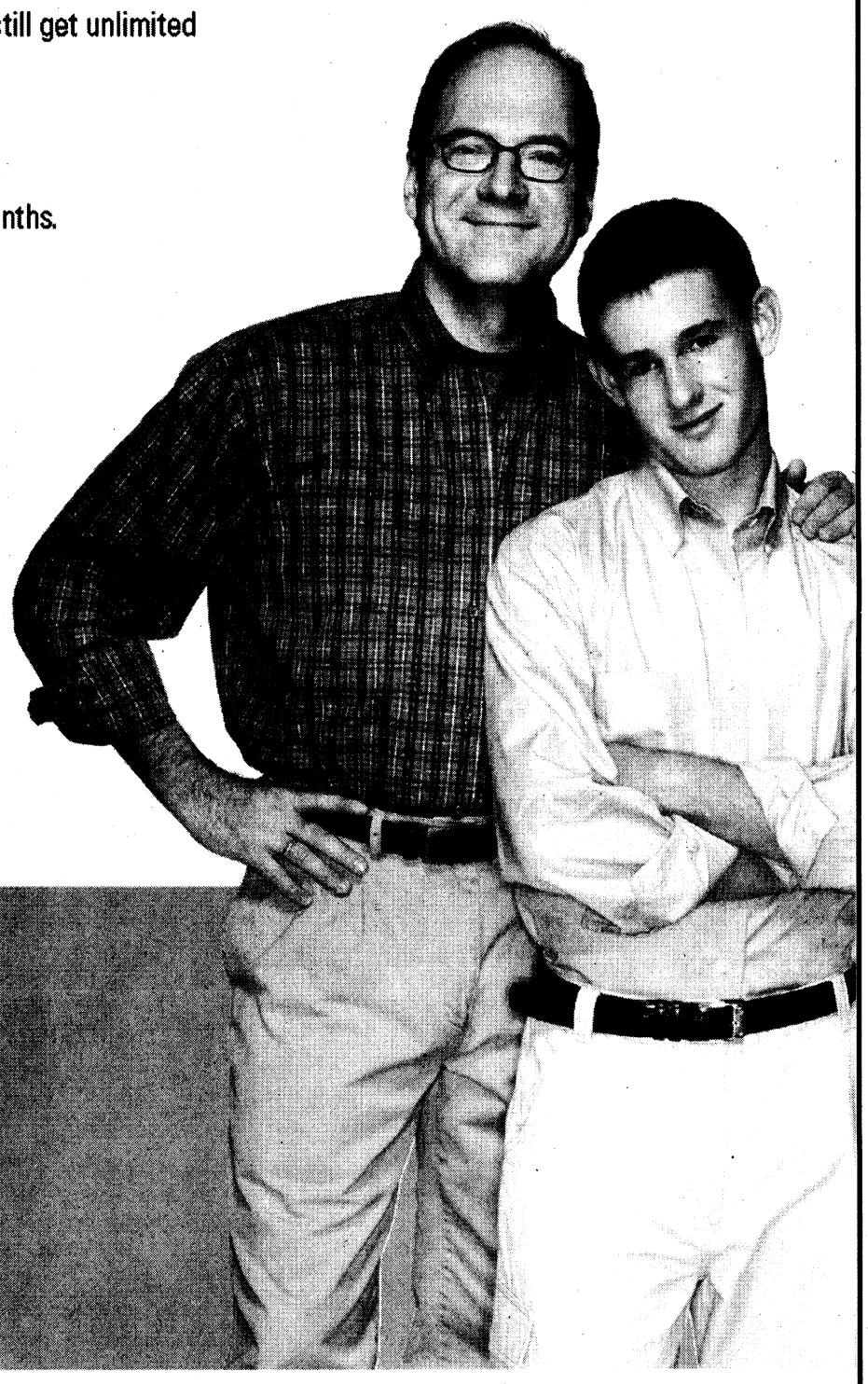



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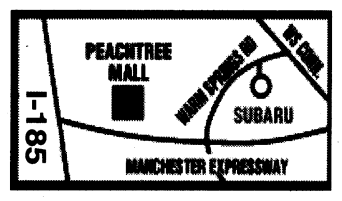

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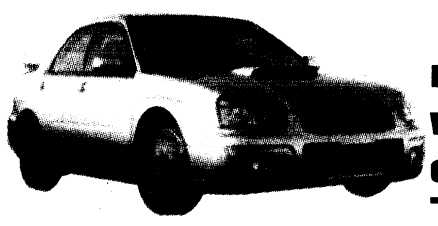

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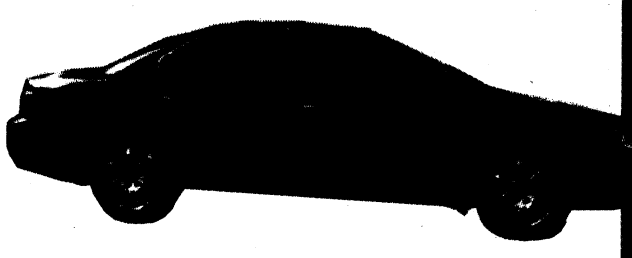

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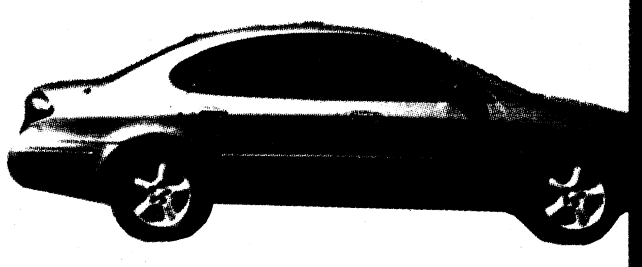

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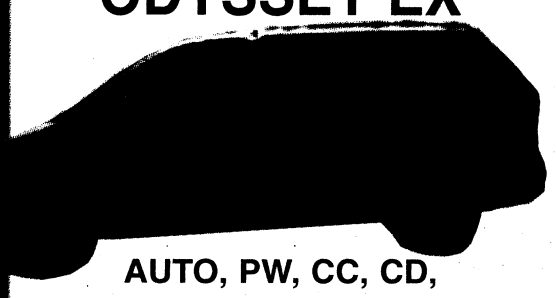

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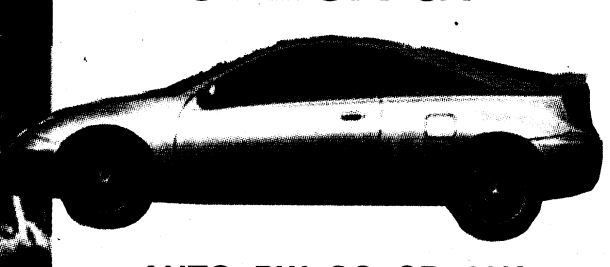

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Army focuses on getting troops equipment

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
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WASHINGTON — Every Thursday, senior leaders on the Army staff spend an hour validating equipment requirements from commanders to ensure needed capabilities get in the hands of deploying troops.

Additional body armor, more up-armored humvees and battlefield robots are examples of requests that have been heard and approved by members of the Army Strategic Planning Board.

Getting the right equipment to combatant commanders in a timely manner is only one aspect of the Army's focus area "Resource Processes."

"It's a series of actions that match dollars to desired capabilities," said Lt. Col. Bobby Claflin, an action officer with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs, G8.

Nested in improving the Army's "Resource Processes" is supporting combatant commanders, getting re-deploying troops ready for future missions and working with other services to ensure money isn't wasted by developing redundant capabilities, G8 officials said.

The Army Strategic Planning Board was first formed after 9-11 with a primary focus on supporting the global war on terrorism. And even though it works as a gatekeeper, it has proven to compress equipment-fielding schedules from years to months and even weeks, officials said.

Unit commanders from company to theater-level submit operational needs statements to their major commands, and if those major commands can't fulfill the requests, they are forwarded to Headquarters, Department of the Army, for resolution, said Col. Mark Averill, chief of ASPB.

Before requests reach the ASPB's Thursday meeting, Averill hosts a Tuesday meeting where a council of colonels first reviews the requests.

"It's not layers of bureaucracy," said Lt. Col. Michael Komichak, a member of the ASPB.

"Instead of walking requests in each of the staff sections and trying to get on the G3's calendar," he said, "we provide a forum where multiple decisions directly impacting Soldiers on the ground can be made within 60 to 90 minutes."

The planning board isn't just driven by requests from commanders, Komichak said. Board members also think forward, he said.

They use lessons learned from previous rotations of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom to "lean forward" and predict what units will need on the ground, Komichak said.

Among the board members are representatives from the Rapid Equipping Force. They look for off-the-shelf technologies that they can get in the hands of Soldiers as rapidly as possible. An example of a REF product is the "Well-Cam," which is being used in Afghanistan. The Well-Cam is a camera attached to an Ethernet cable that enables Soldiers to safely search wells for weapons caches.

By reprioritizing resources and restructuring other programs, the Army has reinvested $36 billion toward Army transformation, said G-8 officials. Technologies and capabilities are being developed that can be applied to the current force, officials said.

In addition to investing in new equipment, major items that have been used in Iraq and Afghanistan are being repaired through the "setting the force" program.

Through the reset program, all returning units will achieve a sufficient level of combat readiness to be able to conduct future missions, officials said.

Burns: Decrease wildfires, improve wildlife habitat

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Wade Harrison, project manager for The Nature Conservancy, a global organization dedicated to preserving plants, animals and natural communities, said Fort Benning's controlled burning efforts support his group's objectives.

"It's a very convenient convergence of objectives," Harrison said. "And there's no bucking the system on either side. We're all working together to achieve a common goal."

And, Harrison said, if someone was making sure that the post is protected from unmanageable wildfires and ensuring that the wildlife has the best possible habitat through controlled burning, "you'd be burning as much as you could."

Harrison said Fort Benning is unusual in that the installation is a large, contiguous habitat that is burned continuously. The post, he said, is definitely doing a better job than the national forests.

Jonathan Neufeldt, who works with the red-cockaded woodpecker for the Conservation Branch, said one of the challenges is not being able to predict what the effects of the controlled burning will actually be in an area of timber.

He's seen a 5 to 7 percent growth in the RCW numbers and said the controlled burning is an important variable. Burning is mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure the fires are frequent enough to sustain the habitat.

"We've had an increase in the open structure of forest that is good for the RCWs and various game species," Neufeldt said.

In one year, he noticed three or four times as many wild turkeys in an area with a more diverse ground cover with an open canopy the turkeys like.

"Sometimes the fire is much better than expected," Neufeldt said, adding that weather plays a major role, sometimes making the fires more intense.

"But that's one of the risks you have to take," he said.

Harrison said they work on a "certain faith that more fire is better."

And burning acreage for a wide variety of reasons has positive effects on military training, as well as for the ecosystem.

"The military can spend more time training and not as much time putting their fires out," said Michael Fuller, a fish and game technician.

And, he said, the controlled burns reduce the parasite load as well.

"The decreased numbers of ticks and chiggers should make the Soldiers happy," he said.

From a wild game perspective, Fuller said the burning improves forage for deer and other small game. He's seen an increase in the weights of the deer harvested by hunters on Fort Benning and said the conditions are "phenomenal for turkey."

"The more you burn, the more you return the ecosystem to the way it should be," Fuller said.

RCI: Site visits advance RCI process on Benning

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fixed by band-aids year after year.

Fort Benning has a high need for quality housing — the quarters built in the '60s and '70s were shoddily built and aren't suitable for today's Soldiers, Freakley said.

New plans for stabilized tours will keep officers here for three years and enlisted Soldiers will be here for four to seven years, Riera said, telling the developers that there is a demand for quality housing.

Riera told the developers the housing needs to be built to a higher standard in order to be competitive with the local community.

"Most Soldiers can't afford a $180,000 home unless the family is dual income," he said.

"We want to develop communities. Soldiers want a house that stands alone and to live in small communities — not housing areas and multiplexes," Riera said.

"We have those and the Soldiers don't want 'em."

During the site tour, Fort Benning housing officials showed the developers quarters in Custer Terrace, McGraw Manor, Bouton Heights-Davis Hill, the White Elephants and Iron Triangle.

Fort Benning's housing inventory has more than 4,000 units with 493 registered as historic homes, including the quarters on Austin Loop and Miller Loop, which represent the types of new neighborhood both Riera and Freakley would like to see built on Fort Benning.

Bill Mulvey, with Picerne Military Housing, said the neighborhood concept is what his company has done at Fort Meade, Md., and what is planned for Fort Bragg, N.C.

"We're ready," Mulvey said. "We're ready to knock things down and start building ... General Freakley said that he was ready (for a partner) and so are we ... of course, so is every other developer."

Ron Smith, Fort Benning's RCI program manager, said that the site tour was well-attended by qualified developers from across the country.

It seems, Smith said, that the developers who attended the site tour are interested in raising the standard of living for the Fort Benning Soldiers.

Toxic: Environmental clean-up can cost time, money

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post $15 million just to cap it.

Brent said not all the sites are so extensive, and several of them need no intervention at all.

Many, like the one recently found, have been in place for years, and the surrounding environment has adapted and is thriving in spite of the waste.

Brent said the division responds to sites that are discovered and assesses them to determine first if there are any health hazards present and, if so, to what extent.

"We don't want to endanger people," Brent said. "And we don't want to endanger local flora and fauna."

He said his division evaluates the environmental threat and develops a plan to clean the site, as needed.

This particular site, Brent said, may become one of the pit stops of the annual Help the Hooch clean-up program, because it is part of the watershed system that feeds the Chattahoochee River.

Brent said the Environmental Division tries to organize at least a few volunteer-based yearly clean-up projects on post.

The post has been actively working for more than 10 years, Brent said, to restore sites like this one to environmental stability and has invested more than $40 million in its efforts.

The specific location of this site is not being published in order to discourage exploration by post youth.

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Porter: Leaves legacy of leadership

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said, through years of endless surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

"He never quit; he never gave up. He is the reason Fort Benning is such a great place to live."

As the Community Life officer, Porter was responsible for the management of post neighborhoods and was instrumental in the development and improvement of the Volunteer Mayors Association and various other "quality of life" programs on post.

"Despite what he was going through, he continued to do what he did best. He took care of Soldiers and their families," Riera said. "He made an impact everywhere he went."

Porter's legacy of caring leadership started long before he took the helm of the Community Life Program, said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Sponslor, who met Porter in 1995 when Porter became the command sergeant major of what is now the 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, on Kelley Hill. Artillery, said Sponslor, was Porter's first love.

"It didn't take me long to find out what a great impact one man can have on a unit," he said. "He's known throughout the division as a great leader ... and whenever I hear the big guns of artillery, I'll think of Ronnie, because I know, directly or indirectly, he had an impact on every (Soldier) out there. Ronnie led the way."

Col. Tom Torrance met Porter when he took command of the 1st Bn., 10th FA, in 1997. Torrance arrived on Kelley Hill with a list of expectations for his command sergeant major. Porter, he said, made a "few changes" to that list, then presented his own — a list of his expectations for Torrance.

"I learned more from that man than any other NCO I'd ever met," Torrance said. "He was a model of professionalism, but he was compassionate. He taught me to be more compassionate. His enthusiasm was addictive, and it rubbed off on everyone around him."

Porter left his wife, B.J., of Smiths, Ala., and daughter, Regina Thomas, of Alpha, Ga.

Riley: 'Carved out a niche for himself'

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well-known and well-liked by everybody. He was an awesome Ranger. We'll miss him."

Riley had an "insatiable desire to achieve," Sheehan said, and it was apparent in his repeated participation in the competition.

"You know, he carved out a niche for himself in Ranger history, but that wasn't what he was all about," said Sheehan, who serves with the U.S. Army Infantry School's Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "His name will be there forever, and we'll always have that reminder of him."

Capt. Marc Messerschmitt competed against Riley in the Best Ranger competition three times. The 4th Ranger Training Battalion's assistant operations officer said Riley was a man driven, "hell-bent and persistent, probably the smartest individual ever when it came to knowing how to approach the (Best Ranger) competition."

"I thought the world of that guy. We all did," Messerschmitt said. "He was one of those guys whose mind was always working. He just never gave up. He was an against-the-odds kind of person, and I think that's one of the reasons this is such a blow. We thought he'd beat this thing."

Messerschmitt, Riley and a few other competitors grew up within miles of one another near Riley's hometown of Batesville, Ind.

"It was kind of ironic that there was this group of us who grew up so close to each other, but it was neat to get together when we were on leave," Messerschmitt said. "Eric was one of us. He loved to have fun. I hated to compete against him, but I loved to hang out with him."

Riley, who was buried with his black beret and Ranger hatchet, leaves behind his wife, Jennifer, and four children, Amber, Gage, Madison and Brice.

David Watson, of Atlanta, said he learned a lot about his brother-in-law from the Rangers who attended his funeral last week.

"Eric was very reserved. He never wanted to be in the limelight. He was always talking about what someone else was doing, never what he's done," Watson said.

"We learned a lot about what he did as a Ranger — the missions he went on, that sort of thing," he said. "His friends were bragging on him. He was amazing."

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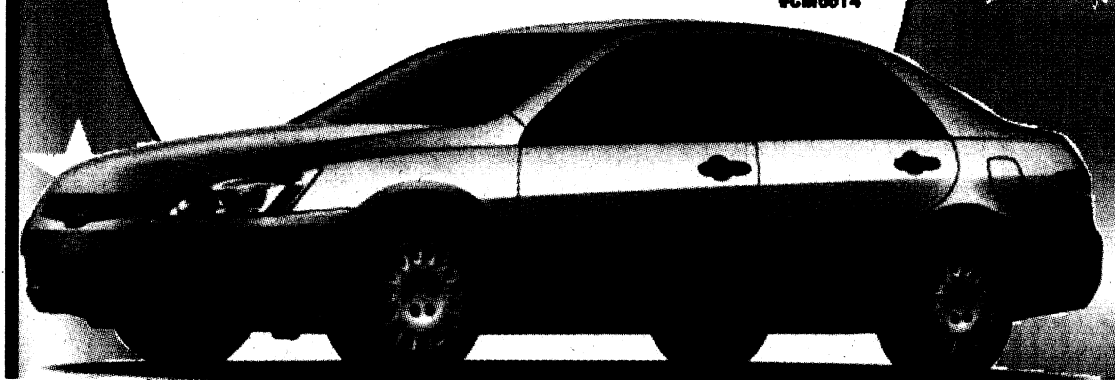

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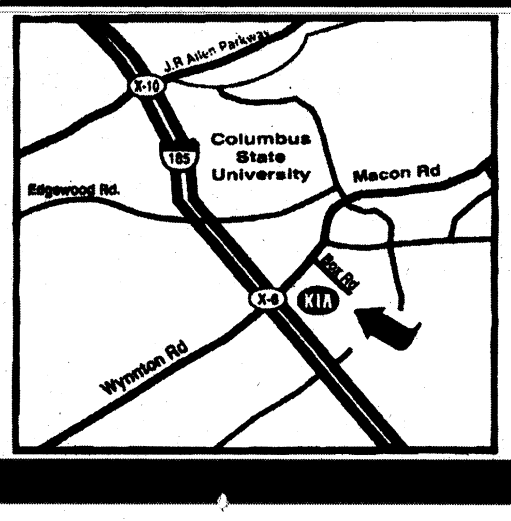

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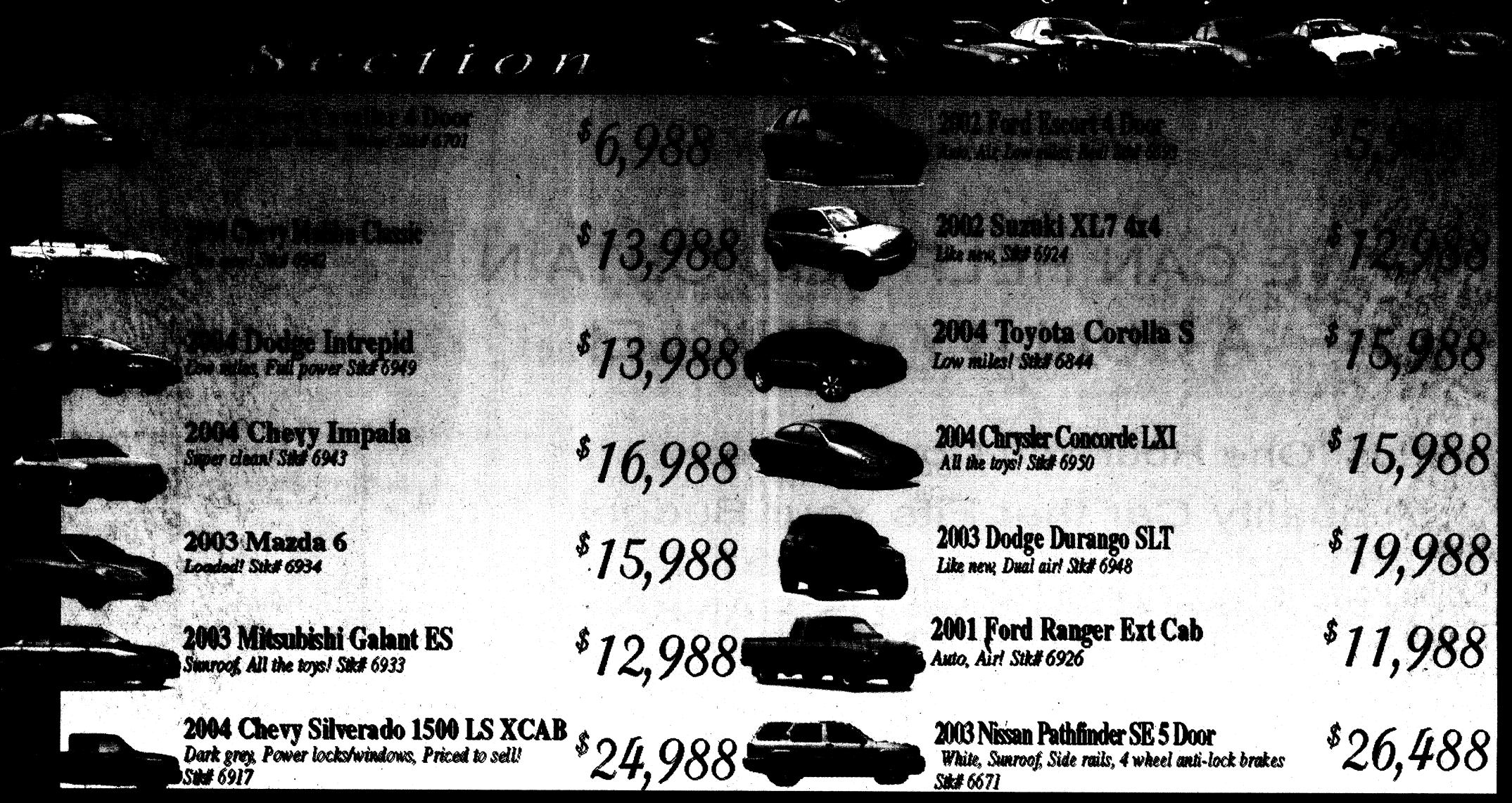

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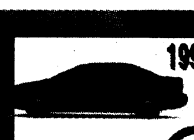

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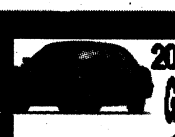

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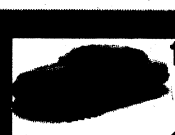

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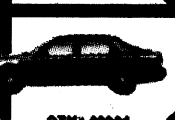

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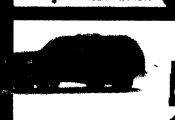

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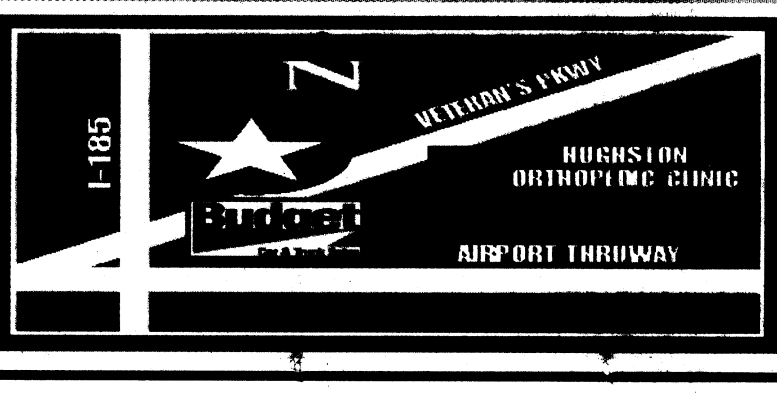

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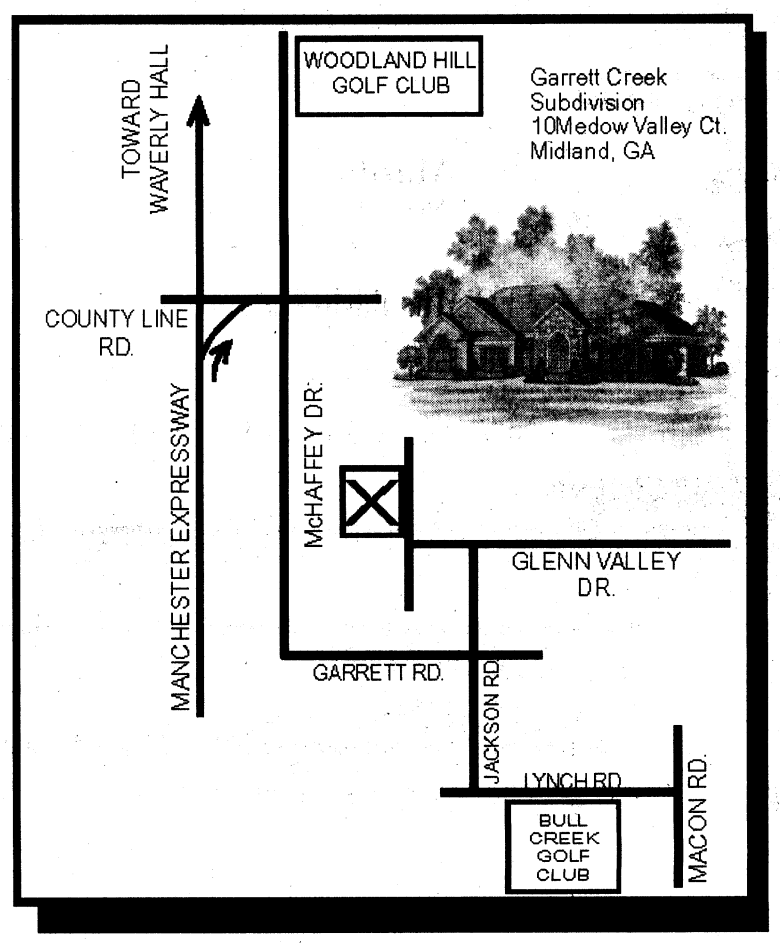

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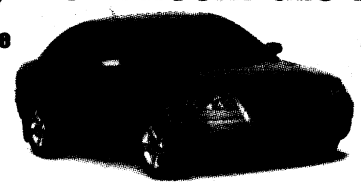

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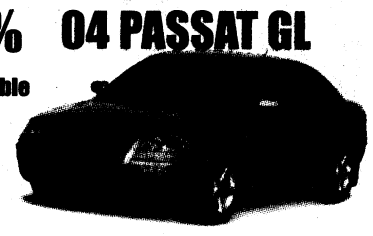

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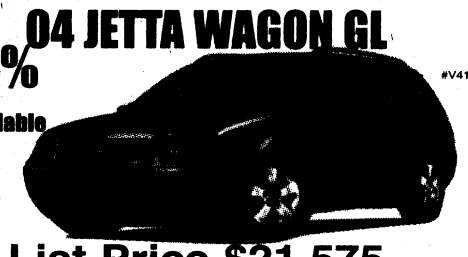

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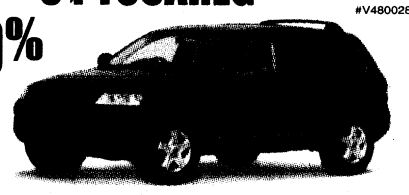

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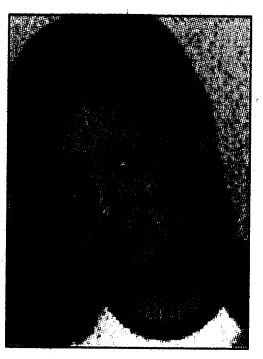

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

So ... you're missing that big-city culture you thought you gave up when you moved to Columbus.

Well, quitcher complainin' for half a minute, and I'll tell ya whatcher missin.

You can have all the metropolitan plays and musicals and theater your heart desires right here in Columbus — without empyting out your pockets and your gas tank driving *all the way* to Atlanta. It's just a few miles away at the ... Springer Opera House.

Wait! Wait! I knew I'd lose half of you at the first mention of "opera." But it's not what you think.

The Springer does have musicals — OK, OK ... *and* the occasional opera. But they also have plays — normal, no-music, no-singing, no-dancing plays. Plays and musicals you can sit through. Heck, even the most "uncultured" guys could survive these.

Aside from the convenient location and better-than-decent pricing, the Springer has one more thing those big cities don't — most of their actors are local yokels. (Speaking of which, if you're looking to get in on some theater action of your own, the Springer hosts actor and singer auditions every May for the following season. And they're always looking for volunteers to work backstage, usher, etc. Call 324-5714 ext. 520.)

This is a great first date — one of the best you're going to find in Columbus — a great girls night out, or just something different to do.

The production selection is actually pretty varied, and I found a few shows I plan to check out:

• ***A Piece of My Heart.*** Don't gag yet. This is actually an award-winning production about six women who served in Vietnam and how their lives were changed by their experiences there. It's based on the book (same name) by Keith Walker, which I just happened to read last fall and actually really got into.

And to top it off, this play will be performed by Columbus High School students involved in the Springer's outreach program, ArtsServe — probably even a few kids from our little military community. And it's only 10 bucks. Can't beat that.

This one will be March 29 and 30 at 7 p.m.

• ***James and the Giant Peach.*** So, I know I'm totally going to get made fun of for going to this one. But come on — who doesn't remember what a cool story this was way back when we were kids? An orphan escapes his evil, hideous aunts in a magical peach with a bunch of huge insects and they set off on grand adventures. I read it for the first time in third grade — the year Roahl Dahl died, actually — and I still love it.

Why pass up on the chance to be a wide-eyed kid again, if only for a couple hours? Check it out March 26 to 28 and April 2 and 3.

• ***Steel Magnolias.*** If any guys are still reading this, you may want to check out now. This play is what I had in mind when I mentioned the girls night

See **GOH**, B-3

The Wright way



Bridgett Siter

Dana Smith, of Maine, uses his Wright B-EX exhibition plane, circa 1911, to encourage Faith Middle School students to work hard in school. The Wright brothers, Smith said, didn't finish high school and frequently had to "start from scratch" to learn the concepts and scientific principles they needed to know to build airplanes and bicycles. "Imagine what they could've accomplished if they'd had a good education," Smith said.

SPRING FUN

Eggstravaganza, carnival to bring 'break' to post

Spring break kicks off with Easter egg hunt

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

Lace up your sneakers! The annual Easter egg hunt at Riverside is approaching and those who practice, grab the most.

The Easter Eggstravaganza at Riverside is 10 a.m. to noon April 3. Riverside is the home of Brig. Gen. Benjamin and Susan Freakley. After a brief welcome by the commanding general and his wife, the first egg hunt will begin at 10:05 a.m.

The egg hunts are separated by age group, with the youngest, 18 months to 3 years, going first.

At 10:30, the 4- to 5-year-old children will search for eggs, the 6- to 8-year-old children at 11 and the hunt for the 9- to 11-year-old children is at 11:30 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded in each age group, including two Easter baskets per age group, sponsored by the Commissary and the Main Mall Post Exchange, said Jamie Enos with the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Other prizes are tickets to Columbus Catfish and Columbus Riverdragons games.

But what is an Easter event without the Easter bunny? He and

See **HUNT**, B-3

Post carnival to spring onto Wetherby Field

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Wouldn't it be nice to enjoy a nice Spring afternoon at a carnival without having to break your wallet?

Well now you can. The Fort Benning Community Youth Services is out to help you by bringing back for the fourth time the Spring Carnival from April 6 through the 10 at Wetherby Field.

Everyone can enjoy a nice afternoon with popcorn, cotton candy, hot dogs, sodas, roller coasters, games and much more at the Spring Carnival, said Linda Laine, Youth Sport and fitness director, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"A few years ago parents started requesting a carnival on post so they didn't have to go spend a fortune downtown," Laine said.

So CYS and DMWR found a carnival company that is very good to military communities and has bringing them back to Fort Benning ever since.

The carnival will have the usual carnival rides — Ferris Wheel, Wipe Out, Orient Express and 25 other rides as well as

See **CARNIVAL**, B-3

PX to host contest for mother of year

Military moms deserve recognition; get letters in by May 3

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Military mothers are not your ordinary mothers — especially the past few years. They're mothers who have filled both parenting roles for six-month to yearlong stretches at a time. They're mothers who have kissed their children goodbye for months on end to perform their duties as Soldiers.

They're special; they go above and beyond. And they deserve recognition.

So AAFES sales area manager James Parker decided to give them just that when he suggested the post's first ever Mother of the Year contest, sponsored by the Main Mall Post Exchange.

Children, spouses, even friends can write a letter, nominating the military mothers (whether active-duty or family members) who are already Mother of the Year in their eyes.

"Military mothers are the foundation of the military community," Parker said. "They keep the military going and they keep the family strong.

"Sometimes we forget all the things they do on a daily basis," he said. "We take for granted what a mother is all about — staying strong for her family, consoling the kids while their dad's away, wiping their wounds, keeping them motivated and positive."

The contest — an idea Parker borrowed from other installations — will give mothers a chance to be recognized, but it will also give those closest to them a chance to show their appreciation, Parker said.

"It's very difficult to be a military mother," said Ellie Unrein, who is helping the PX promote the contest.

Unrein knows firsthand — her husband is retired military, and she had two children she raised on her own a good part of the time.

"Most times, it's just you between the deployments and field problems for extended times," Unrein said. "You become the mom, the dad, the friend, the doctor, the nurse ... Nobody is more deserving of recognition than a military mother."

Submissions nominating a military mother must include: the name, address and phone number of the person writing the letter, the person's relationship to the mother, the mother's name and 100 words or less about why this mother should be chosen.

See **MOMS**, B-3

Family portrait nets $500 for Wilson kindergartner



Alex Bessette

School has tradition of art excellence

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

When 5-year-old Alex Bessette's art teacher asked him to draw a picture of his family, the Wilson Elementary kindergartener turned it in like any other assignment. But, this one would garner more than a good grade.

Alex's artwork won the 2004 Armed Forces YMCA Art Contest for the Army.

"I like to draw and I had a lot of fun drawing the picture," Alex said.

The picture, which earned Alex a $500 savings bond, was of his family under a sunset. Also in the picture is the American flag, which Alex said

See **PICTURE**, B-3

Registration to begin for skate park

Late night YS registration for 'boarders'

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Skateboarders, the wait is almost over.

Opening ceremonies for Fort Benning's skateboard park are set for 10 a.m. April 17. Festivities will include appearances by at least two professional skateboarders.

Construction on the park is "moving right along," said Linda Laine, Youth Sports and Fitness director. She expects to have an airbrush artist in the "pit" next week to do some art work on the walls and the Fire Department in to conduct an assessment of the park's capacity.

"Skaters are going to have to observe some strict safety rules," Laine said. "They must wear helmets, elbow and knee pads, gloves and appropriate footgear. And all equipment must be in good shape."

But before skateboarders can put wheels in the pit, they must first register with Child and Youth Sports.

"You can't get in on the 17th without a white card," said Judy Cobb, YS outreach services director.

The white card is proof of registration and allows access to all YS programs.

Cobb said parents, not teens, must fill out and sign the YS registration forms as well as bring in shot records and provide a local emergency point of contact.

Registrations are accepted Mondays through Fridays at the Family Unit Network Center, Building 359, located at the corner of Ingersoll Avenue and Vibbert Avenue. Walk-in registrations are taken from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and appointments are offered between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

To help parents of older skateboarders, YS is offering two late night registrations from 5 to 8 p.m. on March 30 and April 13 strictly to handle skate park registrations.

"We hope everything goes well," Cobb said. "And although the late night registration is just for the skate park, of course, it registers them for any YS programs."

For more information about registration requirements or to schedule an appointment, call 545-2079.

BIRTHS

Boys

Jacob Edward Furman — born Feb. 20 to Diana and Spc. William Furman.

SaJaiden Latrell Parker — born March 12 to Tamiko and Sgt. 1st Class Craig Parker.

Brandon Nicholas Payne — born March 12 to Staff Sgt. Mary Faith and Master Sgt. Eric Payne.

Samuel Robert Smith — born March 13 to Holly and Capt. Ronald Smith.

Anson William Gordon — born March 17 to Kari and 2nd Lt. Eric Gordon.

Bradley Patrick Wilson — born March 17 to Tonya and Sgt. Robert Wilson.

Aidan Gregory Boone — born March 17 to Vanessa and Capt. Alfred Boone.

Girls

Audre Yanae Keys-Neal — born March 11 to Cynthia and Pvt. Damien Keys-Neal.

Iyonna Talia Williams — born March 13 to Monica and Pfc. Anthony Williams.

Victoria Lynn Mitchell — born March 16 to Capt. Nicole and Jeffrey Mitchell.

Hannah Joyce Hemphill — born March 17 to Pfc. Kortney Haeusler and Sgt. Eric Hemphill.

Alexis Jean Goldsmith — born March 17 to Heather and Pfc. Jason Goldsmith.

Aniyah Marie Harris — born March 18 to Sharon and Staff Sgt. Franklin Harris.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

School board meeting — The next meeting of the Fort Benning School Board will be 1 p.m. Monday.

The meeting will be held at the Fort Benning Schools Administrative Building located at 7201 Custer Road. An agenda will be posted in the schools after noon today.

For more information, call 545-7276.

New home-school activities — There are new activities for home-school families. They are:

- Computer lab, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays; grades range 5 and under from 1 to 2 p.m., grades 6 and up, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Swimming activity at Briant Wells, Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Swimmers must pass swim test to participate.
- Youth Services Gym, Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

All participants must be registered with Child and Youth Services to use these services.

For more information, call the Central Registration Office at 545-2079 or Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

Thrift Shop closing and new hours — The Officers' Spouces' Club Thrift Shop will be closed today while a handicap ramp is installed. The consignment desk will also be closed.

The Thrift Shop will reopen Tuesday.

For more information, call 687-4830.

The Thrift Shop will have new operating hours beginning April 13.

The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 687-4830.

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative has mailed out surveys to current family housing residents.

The surveys will ask respondents to comment on how well on-post housing needs are being met.

The results of the survey will assist RCI in providing the services and facilities that are important to military families.

A follow-up post card will be mailed on April 2.

The cut-off for receiving responses is June 25.

Family housing residents are encouraged to fill out and return their surveys.

For more information, call Lillian Salazar at 545-0667.

Easter Eggstravaganza — Fort Benning Child and Youth Services will have an Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside from 10 a.m. to noon April 3.

The event is free and open to the public. There will be egg hunts for children ages 18 months to 11 years with prizes for each age group. In addition to the egg hunt, there will be face painting, train rides and other activities for the children to participate in.

For more information, call 545-3582.

OSC Welfare Funds — The Officers' Spouces'' Club Welfare Committee is accepting applications for Welfare Fund disbursements.

Non-profit groups and organizations on Fort Benning and Columbus and national military organizations are eligible to request funds.

Organizations should be as specific as possible in describing how the funds will be used, and should also solicit funds from other sources as well.

The application deadline is Thursday.

For more information, e-mail oscwelfare04@hotmail.com.

Writer looking for military spouses to interview — Hugs to Kuwait founder Pamela Bates is looking for military spouses to interview concerning "Making Military Housing into a Home" for a new publication, *Military Spouse Magazine*, which begins publication in August. She is looking for both decorating ideas and ideas to use to keep the family going during long deployments and training separations.

For more information, call Bates at 689-5411 or e-mail hugstokuwait@hotmail.com.

Lifeguard training — The American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5-8; and a weekend class April 17-18 and April 24-25.

Classes are $125 and are held at Briant Wells Indoor Pool and American Red Cross Office.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Beacon College — Beacon College and Graduate School offers undergraduate degrees in psychology, business and biblical studies and graduate degrees in biblical studies, pastoral ministry, counseling ministry and divinity. Full financial aid, including veterans' assistance, is available. A Beacon College representative is on post every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. in Building 2602, Soldiers' Plaza. For more information, call 323-5634.

HOPE Grant Program — The HOPE Grant Program will pay all tuition and fees for diploma and certificate programs at Columbus Technical College and up to $100 per quarter for textbooks for all active-duty military and their family members. Civilian employees are also eligible if they are Georgia residents and have a Georgia driver's license. For more information, call Clovie Quick at 545-9848 or 545-9864 or e-mail him, quick2325@aol.com or clovie.c.quick@us.army.mil

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Cusseta-Chattahoochee County barbecue — All Cusseta-Chattahoochee County residents are invited to bring a covered dish and or dessert to "Old" City Park from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 3.

The event is free.

Fried and barbecued chicken will be provided for everyone. Lunch will be served at noon.

Live entertainment will be provided all day, including a square dance demonstration, bluegrass, gospel and country music. Bring your own blanket and chairs.

For more information, call Jerrie Worrell by e-mail at JERRIEWORREL@wmconnect.com or by phone at 989-1177.

Local bus "roadeo" — The Metra Transit System invites the public to the 16th annual Southwest Georgia Local Bus Roadeo (competition between Columbus, Albany and Macon) at 10:45 a.m. April 4 at the Columbus Civic Center.

Lunch will be provided.

For more information, call 653-4410.

Parking ticket amnesty — Anyone with an overdue parking ticket can pay it at face value without being assessed a double fee for failing to pay within 10 days throughout the month of March.

Payment of fines can be made at: in person or in a drop box at the RiverCenter parking garage, located at 919 Broadway; place in a drop box at the Public Safety Building, 510 10th Street and at Recorder's Court, 702 10th Street or mail payment to: Metra Transit System, P.O. Box 1340, Columbus, GA 31902-1340.

Make checks payable to Metra Transit System — do not send cash.

For more information, call the Parking Management Division at 653-4647.

Infantry Band concerts — The Infantry Center Band chamber music series continues with concerts at 9 a.m. April 4 at Fort Benning's Main Post Chapel and 12:15 p.m. April 6 at St. Luke United Methodist Church.

For more information, call 545-5313.

Book sale — The Muscogee County Friends of Libraries will hold a book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 17 at the former Sears Tire Center at Columbus Square.

All books are 50 cents.

All proceeds go to support local libraries.

For more information, call Alice Budge at 323-1271 or Art Halouska at 322-4636.

Summer camp open house — Camp Woodmont, located in Cloudland, Ga. on Lookout Mountain, invites the community to a summer camp open house from 2 to 5 p.m. May 16.

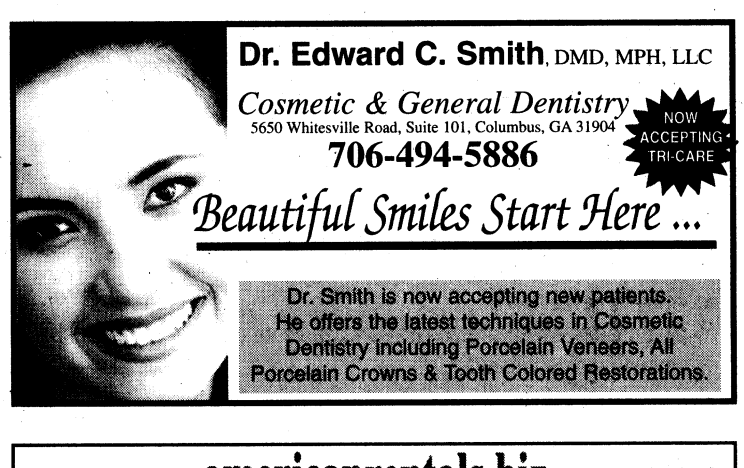
The open house will feature tours of the facility, refreshments and discussions with the camp owners, directors, counselors and former campers.

For more information, call Camp Woodmont at (770) 457-0862 or visit www.campwoodmont.com.

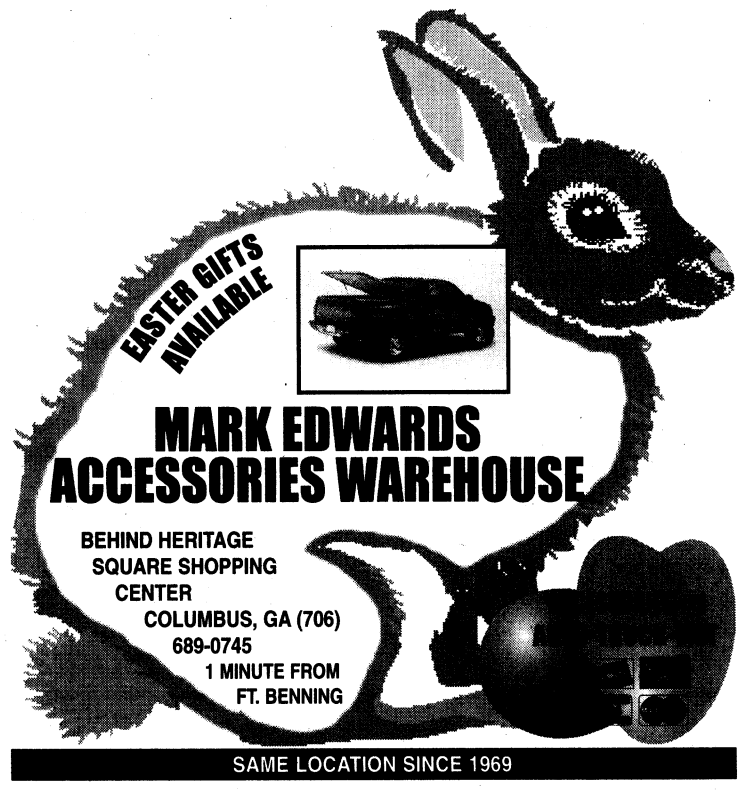
School Lunch Menu

- **Monday:** turkey and cheese sandwich, macaroni salad, mixed veggies, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** pizza, pasta salad, green beans, fruit, milk, peanut butter cake
- **Wednesday:** steak nuggets, oven fries, veggie sticks, hot roll, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** barbecue pork sandwich, mac and cheese, cole slaw, milk, pineapple cake
- **Friday:** Swiss steak and gravy, steamed rice, peas and carrots, yeast roll, fruit, milk

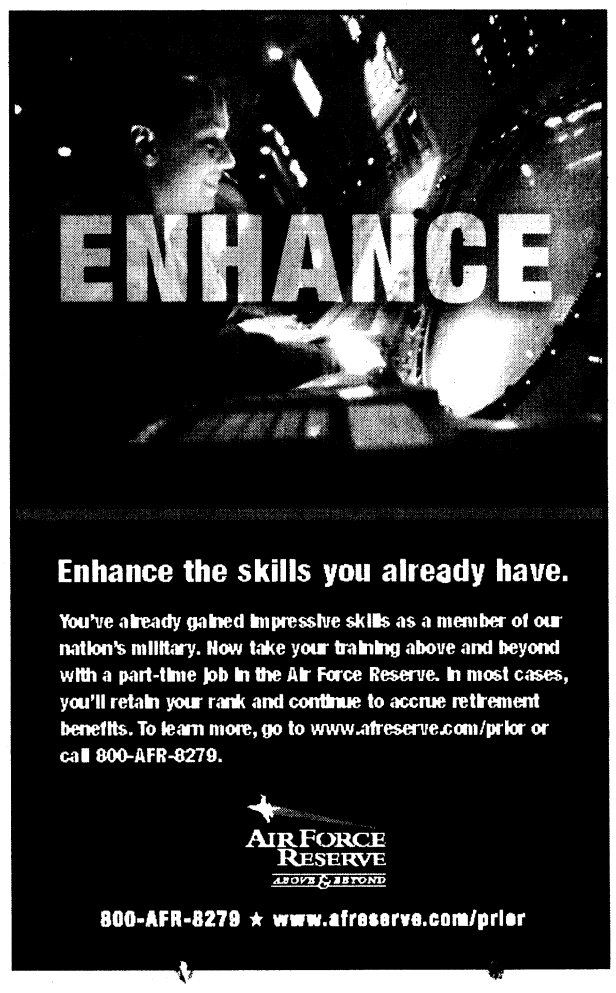












Carnival: To offer plenty

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various food concession stands, Laine said.

The Officers' Spouses' Club will also participate in this years Spring Carnival by hosting a flea market April 10 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sandy Risberg, the OSC fund-raising chairman, said this is the first time OSC participates in the Spring Carnival and the money will be placed into the the club's fund-raising fund.

"The money we make will go to our scholarship and welfare funds for graduating seniors, continuing education spouses and other private organizations that benefit Fort Benning," she said.

At the flea market, shoppers may buy anything from Avon and Tupperware to your regular yard sale selections. People interested in renting a space for the flea market may e-mail the OSC office at benningbazaar@aol.com or call 682-9585.

The Spring Carnival allows families and single Soldiers the opportunity to share some fun, quality time together without spending an entire pay check, Laine said.

April 7, 8 and 10, are all-you-can-ride wrist band days, meaning anyone may purchase a wristband for $10 at the CYS office or $12 at the entrance and enjoy the carnival all night. Individual tickets will also be available at the gate.

Carnival hours will be from 5 to 11 p.m. April 6-8, 5 p.m. to midnight April 9, and 1 p.m. to midnight April 10.

For more information, call the CYS office at 545-3562.

Hunt: To bring Easter fun

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Mrs. Bunny will be available for photos during the Eggstravaganza.

Other activities include a giant slide, American Legion train rides, soccer and basketball shootouts, a cookie walk and Easter crafts.

New this year is the kiddiepillar, a 50-foot-long blow up activity that is similar to a caterpillar, said Linda Laine, Youth Sports and Fitness director, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The Easter Eggstravaganza is free; however, children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring lawn chairs but leave your pets at home, Laine said, because candy on the ground and children picking it up isn't a good mix with pets.

For more information, call 545-3582.

Moms: To get recognition

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Letters will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. from April 1 to May 3 at the drop box at the front of the Main Mall PX.

The letters will be judged by an independent panel of judges from May 4 to 5.

There will only be one winner chosen.

She will be notified by 8 p.m. May 6, and she will receive her award at 11 a.m. May 8 in front of the Main Mall PX.

The winner of the contest will receive a prize package that includes a Liz Claiborne or Ralph Lauren four-piece outfit, a pair of shoes and a handbag. She will also receive a manicure, pedicure and hair cut and style, as well as a make-over by Clinique.

On top of all that, she will receive a gift certificate to a local restaurant for a Mother's Day brunch with her family.

The Mother of the Year will also participate in special events on post throughout the year and will be a liaison between the Main Mall PX and the military community until next year's winner is chosen.

The contest will be a yearly event.

A Father of the Year contest will kick off in June.

Picture: Earns child $500

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is the best part of the picture.

"The one thing that drew me to Alex's picture was the fact that he had the sky and the ground meet, and the size of his family members in the picture were a good size," said art teacher Audrey Leanza.

"The size of people in photos is important," she said. "Many children don't draw their people big, but he did, and that is what jumped out to me."

Alex's mother, Stephaine, said that before he won the contest, he was always in a rush to do things, and his confidence was low.

"He was always rushing and he didn't put much effort into the stuff he did, and he wouldn't be too happy about the result," she said. "All of that changed once he won the contest. Now, he looks at every detail of his drawings and sits down and concentrates on what he has to do."

Alex's confidence wasn't the only thing that was built up after winning the contest — his grades and overall attitude in school has changed.

"Alex has made a big change in everything since he won the contest," Stephaine said. "He's doing better in school, and he's a much happier kid. I'm very proud of what he's done and the change he has made."

Alex's picture will be on posters on Army installations worldwide.

"This not only means a lot to Alex, but it means a lot to our school," said Wilson principal Phyllis Parker. "Anytime a student from our school does something very well, we like to recognize them and what they've done. Alex has brought a positive light on our school. I'm very proud of all he's done."

Parker also said that a Wilson student has placed in this competition the past few years.

"With our students doing so well in the competition, it shows that we have an art teacher that is dedicated to helping children," Parker said. "She puts in her time and effort to help the children out, and what better way to show her the great job she's doing than by our children doing well in this competition."

So, what's next for Alex in art class?

"We made picture frames last week, and now I'm going to draw a picture to fit inside of the frame," he said. "I can't wait to get started."

GOH: Visit the Springer

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out earlier. It's not exactly a male-bonding type feature. It's set in a Southern, small-town beauty salon — enough said.

So, ladies, spare the men in your lives, grab your girlfriends and start an evening out enjoying this, the Springer's most requested comedy of the year.

Catch it April 29 to May 1 and May 5 to 9 and 13 to 15.

Of course, you can peruse all the stuff I left out and get tickets to these great shows by calling the Springer Box Office at 327-3688. It's open Monday through Friday 10 a.m.to 5:30 p.m.

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BCTB Soldiers mentor Wilson students in leadership

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

"I've seen the stars because I've stood on the shoulders of giants."
Galileo

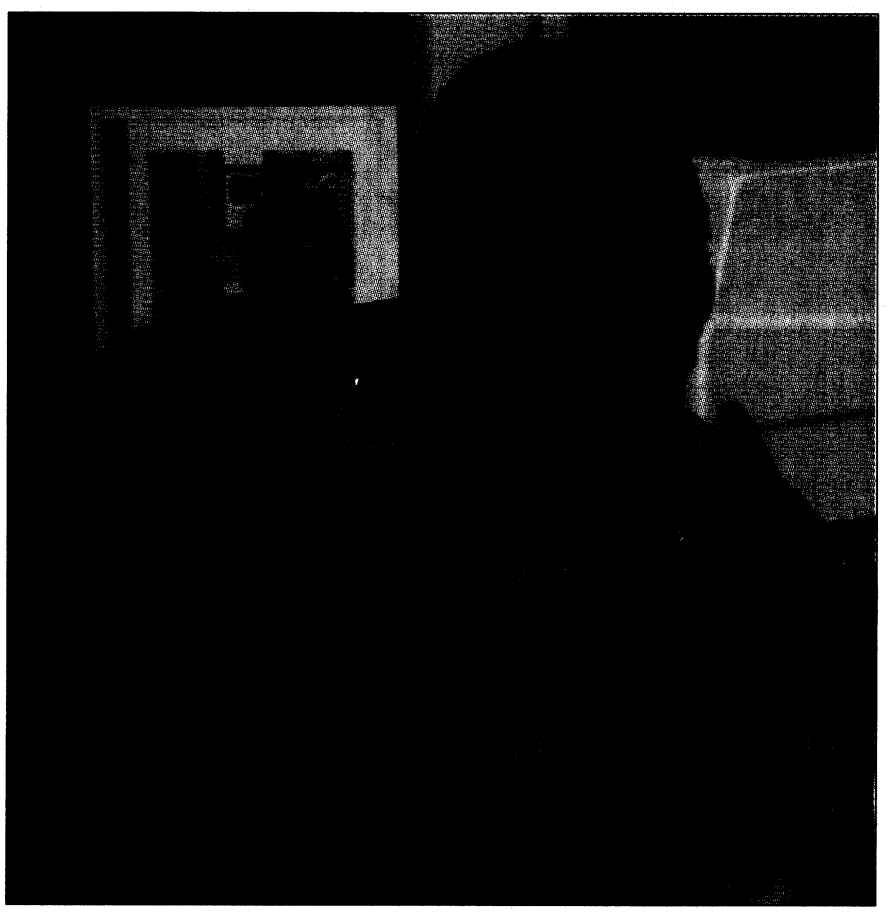
It's a quote Capt. Alfonzo Ford has cherished for years, his favorite. And it explains just what the Leadership Academy at Wilson Elementary School is all about.

The academy, which is in its first year, combines fourth- and fifth-grade students who demonstrate natural leadership abilities and "phenomenal leaders" from the school's Partner in Education, the Basic Combat Training Brigade, said Dr. Wanda Person, the school's media specialist.

"We wanted to bring the natural need children have to enhance their leadership abilities together with the best leaders our country has," Person said. "And there's so much evidence that the Army produces the best leaders."

Ford is one of those leaders. A West Point graduate with six years in the Army, Ford said he has spent the past 10 years either learning, training or exercising leadership.

The academy is intended to cultivate leadership skills already present in the students through enthusiasm, exposure and experience, Ford said.



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

Capt. Alfonzo Ford, of the Basic Combat Training Brigade, instructs Wilson's Leadership Academy Tuesday.

"We want to get them excited about being leaders," he said. "We give them exposure to things like guest speakers — they've met commanders and business owners — and field trips. They went to Faith Middle School and met with the student council."

Giving the children experience means giving them the opportunity to plan and be in leadership roles, he said.

The students — some of whom were too shy to even say their names in public at the start of the academy — will have a grand finale of sorts with a leadership conference that will combine everything they've learned.

The academy is broken down into seven basic lessons: character development; teamwork; character; organizational leadership; excellence in leadership; setting goals and objectives, making plans and developing a timeline; and teaching leadership.

"We learn about teamwork, not to be shy, to take responsibility and to have respect," said Sara Duszynski, a fourth-grader who has been in the academy for about four months now.

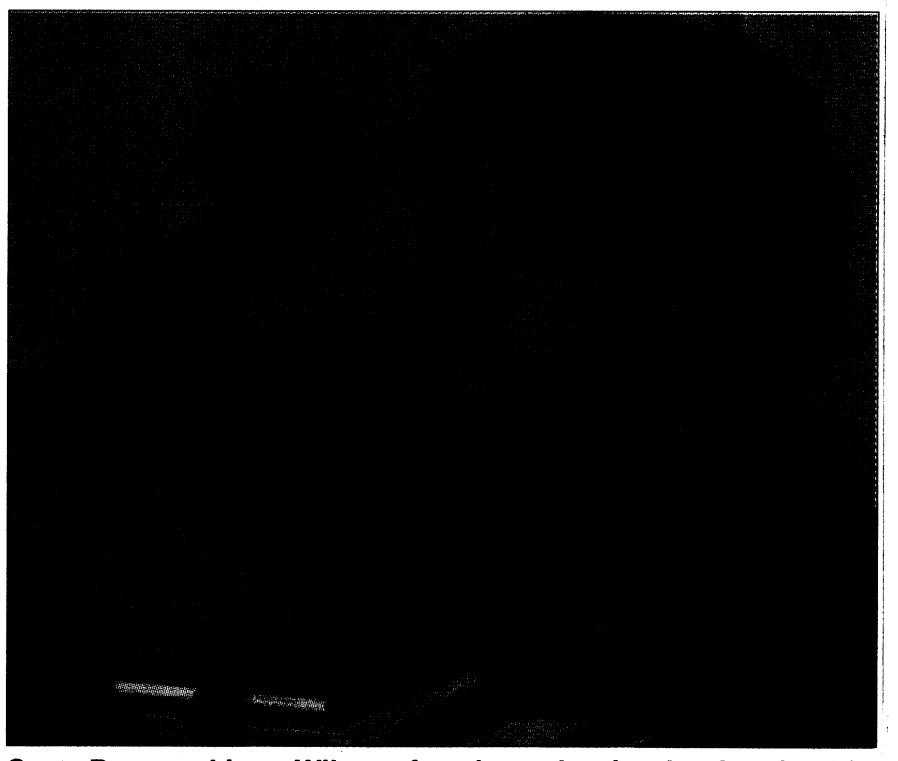
Duszynski said the academy has helped her make friends and have a better life. In fact, the academy helped her solve a serious problem.

Once upon a time, some people at school were mean to her, Duszynski said. So she was mean back to them — something she decided to change after becoming part of the academy.

"I learned to respect the people who were being mean to me," she said. "I was nicer to them, and they were more respectful to me."

Other students have found the pride and confidence to overcome shyness and timid tendencies, Person said.

"We have seen such a great impact on the children," she said. "The students had the strength of character; they just weren't taking the leadership roles."



Sara Duszynski, a Wilson fourth-grader in the Leadership Academy, raises her hand after the class instructor asks who in the class has set a goal recently.

Now, these students have "stepped up to the plate," Person said — volunteering to appear in the school's videos, serve as greeters and helping out other ways around the school.

"It may not seem like a big deal," she said. "But it really is. For them, it is."

And that's just what Ford had in mind.

"Our youth are our greatest asset," he said. "They're just like any other investment — if you pour heavily into it initially, you'll have great returns.

"Each student has tremendous potential to turn (his or her) life around and make a dramatic change," he said.

"Just by getting better grades or taking a stand and doing what's right, they gain increased self-worth, more confidence to do anything they want to do in the future."

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Passover celebrates liberation for Jews

Retired Capt. Neil Block
Jewish lay leader

The very important Passover holiday, which celebrates the liberation of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery and oppression more than 3,000 years ago, is celebrated in the early Spring. The date changes from year to year because the Jewish calendar, which marks it, is based on the lunar cycle, which is slightly different from the calendar we traditionally use — based on the solar cycle.

God commands that every Jewish man, woman and child commemorate the celebration of the redemption from a life of endless enslavement.

The celebration is based around a ritual meal where foods are served and consumed in a certain order. During the meal, the story of the miraculous exodus from Egypt is recounted. It is a festive family and community-oriented celebration and has a very specific order.

Although the ritual meal is called a Seder, the word really means "order" because of the fixed structure of the celebration.

According to the story of the Exodus, Moses, the great Jewish leader, a prince of the Egyptian court who raised by a daughter of the pharaoh and, as instructed by God to do, asked the Pharaoh to "let my people go." Pharaoh refused. As a consequence of Pharaoh's refusal, God caused a series of 10 plagues to visit upon the Egyptians.

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Not until after the last plague, the slaying of the firstborn of every Egyptian household, did Pharaoh relent and allow Moses to lead the Jewish people out of the land of Egypt. To ensure that the angel of death passed over the Jews' houses, the faithful marked their door posts. Hence the name Passover.

The Jews left Egypt so quickly that they did not have time to prepare, and the bread for the journey did not have time to be leavened. The non-rising, unleavened bread is called matzah and is required to be eaten during the Passover Seder in commemoration of the journey.

Other specific foods, such as vegetables which symbolize springtime and rebirth; a mixture of chopped nuts, apples, honey and wine and spices, which symbolizes the mortar the Jewish slaves used in making bricks; a roasted egg to symbolize the sacrifices during the days of the Temple, a roasted lamb bone symbolizing the Paschal Lamb; salt water representing the tears of the Jewish people who cried out for God; and wine are all parts of the Seder meal.

During the meal, as the story of the Exodus is recounted., we are reminded that the preciousness of liberty and freedom for all people is God's goal and should not be taken for granted. We thank God for his precious gift of liberty and freedom.

CHAPEL NOTES

PWOC meetings — There will be no Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting April 8.

Passover Seder — Everyone is invited to the postwide Passover Seder at Sand Hill's Regimental Chapel from 6 to 9 p.m. April 5. Sign up with unit chaplains before April 2. Call 544-9496 or 545-4960.

PWOC Spring Bible studies — The Protestant Women of the Chapel will conduct the following Bible studies this Spring:

• *Calm My Anxious Heart* by Linda Dillow — This study is filled with encouragement and practical help for learning contentment and overcoming anxiety.

• *I Peter by Kay Arthur* — Will trials and tribulations reveal your faith and bring glory to God? Listen to what Peters said to believers about enduring tribulations.

• *Living Beyond Yourself* by Beth Moore — A detailed look at the nine character traits that make up the fruit of the spirit as described in Galatians. After this study you will better understand the person and fullness of the Holy Spirit.

• *And Then I Had Kids* by Susan Yates — This study will help you handle common struggles such as priorities, discipline, fatigue and other challenges of raising young children.

For more information on these classes, call Natalie Rauch at 221-5607.

CFLC seminars — The Chaplain Family Life Center offers the following seminars:

• Making Love Last Forever — A couples seminar, meets the first Friday of each month.

• Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours — Parenting seminar, held the third Friday of each month.

There is also individual, couple and family counseling available.

For more information, call the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760.

Negative labels can be hazardous

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

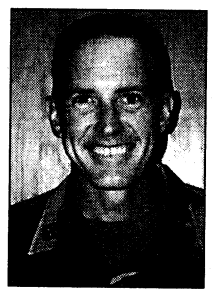
"You're a smart aleck, aren't you?" the coach said. "Don't you bother coming back to my practice with that hippie hair." It was 1971. I was 10 years old. And I had just been labeled.

Maybe you've been labeled. Any of you out there "lazy" or "pigheaded?" How about "driven" or "bitter?" Perhaps "shy" or "aloof?"

Maybe you've done some labeling. "You're so stupid." "I can't believe you're really that slow." "Why are you so uncoordinated?"

Negative labels can be hazardous cargo we carry with us all our days, slowly eating away at our self-esteem. Who among us hasn't said something out of anger or frustration to a child of ours only later to think, "Man, I wish I wouldn't have said that."

Think back on your childhood. What negative labels did you pick up from those around you? How many of those shadows still cast themselves on your life today? How often have you unintentionally stuck a label on one of your children that they might not feel very good about?



Hawkins

The trouble with labels is that, once given, we start to play those roles. It's been said that people tend to live up, or down, to the expectations given them. How can we help our children break free of any negative labels and roles they may have picked up? Faber and Mazlish list six steps in their great little read, *How To Talk So Kids Will Listen and How To Listen So That Kids Will Talk*:

• Look for opportunities to show your children new pictures of themselves.

• Put your children in situations where they can see themselves differently.

• Let your children overhear you say something positive about them.

• Model the very behavior you want them to demonstrate.

• Be a storehouse for your children's special moments ("I remember the time you ....)

• If the children "slip back" into the old label or roles, state your feelings and restate your expectations. (I don't like that. Despite your strong feelings, I expect sportsmanship from you.")

Rather than negative labels, turn it around! What 10 positive labels might you come up with for your children this week? Write them out. Post them where you'll see them. Then have fun finding ways of catching them doing right and describing their new labels to them. (You're so diligent — you didn't give up even though you were frustrated. You're so affectionate — how did you do that? You're conscientious — that means you're concerned about doing it right ... I like that about you.)

Want more tips on talking so your kids will listen? Visit us in Building 2606 in Soldiers' Plaza 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 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- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, Classroom 2, Building 3305

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3951
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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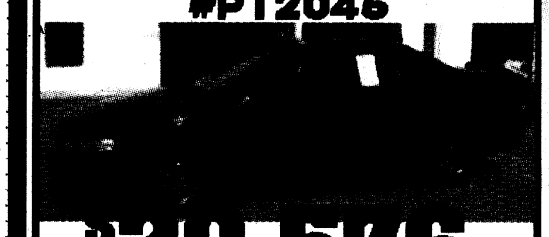

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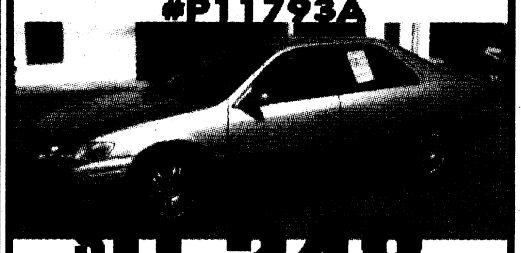

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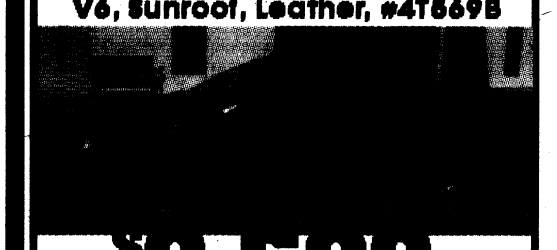

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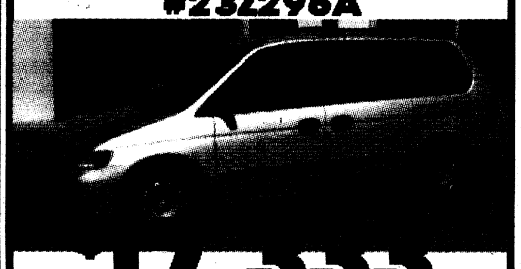

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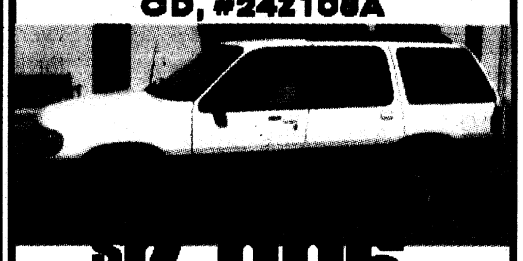

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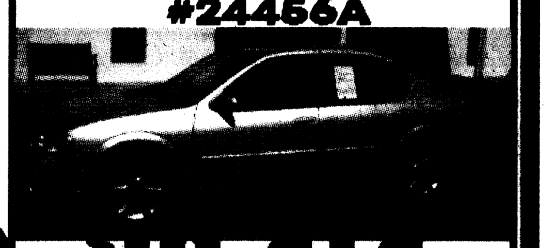

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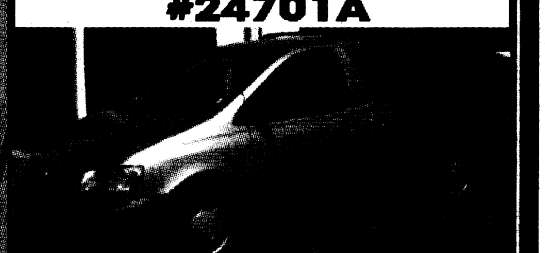

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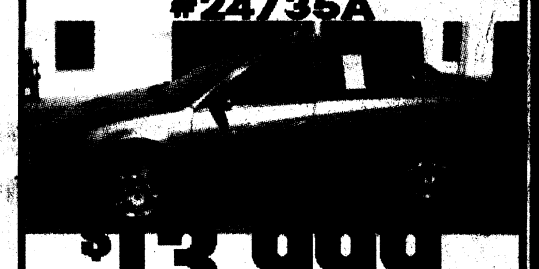

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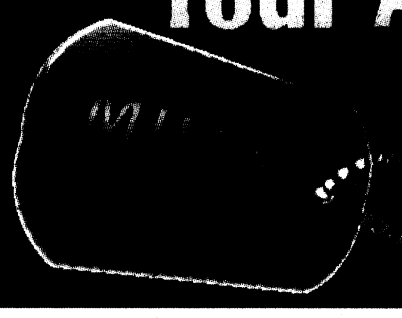

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USAMU Soldier qualifies for Greece

Competition brings out best in 'old man'

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

At 43, Sgt. 1st Class Bret Erickson has been around the block a few times. Or in his case, around the world.

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit shooter has competed in various world competitions, including two Olympic Games — the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, and the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

"Those were fun to compete in," the Bennington, Neb., native said. "Knowing that I was competing against some of the best shooters in the world meant a lot to me, and it is something that I will never forget. I'll be able to tell my grandkids about it and that's pretty cool."

For right now, though, Erickson has to put those memories on the back burner, so he can create new ones as he gets ready to head to Athens, Greece, where the first Olympics were held, for the XXVIII Olympiad.

Erickson qualified for the 2004 Olympics at the final Olympic selection match in the trap event at Hook Range Saturday.

"I'm excited to be going back to the Olympics," he said. "At my age, I should be going with a walker, but somehow I'm not."

Erickson earned a slot on the Olympic team after his performances in the Fall and Spring Selection Matches at Fort Benning.

While growing up in Nebraska, Erickson's father taught him American trap.

"Once my dad taught me the sport, I fell in love with it," Erickson said. "Now, it's something I'm hooked on and will probably continue to do even after I retire from the military."

Throughout the Olympic trials, Erickson held one of the top two spots in the event.

"I wanted to prove to myself that I could do it again," he said. "Shooting is something I love to do, and I don't know if I'll ever have a chance to compete at the Olympic level again."

Lt. Col. David Liwanag, USAMU commander, said Erickson is a great example for Soldiers.

"He's never given up his dream of standing on the medal stand at the Olympics," Liwanag said. "He's continuously strived to be the best, and it shows when he's on the range competing."

Going into the final day of the competition, Erickson said he knew he had a comfortable lead over the third-place shooter, but he was still nervous.

"I don't know what it is about this competition," he said. "I guess I just wanted it so bad."

During the competition, Erickson said the only thing he concentrated on was his shooting.

"I'm not a scoreboard watcher," he said. "I have to go out there and shoot the way I know I can. I can't control what other people do, so why should I worry about it? If I'm shooting like I should, then I know I'll be up there."

Erickson said he plans to just relax until the Olympic games.

"I don't want to get out there and shoot too much," he said. "I don't want to be tired of shooting by the time I get to Athens. I want to ensure that when I go there, I am having fun. That's why I got into the sport and that's what I want to continue to happen."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Sgt. 1st Class Bret Erickson qualified for the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece after placing second in the trap event. Erickson said he'll take time to relax before the games.

Blue Devils' defense sets new standard

Columbus lacrosse builds confidence

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Columbus lacrosse team went into its Friday night game against the Kennesaw Mountain Mustangs with expectations of winning against a high-profile opponent.

But the Lady Blue Devils weren't able to get anything past the Lady Mustangs' goalie, Sarah McClendon, and lost the game 7-1.

"The goalie was tough," said senior Carson Chuites, left attack wing. "Every shot we threw at her, she was stopping.

"We started the game by trying to shoot over her left shoulder because she wasn't getting those in warm-ups," Chuites said. "When she stopped those shots from us, we tried to shoot past her legs, but she was stopping those also. She was on her game."

Even with the loss, the Lady Blue Devils didn't hang their heads after the game.

"This is the first time the defense has held a team to single digits in goals," said assistant coach John Kocian. "That's a victory for us. We know that we don't need to make any major changes to our defensive style. All we have to do is work out the small kinks. Our defense is where it needs to be at. So, we'll build on that positive and go from there."

The Blue Devils held off countless Mustang attacks in the first 10 minutes of the match, but were unable to keep the momentum as Mustangs' attacker junior Heather Thompson scored to break the 0-0 tie.

The Mustangs scored two more quick goals to increase their lead to 3-0.

Before the end of the half, the Blue Devils got on the board with a goal by junior Liz Evans.

"The goal really built our confidence going into halftime," Kocian said. "We were very confident that we could come back and win the game."

The Mustangs put an end to those plans, scoring two goals midway through the second half to take the lead, 5-1.

Even though the Blue Devils were down, the players continued to hustle on every play and managed a few collisions with the Mustangs in the process.

"It was a tough, physical game," Chuites said. "Even though we didn't come out on top with a win, we hung in there and continued to fight on every play. We didn't give up and that shows what we are made of."

With the loss, Columbus' record dropped to 1-4. However, Kocian said, that record is not a real showing of how good the team really is.

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>
> **John Kocian**
> Assistant lacrosse coach

"This team is an awesome bunch," he said. "We've been in a few games where if some of the plays would have gone our way, we could've made a difference in the outcome. But that's the way the ball rolls, and you can't do anything about that now."

The Lady Blue Devils will be back in action at 7 p.m. today in Doughboy Stadium against Woodward Academy. There is no charge of admission to attend the game.

"If we played the way we did against Kennesaw Mountain, I am sure we can come out on top," Kocian said. "It's just a matter of believing in ourselves and believing that we can do it."



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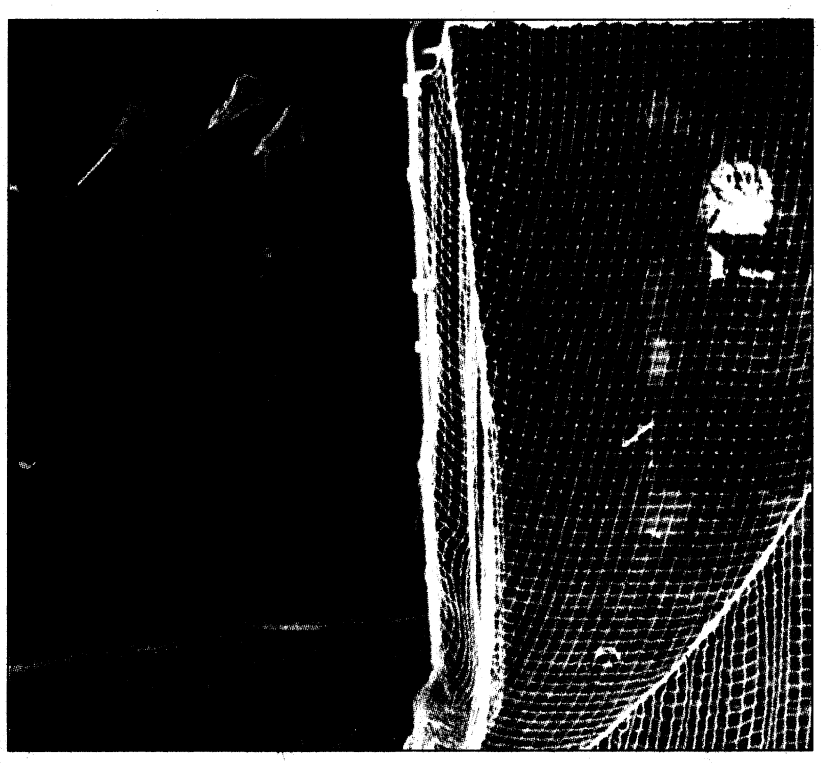
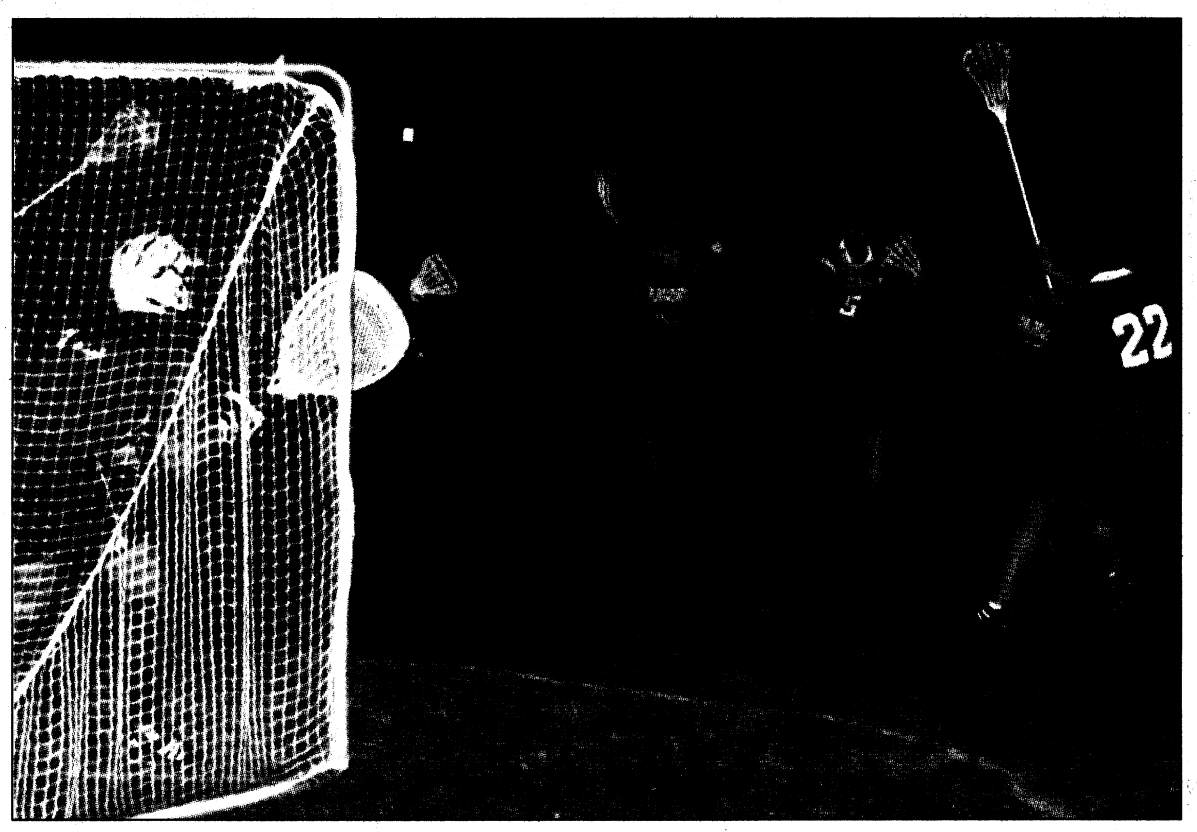
Emily Nelson, left, brings the ball upfield during the first half. Columbus lost the game, 7-1.



Margaret Dahlin, center, takes a shot past two Kennesaw Mountain defenders during the second half March 19.



Joan Ward, second from right, takes a shot at goalie Sarah McClendon during the second half. McClendon stopped all but one shot by Columbus.

Faith fields track team

Children set expectations for season

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Running isn't something most children particularly enjoy. At least, that's what Harry Cleveland thought when he became the coach of Faith Middle School's new track team.

But after seeing more than 50 students from the school show up to the first practice, Cleveland was stunned.

"I didn't think this many students would be interested in running," he said. "But I was wrong and I'm glad I was. We have a big team this year, and I know they will do great things and accomplish many feats."

The Warrior Bears' track team trains on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the track inside of Doughboy Stadium to prepare for track meets against other area middle schools.

"We've had one meet so far, and that was against Smiths Station Middle School," Cleveland said. "We didn't do as well as I had hoped, but I see a lot of potential in these students. They now know what it takes to be good, and I believe they're willing to go that extra step to do that."

When practices started, Cleveland said he had a hard time keeping the students under control. But after their meet, he said, many of them realized the teams they compete against are "for real," and they need to get serious about what they're doing.

"A couple of them came up to me after they lost their races and wanted to know how they could get better," he said. "I told them they need to discipline themselves in practice, so they can become outstanding runners."

For eighth-graders Andrew Brown and Ricky Simmons, track is something they hope they can compete in next year in high school.

"The competition is fun," Brown said. "It's something that keeps me in shape and will keep me healthy."

Simmons said he wants to burn people on the track.

"There's nothing like leaving someone in the dust," Simmons said. "It motivates me to get better, because I don't like it when I'm in someone else's dust. I prefer to be in front."

Sixth-graders Rameca Simmons and Cheyanne Tumaliuan decided to run on the team because they both had run cross-country and they loved it.

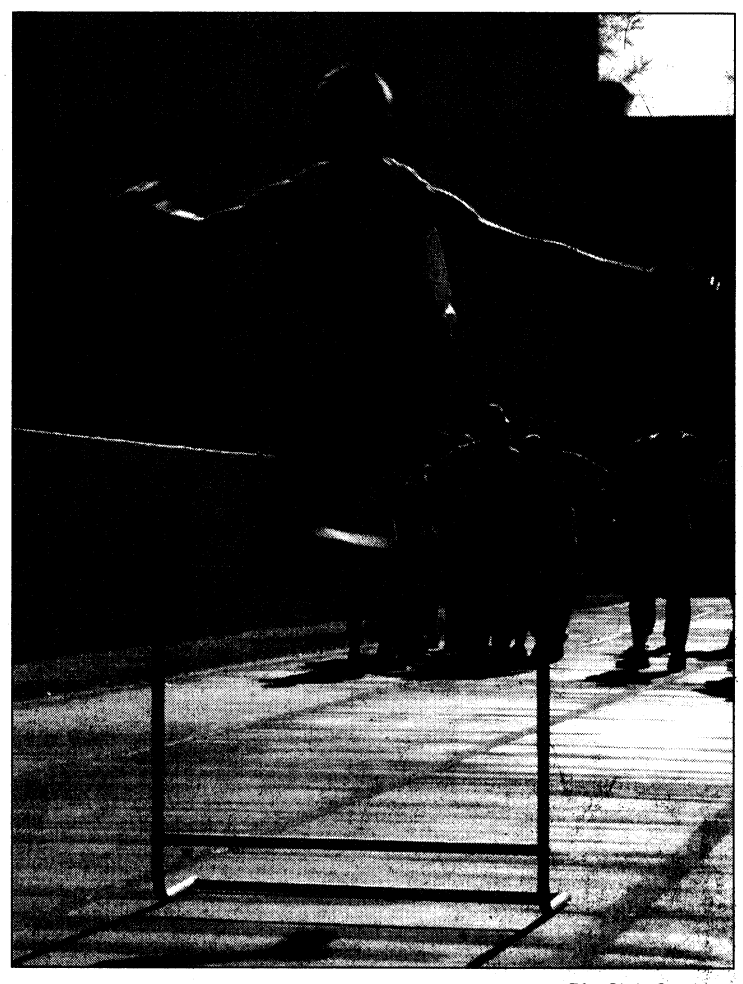
"It relaxes you," Tumaliuan said. "It's something where all you have to do is concentrate on what you're doing."

Rameca said her favorite event is the hurdles because she is able to both run and jump in the same event.

"It's more than just running," Rameca said. "There's an extra skill involved in the race — that makes it more difficult."

Brown said his main goal this year is to improve on his events, so he can be ready for track season in high school next year.

"When I go to high school, I want to know what I'm doing," he said. "I don't want to be like a lot of incoming freshman and not know what's going on. I want to get there the first day of practice and get down to business. High school track is very serious, and there is no time to goof around. You have to get the job done every time you go out there."



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Eighth-grader Matthew Hester jumps over a hurdle during practice Monday at Doughboy Stadium.

Championships bring out best

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

For the first time in 10 years, Fort Benning hosted the All-Army Small-Arms Championships on McAndrews Range.

The competition drew more than 135 of the best shooters from around the Army, including active-duty, Reserve Soldiers, National Guardsmen and cadets from the U.S. Military Academy.

"The competition was fun," said Pfc. Alex Perez, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, Fort Riley, Kan. "It made me realize where my shooting was and helped me understand what I need to work on to get better."

There were six matches in the competition: Pistol Matches 201 and 202, Rifle Matches 301 and 302, and the Combined Small-Arms Matches 601 and 602.

Winners of the events were Staff Sgt. Charles Blackwell, Army National Guard's 161st Medical Battalion, who won Pistol Match 201 and 202 and the Combined Small Arms 601 and 602, and Sgt. 1st Class David Kerin 28th Signal Battalion, who won Rifle Match 301 and 302.

During the competition, Soldiers shot their M-16 A2 rifles at targets from 200, 300 and 500 meters.

"Most Soldiers are only taught how to shoot up to 300 meters," said Lt. Col. David Liwanag, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit commander. "However, when you're on a battlefield, are you going to just shoot at targets that are within a 300-meter distance, or are you also going to shoot at the targets that are farther off? We're going beyond what these Soldiers know, and that will help them in the end."

Perez and the other Soldiers who participated in the competition not only had the opportunity to go against other shooters from around the Army — but were also taught advanced firing techniques by the USAMU.

The key to the whole competition was to ensure that the Soldiers focused on what they were being taught.

"That's what we're doing here," Liwanag said. "We're here to show advanced marksmanship techniques so Soldiers can be effective when they're shooting at a target at any range."

The pistol competitions were shot at 15 meters with the M-9 pistol.

"The pistol competition was harder because you didn't have as much time to shoot as you did with the rifle competition," Perez said. "Plus, if you're off by a little bit, that could really mess up your score and hurt you in the overall standings. So, you had to really steady yourself and have your aim at dead center."

Liwanag said the Soldiers will take many things back to their home stations including the advanced firing techniques.

"We teach, if you can see it, you can hit it," Liwanag said. "If you can hit it, you can kill it."

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Raymourn Brown Jr., of the Dirt Devils, tries to evade the Red Dragons' Grace Amnott in 8- to 9-year-old Youth Soccer March 20 at Fort Benning's Blue Field. The Devils beat the Dragons, 1-0.

THE BAMBINO VERSUSES THE BILLY GOAT

Which curse will end first?

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

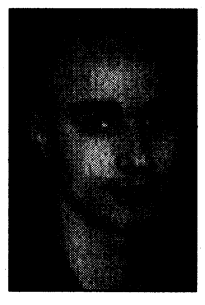
Last year, I heard people discussing the issue of which curse would end first — the Curse of the Bambino or the Curse of the Billy Goat?

Before I make my pick, let's take a stroll down memory lane.

First, we'll start with the lovable losers, the Chicago Cubs.

In 1945, a Greek tavern owner by the name of William "Billy Goat" Sianis bought season tickets in box seats for him and his goat, Murphy. During Game 4 against the Detroit Tigers, Sianis was stopped at the front gate by ushers and told he couldn't come in. After talking to Cubs' owner P.K. Wrigley, the ushers told Sianis he could come in, but not the goat. When Sianis asked Wrigley why, he said "because the goat smells."

That upset him, so in retaliation, he stood in front of Wrigley Field and said, "Cubs, they not gonna win anymore. There never gonna be another World Series at Wrigley Field."



Thus the "Curse of the Billy Goat," was cast over the Cubs.

Since then, the Cubs have never been to a World Series. They've gotten close, but the curse continues to haunt them — most notably, last year when the Cubs were up three games to one on the Florida Marlins and all they had to do was get five more outs and they would get to the World Series.

I believe the billy goat summoned Steve Bartman to the game, where on the next pitch, a foul ball went into the stands and Bartman prevented Moises Alou from making the catch. The Marlins would later rally in the inning, win the game and, ultimately, the series.

Chicago fans think they have gotten rid of the curse by blowing up what is now called "the Bartman ball." I guess we'll see if that holds true this year.

Now, for "The Curse of the Bambino," for the Red Sox fans.

To sum it up, in 1920, Red Sox owner Harry Frazee sold the greatest player to ever play the game, Babe Ruth, to the New York Yankees. Since then, the Yankees have won 26 World Series and the Red Sox haven't won any.

The Red Sox have been to four World Series, but have been unable to crack the curse.

My favorite curse moment is from the 1986 World Series when the Red Sox were up three games to two on the New York Mets, and were only one strike away from breaking the curse.

Then, everybody knows what happened next — the Bill Buckner fielding gem, which led to Game 7, where the Red Sox got out to an early lead, but crumbled in the middle of the game and lost.

Then there was last year when the Red Sox came close to going to World Series again, but the Yankees' Aaron Boone hit a walk-off home run in the bottom of the 11th inning to send the Yankees to the World Series. Poor Boston fans! I guess their slogan will continue . . . "Wait til next year."

They've been waiting til next year for 85 years.

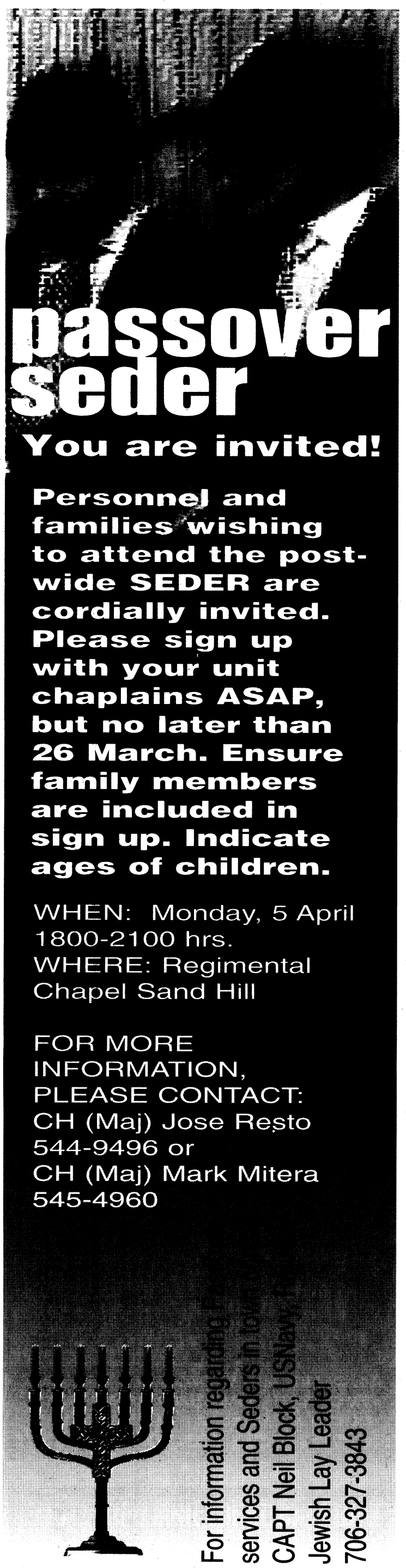
So, which curse will most likely be broken before the other?

As much as I would like to see the Red Sox win it all, it's hard to imagine they can do it this year. After the off-season trade rumors involving Nomar Garciapara and Manny Ramirez falling through, I don't think there is much happiness in Beantown right now.

However, the Cubs have an excellent 1-2 pitching punch in Kerry Wood and Mark Prior to make a run at breaking the curse. Not to mention they have perennial all-star Sammy Sosa and the National League dark-horse, a guy I competed against in high school, Corey Patterson.

This is the year the "Billy Goat Curse," will be vanquished. It will be no more. My pick, the Cubs will beat the Red Sox in five games in the World Series, which will be played in Chicago, at Wrigley Field.

Now how's that for the Cubs not winning another World Series?



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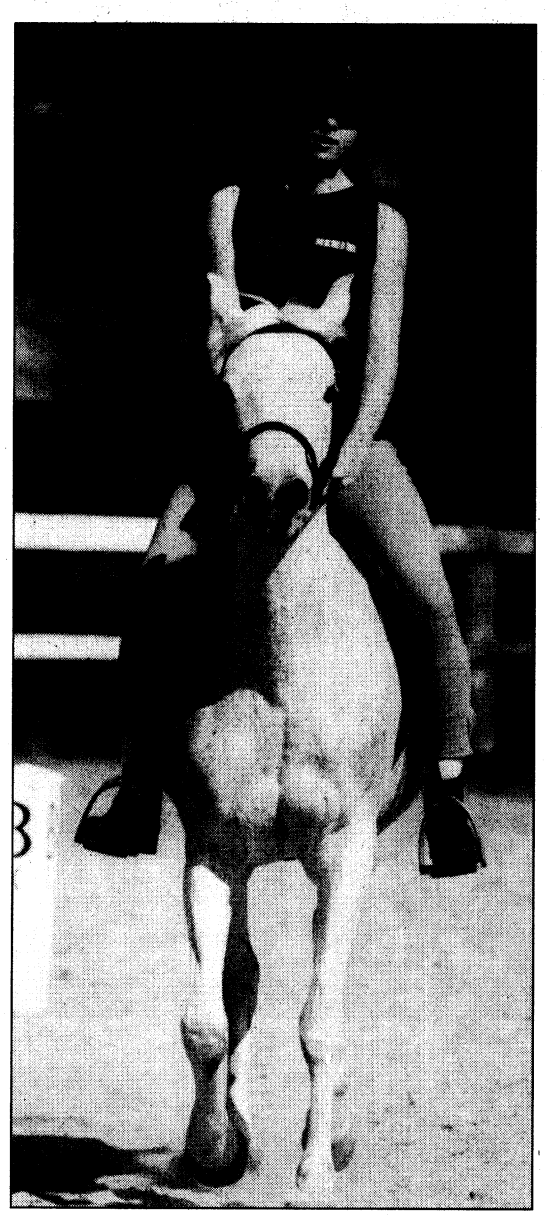

Lori Egan

Christy Wilkes, 16, and Amber Silhouette, better known as Silly, a 16-year-old Arabian, practice the medium walk of a dressage test Saturday at the Fort Benning Hunt Club. Dressage is a competitive equestrian sport. Nine members of the Hunt Club participated in the club's first dressage clinic. For more information about the Hunt Club, call 689-3945.

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All you need is a bike, helmet, water and plenty of energy.

For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

Aerobics instructor needed — Briant Wells Field House is looking for certified exercise instructors for a wide variety of classes.

For more information, call 545-4388.

Hunting regulations — There have been many changes to the Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing regulations this year. Changes include:

• People authorized to hunt or fish on Fort Benning have been expanded to include all DoD civilian employees working full-time or the equivalent, regardless of where they work, and all active national guardsmen and reserve Soldiers who are in a paid drill status, regardless of where they are assigned.

• The numbers of guests that can be sponsored per day has increased from two to three.

• Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1961, must now show evidence of the successful completion of a hunter safety course in order to hunt on either the Georgia or Alabama sides of the installation.

• Guest permits can now be purchased as daily passes, monthly weekend passes, or in periods of time up to 30 consecutive days.

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SpongeBob SquarePants Appearance — The star of Nickelodeon's smash-hit cartoon series SpongeBob SquarePants will make a live appearance at the Columbus Civic Center on SpongeBob SquarePants Night with the Riverdragons, 7 p.m. today.

Tickets for the event are $5 for all children 12 and under. Adult tickets are regular gate prices.

For more information, call 225-1112.

High School Rodeo — The Harris County High School Rodeo Team is sponsoring a Georgia High School Rodeo today and Saturday at the Mike Tracy Arena in Hamilton, Ga.

The arena is located on Highway 116 East. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for children.

For more information, call Bill Hogue at 324-7801.

Armed Forces Rodeo Association — The Southeastern Circuit of the Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association is looking for members in the area to join up. Eligibility requirements are:

• active-duty military members and their dependents from all branches of service,

• retirees and their dependents who have a valid military I.D. card,

• National Guard and reserve component Soldiers who have a valid military I.D. card,

• DoD civilians who have a valid DoD I.D. card,

• any prior service member who was honorable discharged and can provide their DD 214.

For more information, call Bill Hogue at 324-7801.

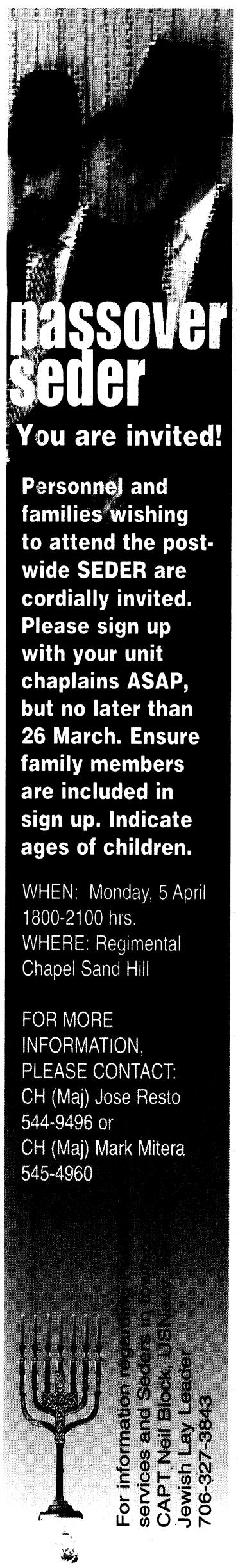
Softball players — Post-level softball players are needed to play in the Downtown League.

For more information, call Jimmy Armstrong at 566-2015.

Celebrity Classic 5K/10K — The 2004 Celebrity Classic 5K/10K run to benefit the John B. Amos Cancer Center will begin at 8 a.m. April 17 along the Columbus River Walk.

Registration for the race is $18 per person before April 16 and $20 on race day.

For more information, call 660-6559.



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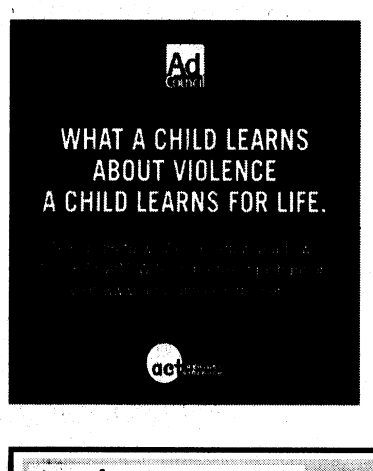

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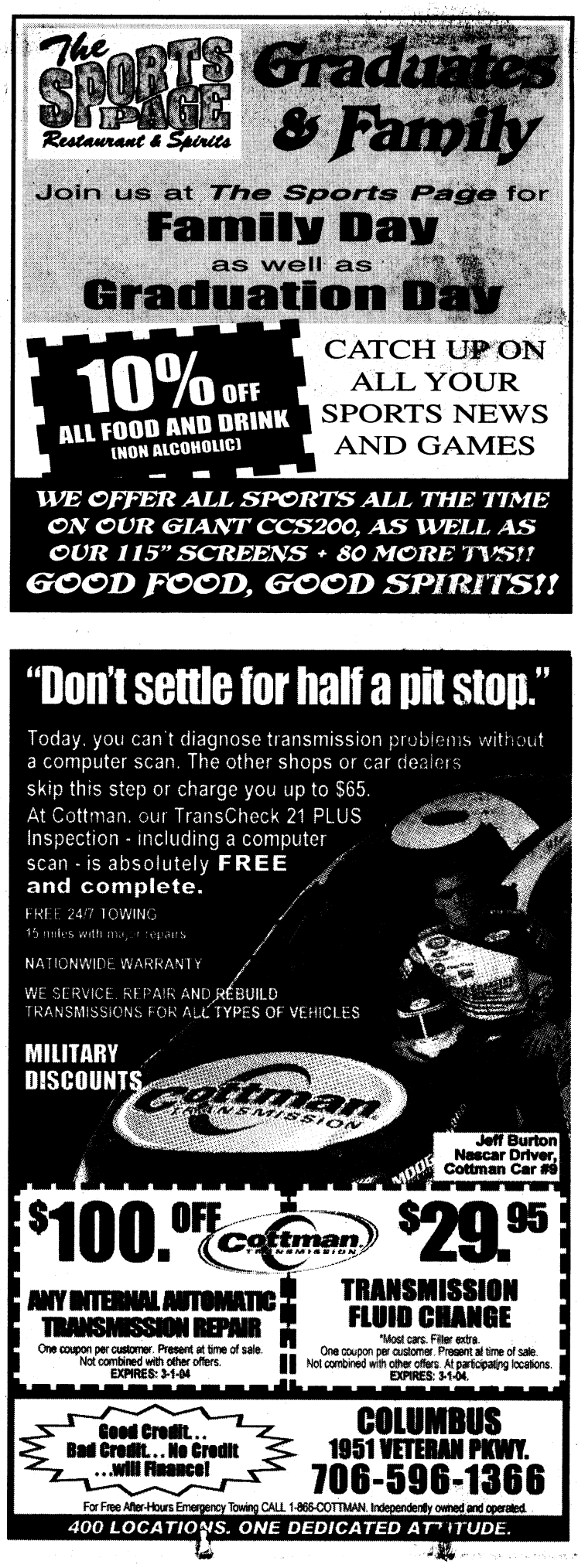
$20,000 Opportunity! Full time and must be willing to work all Saturdays and have a great driving safety record. Employment involves delivering, setting up, and picking up amusement rental equipment. Room to advance for valuable employees. Clownin Around, Inc. 576-5768. (P2)



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2002 Chevy Impala, 4dr sedan, auto, cold a/c, runs great, $10,988. 1-866-686-2326 (F26)

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Little Tykes Toddler sports bed with mattress. Excellent condition! Asking $90.00 (paid $227) call 685-9308.

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Furniture

Metal bunkbeds bright colors w/ mattress' like new $315 also have matching desk $15, blue/white large plastic toy box $30,large white dresser 2 doors 2 drawers 2 shelves $50. Please call 6899898 anytime. (F26)

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Oak captins table with leaf. Seats up to eight, by Ashley Co. . $200.00 Six fully cushioned swivel rocker chairs. Match table. $100.00 obo. 706-683-9889 706-315-5011 (F2)

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Exercise Equipment ProForm 700 Cardio Crosstrainer Elliptical Skier, 1year old, Programmable workouts, very good condition. $300obo. 687-3530. (F26)

Stars and Stripes Polish Pottery Large Fruit Bowl for sale! Brand new, never used. $30 687-9396 (F2)

I have a treadmill for $100, a 1973 GMC 350 ci engine bored 30 over for $300, 2-Sony 10 inch sub woofers for $50, 1-switzer turbo w/o kit for $50, 1- 10 inch kicker speaker box for $35, and 1- JVC in dash stereo w/ detachable face for $40. Please contact Melvin or Jamita Beaty @ 593-1514, 593-1199, or 563-3129. (F26)

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Pets, Pet Items, Etc.

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Female Dashund Puppy, 7 weeks old, cute, energetic $150. Call 334-297-1035, leave a message. (F2)

Yard Sale/Moving Sale

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Moving Sale-Furniture, clothes, toys, misc., 20-21 March and 27-28 March, 219 McFalls St., Fort Benning. (F26)

Fantastic Yard Sale-Solid wood, white crib $199, chest of drawers, white, $150. Call 683-9987. (F26)

March 27th from 7am-1pm, children and adult clothing, baby items, 5808 Georgetown Drive, Columbus, 31907. (F26)

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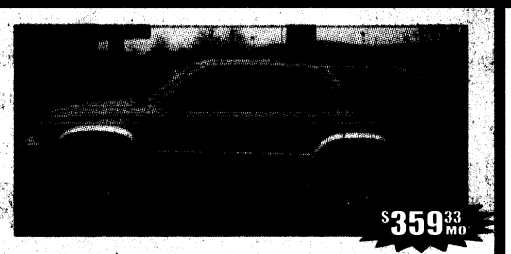

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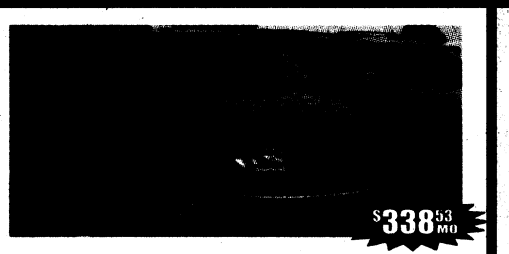

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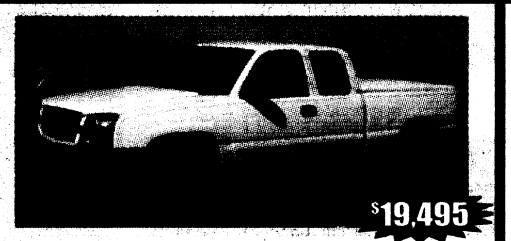

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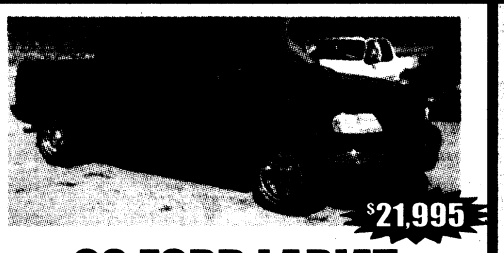

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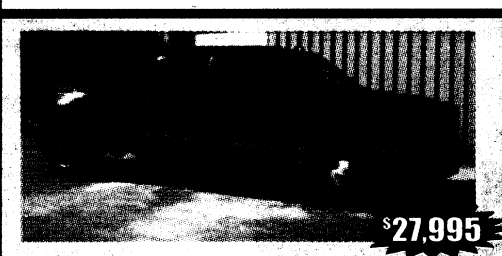

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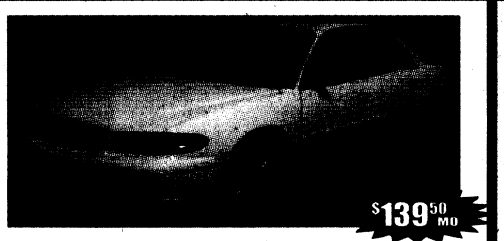

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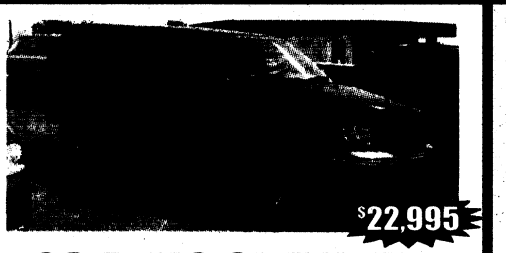

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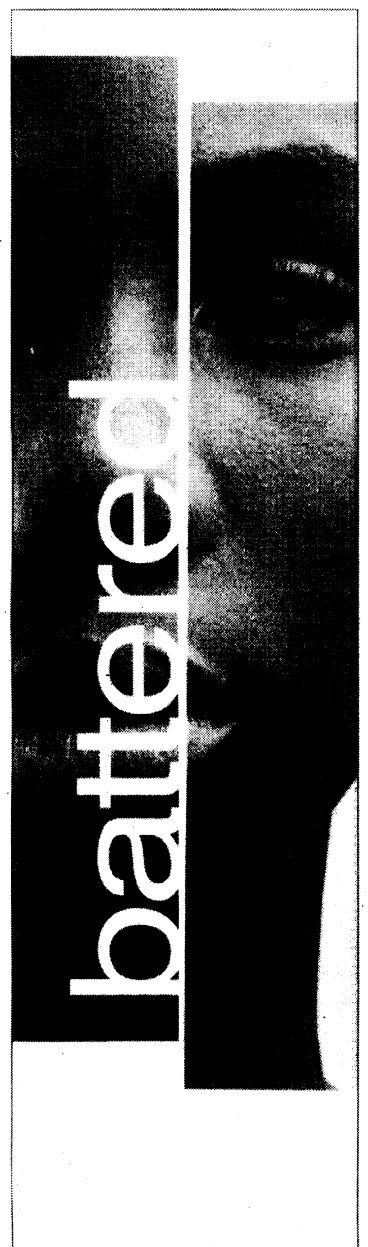

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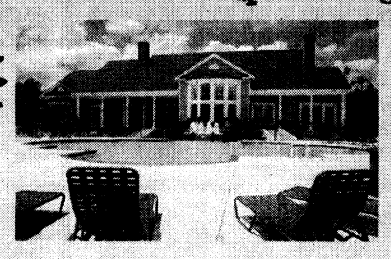

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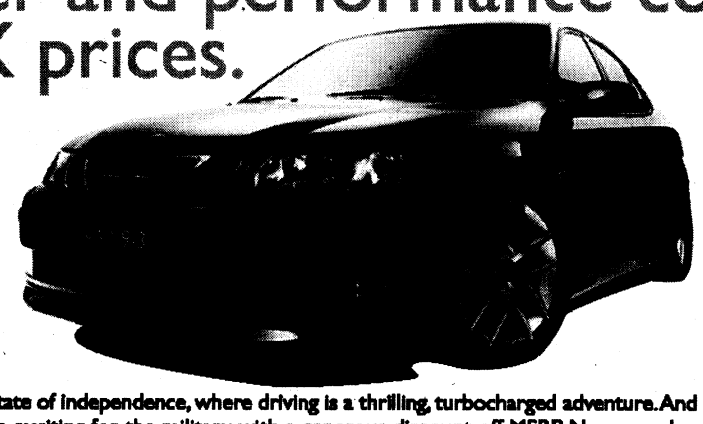

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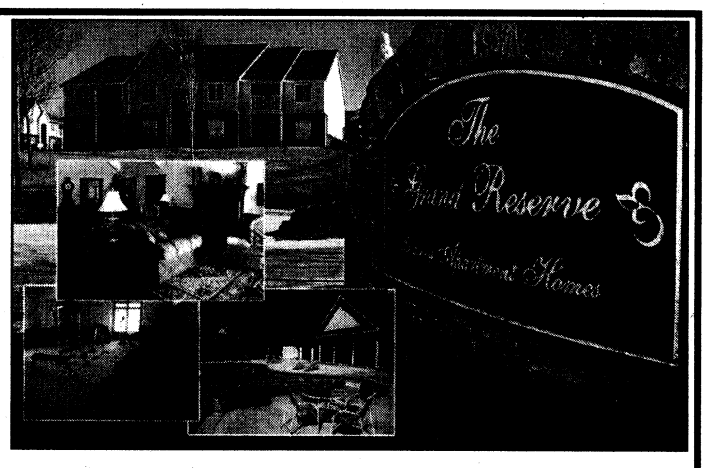

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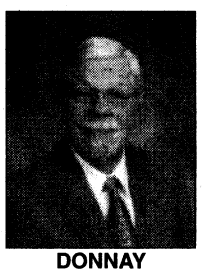
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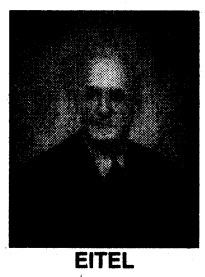
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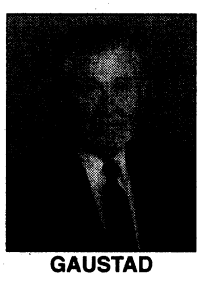
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Colonel Robert Raymond Gilbert was commissioned an Infantry Officer in the US Army Reserve upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Twentieth Company, Third Student Training Regiment, on 28 March 1944. His first duty assignment was as a Student of the 1st Parachute Training Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia.


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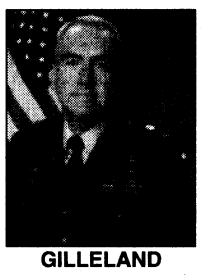
Colonel Troy E. Gilleland Jr. was commissioned an Adjutant General Corps Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 1-78, on 22 February 1978. His first duty assignment was as Officer Branch Manager, US Army Military Community Activity, Worms, Germany.


GILLELAND

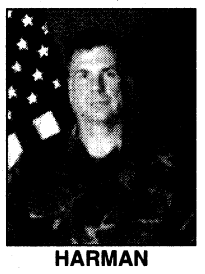
COLONEL EDGAR NICHOLAS GLOTZBACH

Colonel Edgar Nicholas Glotzbach was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 233-43, on 15 May 1943. His first duty assignment was as an Instructor, Rifle Marksmanship Unit, US Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.


GLOTZBACH

COLONEL FRANK L. HARMAN III

Colonel Frank L. Harman III was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 4-79, on 7 September 1979. His first duty assignment was as a Platoon Leader, A Company, Infantry Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas.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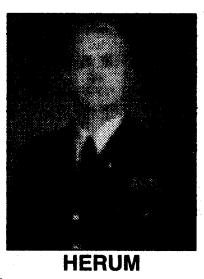
COLONEL ROBERT DUNCAN HIGHLAND HERUM

Colonel Robert Duncan Highland Herum was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 4-78, on 7 December 1978. His first duty assignment was as an Infantry Platoon Leader, B Company, 1-7 Infantry Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Aschaffenburg, Federal Republic of Germany.


HERUM

COLONEL LARRY ARTHUR HOFFMAN

Colonel Larry Arthur Hoffman was commissioned a Military Intelligence Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 5-68. His first duty assignment was S-3, 14th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC.


HOFFMAN

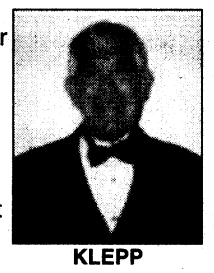
COLONEL GOPAL S. KHALSA

Colonel Gopal S. Khalsa was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class RC 2-81, on 25 August 1980. His first duty assignment was as Tactical Surveillance Officer, 297th Military Intelligence Detachment, Phoenix, Arizona.


KHALSA

COLONEL FREDRICK W. KLEPP

Colonel Fredrick W. Klepp was commissioned a Military Police Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 5-68, on 05 February 1968. His first duty assignment was as Courts and Boards Officer, Fort Dix, New Jersey.


KLEPP

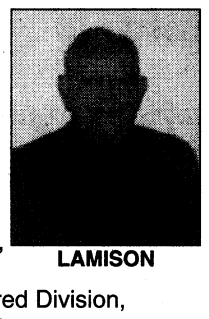
COLONEL DENNIS MICHAEL KLINE

Colonel Dennis Michael Kline was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School on 12 May 1969. His first duty assignment was as Special Forces ODA Executive Officer, A Team, 10th Special Forces Group (Aviation Battalion), Fort Devens, Maryland.


KLINE

COLONEL KENNETH RICHARD LAMISON

Colonel Kenneth Richard Lamison was commissioned a Cavalry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School- Fort Knox, Kentucky, Class 9, on 22 August 1942. His first duty assignment was Platoon Leader, 3rd Platoon, Company F, 37th Armored Regiment, 4th Armored Division, Watertown, New York.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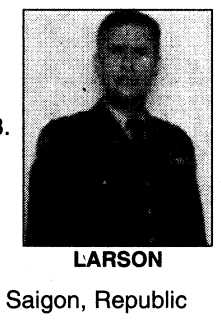
COLONEL JOHN D. LARSON

Colonel John D. Larson was commissioned a Military Intelligence Officer upon his graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 5-68, on 5 February 1968. His first duty assignment was Imagery Interpretation Team Chief, Combined Intelligence Center, Saigon, Republic of Vietnam.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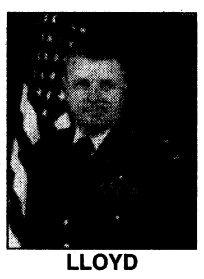
COLONEL JULES BOSWELL LLOYD JR.

Colonel Jules B. Lloyd Jr. was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 14-67, on 7 March 1967. His first duty assignment was as a Rifle Platoon Leader in Germany.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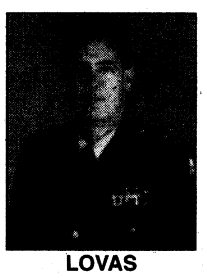
COLONEL JAMES WILLIAM LOVAS

Colonel James William Lovas was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 54-69, on 29 August 1969. His first duty assignment was as Platoon Leader, Company F, 41st Infantry, Combat Developments Experimentation Command, Fort Ord, California.


LOVAS

COLONEL EDWARD B. MAJOR

Colonel Edward B. Major was commissioned an Ordinance Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 4-76, on 29 June 1976. His first duty assignment was as Executive Officer, 3rd BTC Brigade, Fort Dix, New Jersey.


MAJOR

COLONEL DONALD TUTT MCCRACKEN JR.

Colonel Donald Tutt McCracken Jr. was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 20-76-A, on 19 APR 1965. His first duty assignment was as a Training Officer, 8th Battalion, 2nd Brigade (Training), Fort Jackson, South Carolina.


MCCRACKEN

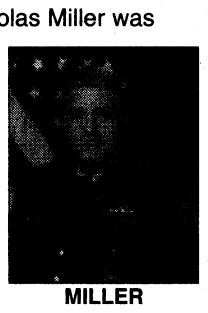
COLONEL GEORGE W. McCRAW

Colonel George W. McCraw was commissioned a Field Artillery Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 20-67, on 29 May 1967. His first duty assignment was as an Instructor, Officer Candidate Brigade, U.S. Army Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.


MCCRAW

COLONEL STEVEN NICHOLAS MILLER

Colonel Steven Nicholas Miller was commissioned Adjutant General Corps upon graduation from Officer Candidate School on 18 January 1980. His first duty assignment was as an Operations Officer, Military Entrance Processing Station, Shreveport, Louisiana.


MILLER

COLONEL ROBERT W MOOTY

Colonel Robert W Mooty was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 03-76, on 20 April 1976. His first duty assignment was a Platoon Leader, C Company, 1st Battalion, 504th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.


MOOTY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GARETH JON NICHOLSON

Lieutenant Colonel Gareth Jon Nicholson was commissioned a Military Police Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 2-73, on 12 March 1973. His first duty assignment was a Assistant Corrections Officer with the 519th Military Police Battalion and Watch Commander, Office of the Provost Marshal, Fort Meade, Maryland.


NICHOLSON

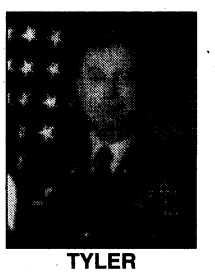
LIEUTENANT COLONEL KIM SALVATORE ORLANDO

Lieutenant Colonel Kim Salvatore Orlando was commissioned as a Military Police Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 501-86, on 3 June 1986. His first duty assignment was a Platoon Leader, Combat Support Military Support Company, Mohringren, Germany.


ORLANDO

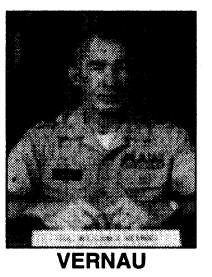
FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE M. RING

First Lieutenant George M. Ring was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School (92nd Company) on 17 February 1967. His first duty assignment was as an Executive Officer to a Training Company of an Advanced Infantry training brigade at Fort McClellan, Alabama.


RING

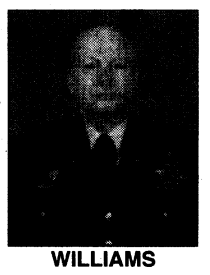
LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALFRED H. M. SHEHAB

Lieutenant Colonel Alfred H.M. Shehab was commissioned as a Cavalry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School- Fort Knox, Kentucky, Class 9-42, on 22 August 1942. His first duty assignment was as Platoon Leader, Reconnaissance Company, 37th Armored Regiment, 4th Armored Division, Pine Camp, New York.


SHEHAB

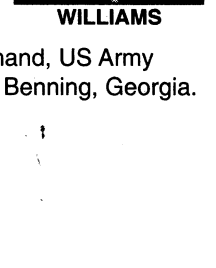
COLONEL NELVIN EUGENE TYLER JR

Colonel Nelvin Eugene Tyler Jr. was commissioned a Signal Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 4-77, on 21 October 1977. His first duty assignment was an Instructor, Signal Officer Basic Course, Fort Gordon, Georgia.


TYLER

COLONEL WILLIAM F. VERNAU

Colonel William F. Vernau was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 52-53, on 20 May 1953. His first duty assignment was as Intercept Officer, 330th Communications Reconnaissance Company, Republic of Korea.


VERNAU

COLONEL ROLAND BENSON WILLIAMS

Colonel Roland Benson Williams was commissioned a Second Lieutenant Infantry Officer upon graduating Officer Candidate School, Class 03-76, on 20 April 1976. His first duty assignment was as Officer In Charge, Education Television, Audio/Visual Production Officer, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command, US Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia.

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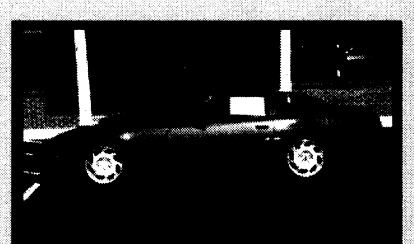

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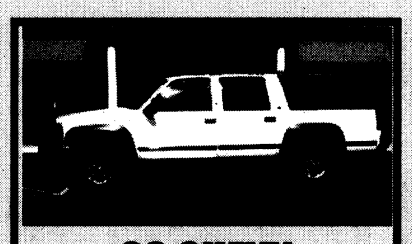

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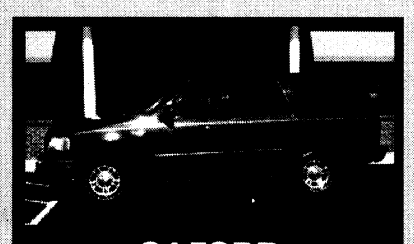

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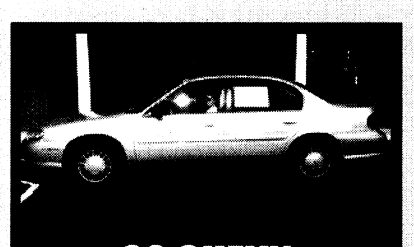

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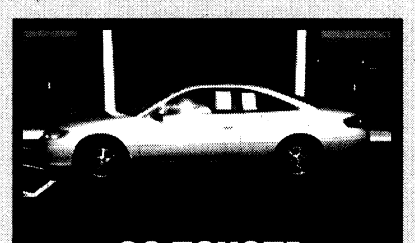

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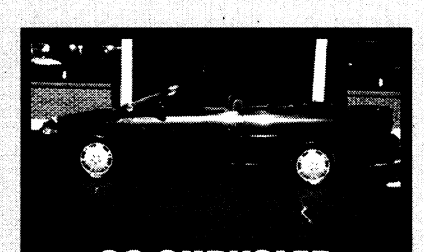

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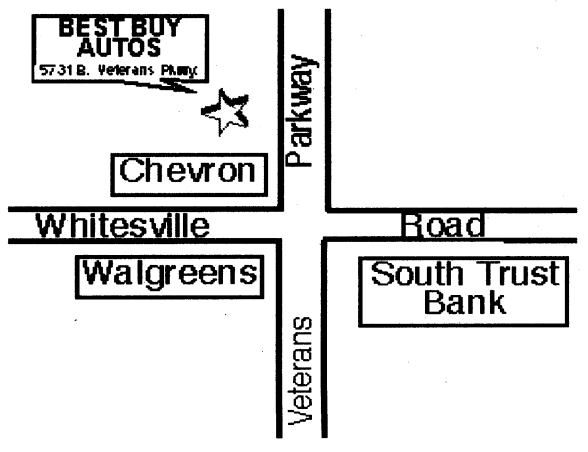

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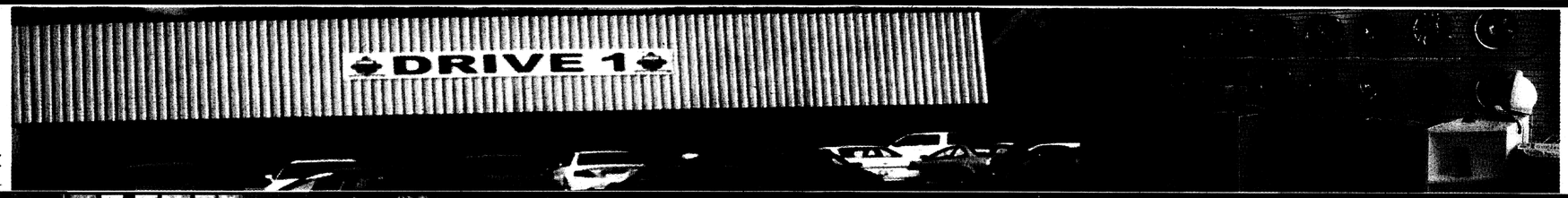

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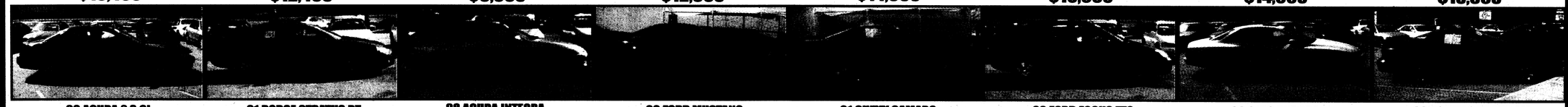

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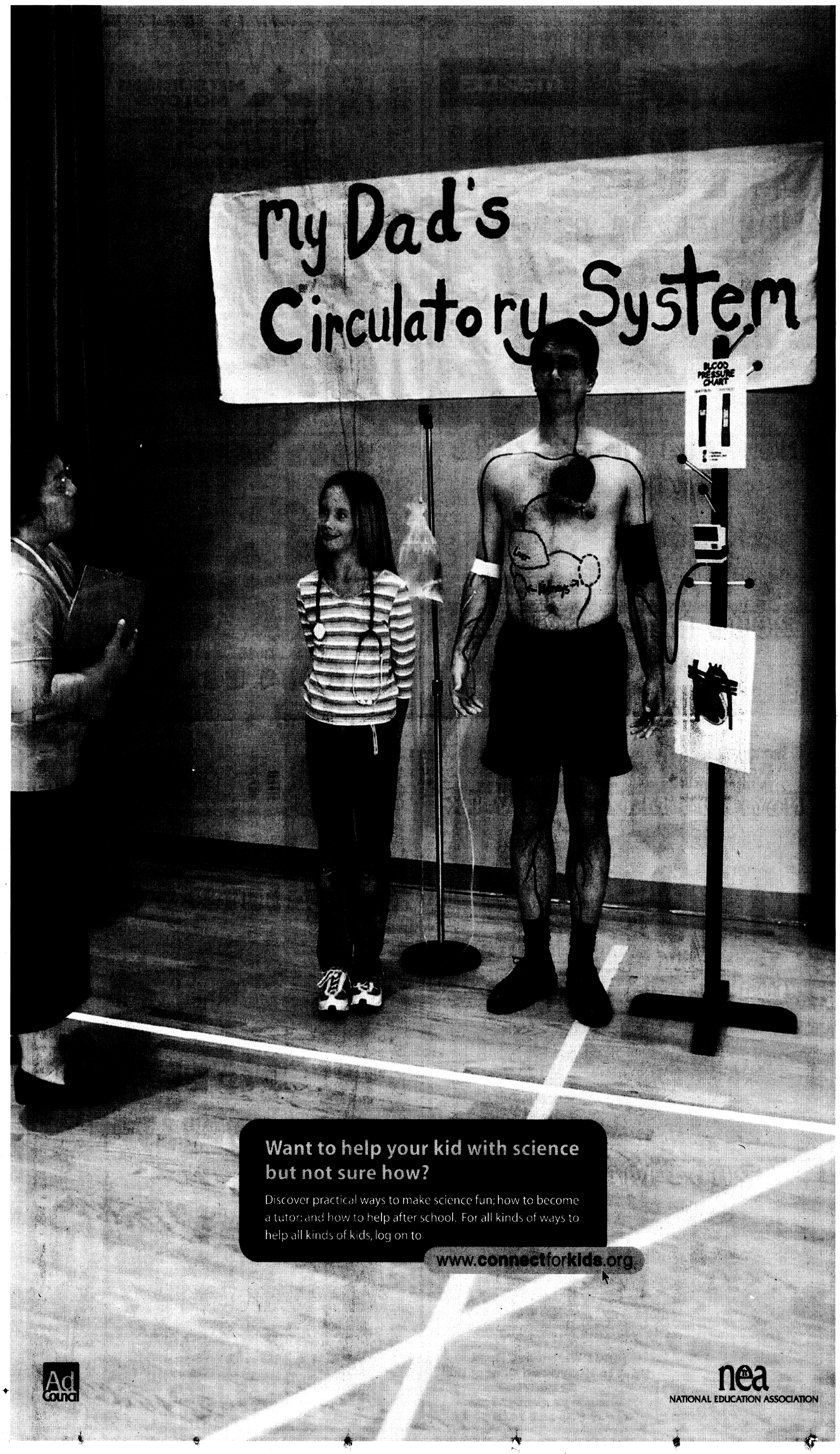
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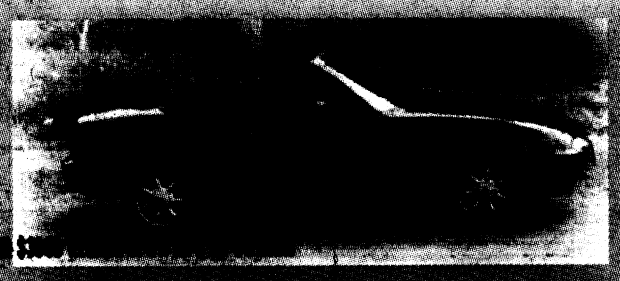

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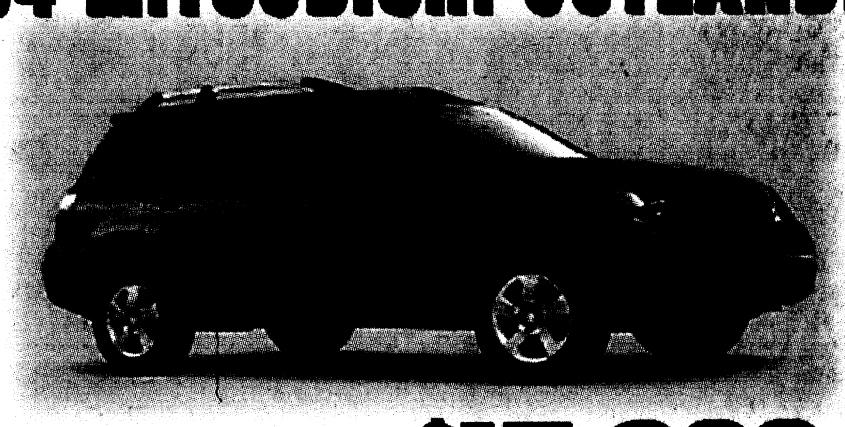

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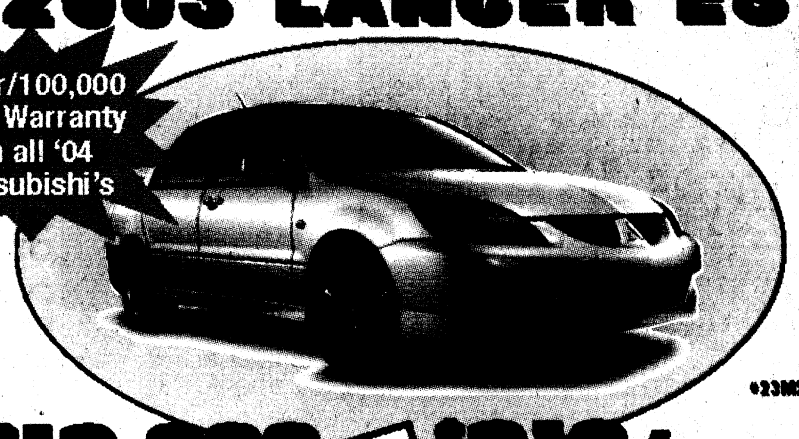

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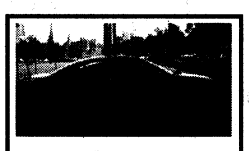
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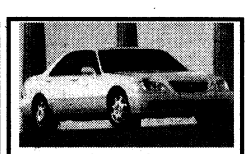
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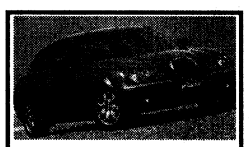
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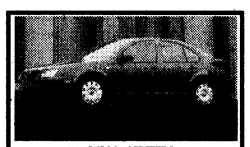
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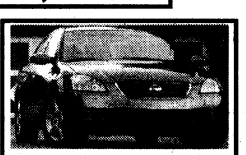
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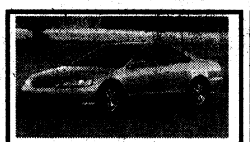
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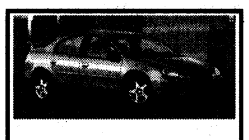
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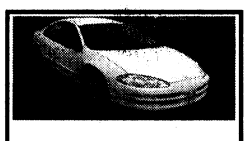
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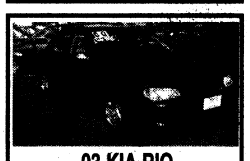
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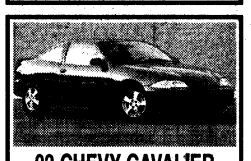
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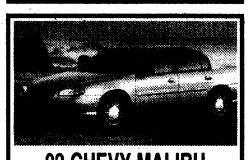
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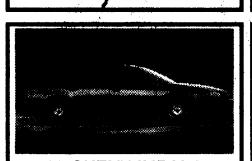
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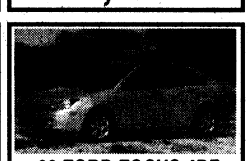
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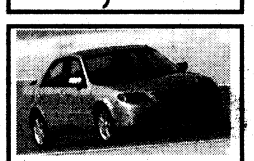
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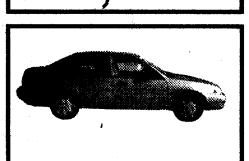
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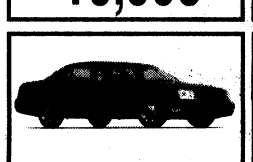
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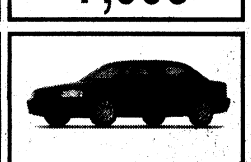
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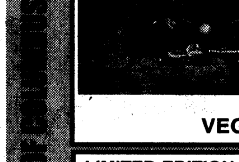
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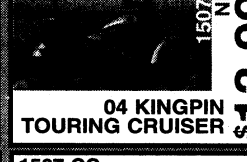
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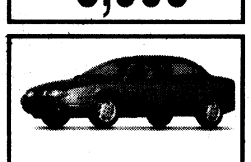
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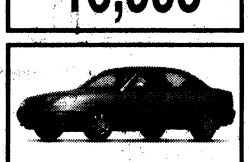
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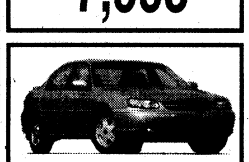
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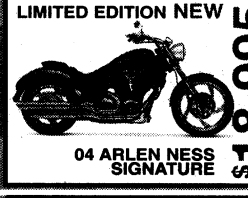
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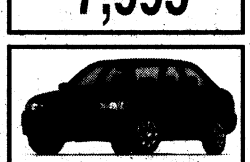
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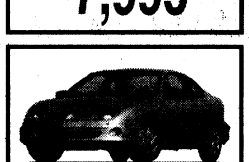
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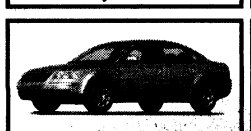
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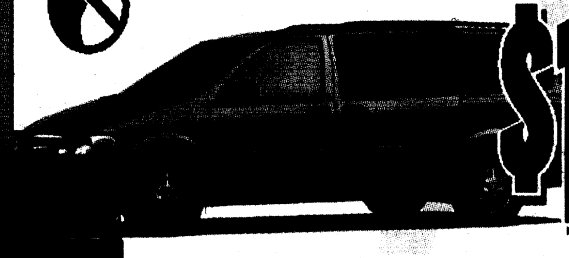

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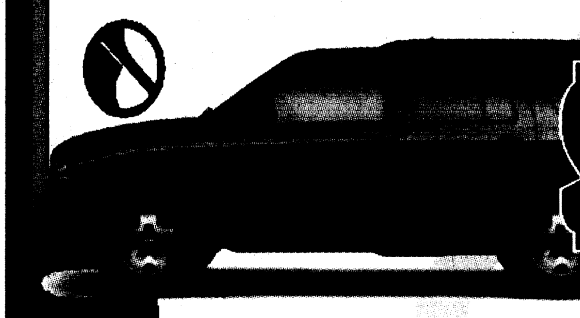

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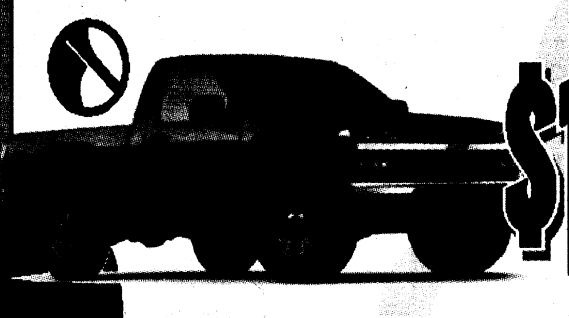

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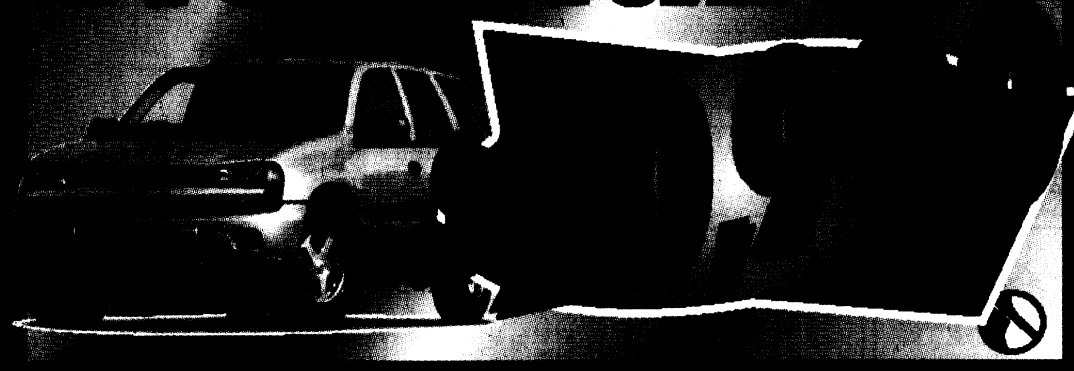

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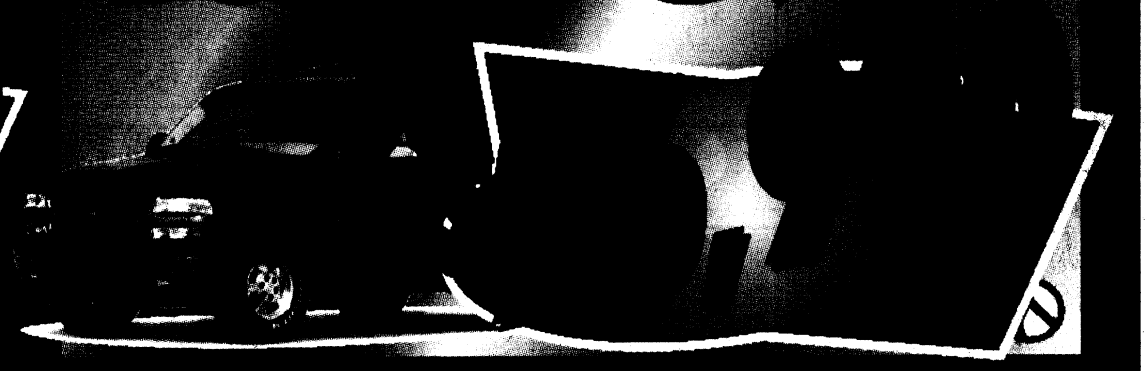

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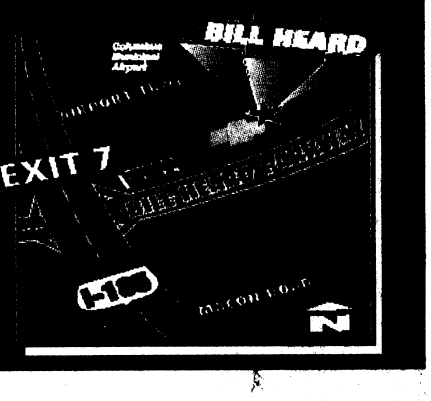

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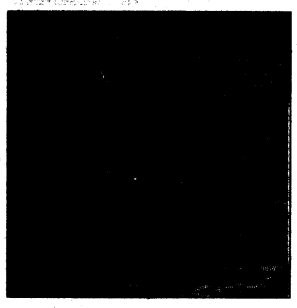

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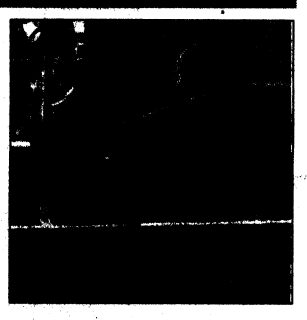

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Benning to survey drinkers

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Debrah Manning couldn't believe her ears.

"I rolled that sucker three times and walked away without a scratch," a young Soldier boasted of his recent car accident.

The Soldier was a student in Army Drug Abuse Prevention and Training; his accident was alcohol-related.

That comment was "the voice of youth and inexperience speaking," said Manning, a prevention coordinator at Fort Benning's Army Substance Abuse Program.

Unfortunately, she said, many Soldiers follow that train of thought.

"They believe they are 10 feet tall and bullet proof, that bad things only happen to other people," she said. "Unfortunately, due to alcohol abuse, we sometimes become those 'other people.'"

As of 2000, 21 percent of service members admitted to drinking heavily, and young military people between the ages of 18 and 25 drank more heavily than their civilian peers, according to an American Forces Press Service article.

By 2002, a Department of Defense Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Military Personnel identified that military personnel ages 18 to 25 showed a rate of 27.3 percent of heavy drinking, said Yvonne Wilbanks, alcohol and drug control officer for ASAP.

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>
> **Debrah Manning**
> Prevention coordinator, Army Substance Abuse Program

Heavy drinking is defined as having five or more drinks on a single occasion at least once a week, she said.

Alcohol is the number one drug

See **ALCOHOL,** A-6

Lane one, on rappel!



Photos by Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Above: Staff Sgt. Donald Spencer, a drill sergeant with D Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, hooks up an initial entry Soldier to the rappelling lines on the practice tower at the Eagle Tower complex on Sand Hill March 25.

Right: Initial entry Soldier Pvt. Brent Liethen takes his first walk down the Eagle Tower rappelling wall.

The Eagle Tower complex consists of a Slide for Life obstacle and the tower itself, which challenges Soldiers with climbing, rope bridge, swinging and rappelling designed to build confidence and instill courage in IET Soldiers, said Staff Sgt. Marty Belanger.



New chapel coming soon

Post officials to break ground today

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

"To say that I'm overwhelmed with joy that the construction of the new chapel is underway would be an understatement," said Chaplain (Col.) Joseph O'Keeffe, garrison chaplain pastor, as he talked about today's groundbreaking ceremony for the new chapel.

The groundbreaking ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m. on Ingersoll Avenue in front of Wynnsong, the post theater.

"There were many doubting Thomases that a new chapel was going to be built, but prayer and the great support of Congressman Mac Collins and Senator Zeb Miller got the congressional approval and funding for the chapel," O'Keeffe said.

Once completed, the 22,057-square-foot chapel facility will hold a religious education resource center, four offices, 12 classrooms, two multipurpose

See **CHAPEL,** A-13

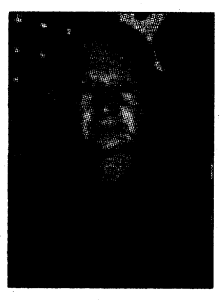
3rd ID commander visits post

Discusses force changes, restructuring

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Maj. Gen. William Webster, the commanding general of the 3rd Infantry Division, outlined changes to Army force structure and described the possible impact of those changes on the global war on terrorism, the Army and the 3rd Inf. Div. during a press conference at Malone Range 7 on Sand Hill March 25.

Webster, who served as the deputy commanding general of land forces under Gen. Tommy Franks during the first phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom, said the Army chief of staff decided the Army will be more efficient and effective if it was reorganized.



Webster

He said the Army was previously division-focused. When mobilized for deployment, Soldiers who had never trained, lived with or even met each other were thrown together just prior to arriving in theater.

Under the new organizational structure, he said, the force will be brigade-focused. Each brigade will have all the elements it needs to deploy, fight and sustain its presence with little need for higher support.

As part of this restructuring movement, Webster said, the Army is working to form 10 to 15 additional brigades — without increasing total-Army end strength.

The 3rd ID was tasked to form two extra brigades. The division now consists of four maneuver brigades and an aviation brigade, which is twice the size it was before, Webster said.

The goal of this restructuring, Webster said, is to increase performance, morale and sustainability.

"In the future," Webster said, "Soldiers who will deploy together will live, work and breathe together all the time."

The new brigade combat teams will be labeled "units of action."

Webster said 3rd Brigade, 3rd Inf. Div., is unique in that its structure already mirrors the projected force structure.

All the components of the envisioned brigade combat team are here and have been training and fighting together for years, through peace and war, he said.

On Kelley Hill, the effects of the

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Don't forget daylight-saving time. Set your clocks forward one hour Sunday. And change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

CALLING IT QUITS

Ditch drinking debacles

Sgt. Kim Dooley
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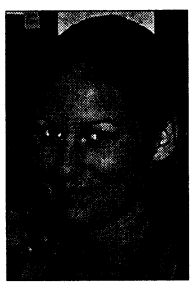

I like to drink. I like going out to the bar with my friends, kicking back, having a good time. I like to catch a little "buzz" now and then. I like the atmosphere, the people.

It's harmless fun, and (most of the time), I stay in control — I know when it's time to quit.

But drinking can be a bit like a game of Russian Roulette. Not just for me, but for so many people. Because there's that invisible line, the one you don't think about as your bar tab grows and the table fills up with empty bottles and glasses.

Where one more drink means the difference between making it home safely in a cab or being the person escorted out of the bar, unconscious, by security with vomit stains on their clothes.

Fortunately, I haven't visited that rock bottom (at least not in public), but it wasn't that long ago that I was close.

It wasn't long ago that I tiptoed that line, dangerously close to going off the deep end with my drinking habits.

Am I an alcoholic? No, I wouldn't say so. Did my life suffer really traumatic, permanent damage? No, I didn't climb behind the wheel or black out in public venues or get arrested — nothing that dramatic. My drunken deeds aren't going to rival or even compare to those you would hear in an AA meeting.

In fact, the only person they really hurt that badly was me.

But that's my point. When we lose control, we've gone too far. When we start drinking to get obliterated, when we regularly call our friends the next day to piece together the events of the previous night, when we wake up with no recollection of getting home, when we forfeit control of our faculties and sensibilities ... we've gone too far.

I'm a lucky girl, if you ask me. Not long ago, anything could have happened to me and there wouldn't have been much I could do about it. Because I wasn't in control of myself or my binge drinking.

I was a sitting duck for ill-intentioned guys, mean-spirited girls, anyone who wanted to take advantage of me. And I was blessed that no one ever did. But I see it all the time now. Now that I can stop once I've started.

I see people passed out in the bathroom, head on a toilet seat countless people have used just that night. I see people getting in fights, getting booted from bars. I see people who have been drinking for hours climb into their cars even after their friends have pleaded with them not to drive. I see people staggering home with strangers — different strangers than they left with last weekend.

Some of them I know, some of them I don't. It doesn't really matter.

Because we all have to ask ourselves — is it really worth it? When all it takes is a little bit of extra effort to avoid crossing the line— drinking slowly, pacing yourself, stopping when you know you need to. You still get to have fun. You still get to join in the party and have a good time with your friends.

And what are we really giving up? Are we having such a great time when we wake up with a ridiculously bad hangover that lasts all day only to go do it all over again that night? Are we having that much fun when we're strapped for cash a week before payday because we spent our paycheck at the bar?

Is it really worth it when we're facing serious day-after consequences? Maybe a DUI or a wrecked car, maybe a sexually transmitted disease or an unwanted pregnancy. Maybe cuts and bruises. Maybe wounds that can't be healed. Whatever the consequences, is it really worth it to cross that line?

What are you gonna do?

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



What if, when a baby was born, Mom and Dad took a vow, kinda like they did when they wed? What if they promised to love and cherish and honor in sickness or in health.

Never forsaking.
Never shaking.
Never hurting.
Never beating.

And never, never, never — need it be said? — shoving or smacking or kicking or punching till death do they part.

It's National Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Are you aware that a Fort Benning Soldier was recently charged with killing his 5-year-old stepdaughter, a tiny slip of a thing with big brown eyes and an angel's smile. India was her name. He beat her, officials say, and left her to die on her bed.

Sorry, did I make you flinch?

Are you aware that the children of a Fort Benning family were recently taken from their parents? "Removed from the home" is the accepted verbiage, I think. They were hungry and dirty and mad at the world, and their constant rages at school were surely a cry for help.

Did you hear it?

What good is Child Abuse Awareness Month if we don't rip the blinders from our eyes? What good is it to be aware that child abusers live among us if it doesn't incite righteous anger and a willingness — better yet, a determination — to stop the abuse.

The question, then, is how?

The dream of ending abuse is a vague and lofty goal, like ending war and hunger throughout the world. It seems so unrealistic as to be unattainable. Much easier to close our eyes and ears and pray for peace, yadayadayada.

Many years ago, when I was just a child, there was a young woman in our church who married a widower and inherited a houseful of small children.

Together, they added a couple more to the brood within a couple of years.

The good church members watched and smirked and whispered and rolled their eyes as the overtaxed woman went into a slow, stressful tailspin. Even I, at the tender and totally self-absorbed age of 10, could see this woman had reached the breaking point.

A broken arm here, a broken leg there. And bruises, always bruises.

My mom, a quiet woman of immeasurable faith who raised us seven with a firm hand (yes, she spanked, but she never abused), put her faith into action.

She stepped forward, reached out to the woman and offered something no one else had been willing to give — someone to talk to, someone to relate to, and someone full of the sage wisdom that comes with raising half a dozen children, plus one.

I wish I could tell you this story had a happy ending. I truly don't know.

I don't know what became of that family, but I know what became of the 10-year-old girl who watched her mother take a stand.

She grew up to write a column about National Child Abuse Awareness Month. And she wonders, if she had known little India and the mom and dad who should've vowed to cherish her, would she have reached out to help?

Editor's note: *Here are useful numbers to try and get help:*

- *Family Advocacy Program, Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza. Call 545-7515 or 545-3344.*
- *Spouse abuse shelters in Columbus at 324-3850, Phenix City at (334) 297-4401.*
- *Social Work Services, Building 2625 in Soldiers' Plaza. Call 545-1661.*
- *Family Advocacy New Parent Support/First Steps Program. Martin Army Community Hospital. Call 544-2020.*
- *Parent Education Program: 545-1760.*
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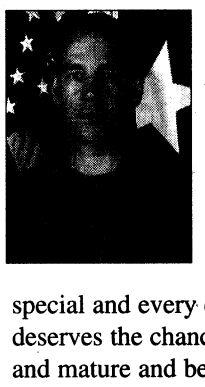
PROCLAMATION

CG stands up for kids



Children are our future — our most precious resource, the leaders of tomorrow.

We need to nurture children, protect them, defend them, and see in them all the promise and hope of our communities and our country.

Since 1974, we have been committed by law, by regulation, and by action to take an active role in making sure child abuse and maltreatment are eliminated.

Abuse and neglect hurt and injure children now and undermine the potential for leadership and caregiving in the next generation.

Nurturing and protecting are the focus of the family, yet everyone has a part to play in protecting children and preventing child abuse.

Our military and civilian professionals have specific responsibilities to assure the safety of children. However, the nurturing of children requires a contribution from everyone.

Only caring, communities can produce caring competent children. Each child is special and every child deserves the chance to grow and mature and be part of a peaceful world.

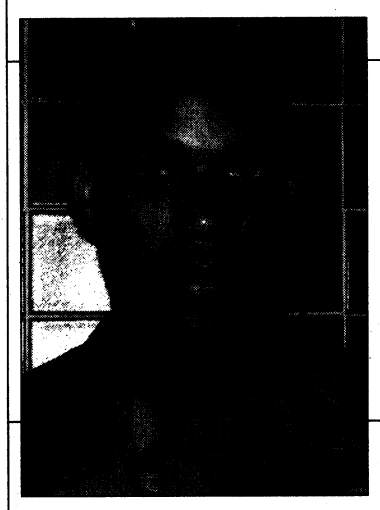
Therefore, I declare April 2004 Child Abuse Prevention Month at Fort Benning and call upon all Soldiers, families, citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

Protect America's future by protecting America's children.

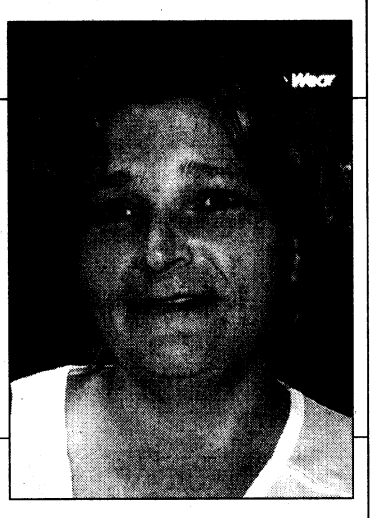
Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley
Commanding General

VARIOUS VOICES

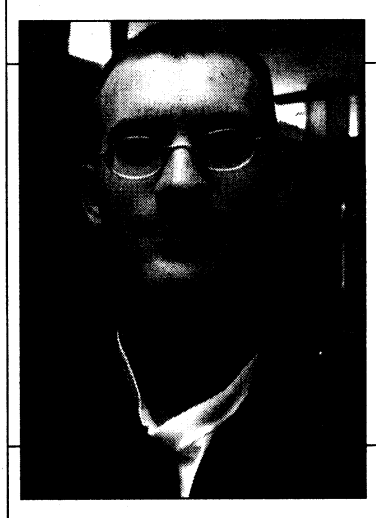
How can alcohol abuse affect your life?



Sgt. Marcus Bloxton, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment — "Alcohol can make you very dehydrated, and it can also make you do very badly on your PT test. It'll also burn out your liver."



Dorothy Davis, family member — "Alcohol can do away with a relationship. It makes it hard to communicate and it is just hard to deal with."



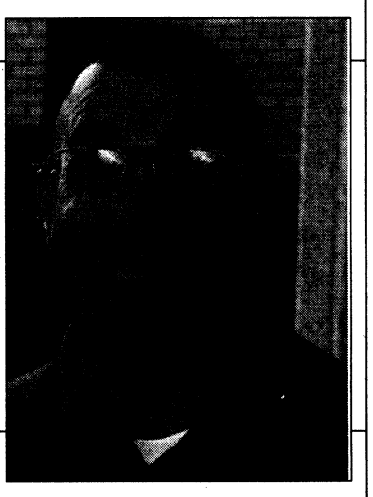
Pvt. Mateo Vaux, 30th AG — "It'll tear your career apart. When I was in the Marine Corps, I saw people I worked with get in big trouble because of it. It's just not worth it."



Damaris Flores, family member — "Drunken driving can kill innocent family members — even one of your own. I have friends who have been hit by drunken drivers. It's unfair to families and their children."



Sgt. Michael Skelle, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "Drinking too much in front of your children will make them think it's OK. It's just a bad thing for your kids to see."



Harry Hovey, retired — "Alcohol sometimes leads to promiscuous behavior, causing problems in your marriage, if you're married, or causing sexually transmitted diseases. Also, your friends won't want to hang out with you, because no one likes a lush."

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OCS inducts 41 into Hall of Fame

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Following a tradition begun in 1952, the Officer Candidate School will induct 41 of its graduates into the OCS Hall of Fame in a ceremony at 3 p.m. today in Marshall Auditorium.

The Hall of Fame was established to honor OCS Medal of Honor recipients and other distinguished graduates to motivate and provide an incentive for OCS candidates and graduates to excel.

"The Hall of Fame is extremely important to the OCS," said Lt. Col. Bradley Booth, commander, 3rd Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry Regiment. "A sense of tradition and history is critical to building unit cohesion and espirit de corps."

To date, 2,136 Soldiers have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Induction is automatic for any OCS graduate who has received the Medal of Honor or attained general officer rank. Other nominees are selected based on their distinguished service in their civilian and military careers.

There's no real checklist, said Capt. Enrique Torres, Hall of Fame action officer. The induction board, six local officers, votes on the nominees.

Booth said it is essential to recognize OCS graduates for their tremendous service to the Army and the nation and he is impressed by this year's inductees.

"They are a tremendous group," Booth said. "They represent literally hundreds of years of Army service."

The group, he said, is composed of everyone from junior officers who led units in combat to senior Army leadership.

Among the inductees are Col. Frank Harmon III, commander of Fort Benning's 29th Inf. Regt., and Lt. Col. Kim Orlando, who was killed in action last year in Iraq while commanding the 716th Military Police Battalion, 101st Airborne Division.

Booth said the Hall of Fame inductees are true role models for today's candidates.

Since candidates and cadre have the opportunity to mingle with the inductees, the events provide a glimpse of the type of contributions the nation asks of OCS graduates.

"OCS continues to turn out great officers for the Army and the nation," Booth said. "The standards, principles and purpose of why General Bradley created OCS are as valid today as they were 60 years ago."

As part of the Hall of Fame celebration, Torres said the inductees met for dinner at the Officers' Club Thursday, and will hold a reception following today's ceremony in Wigle Hall.

Wigle Hall is the building designated as the OCS Hall of Fame. The hall was officially named in 1958 in honor of 2nd Lt. Thomas Wigle, a 1943 OCS graduate and the first graduate to earn the Medal of Honor.

Former Special Forces Soldier receives Patterson Award

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Although he's only a second lieutenant, James Clark is already out on top.

Clark was selected as this year's recipient of the Patterson Award as the outstanding graduate of the Officer Candidate School.

Clark was nominated by the command group of 3rd Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry Regiment, and represents the best of the more than 1,200 OCS graduates from the past year.

Members of the Patterson Foundation in New York selected Clark for the honor.

Clark, a native of Metairie, La., joined the Army in 1989, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather and great uncle.

"I was drawn to it (the Army) from my family and it was a good thing to do," Clark said.

"I didn't necessarily plan at the outset to stay," he said. "But I'm the first one in my family to make it a career."

Clark did a tour at Fort Carson, Colo., before going to Fort Bragg, N.C., for the Special Forces Assessment Selection and the qualification course in 1991.

After five years at Fort Bragg, Clark said he got to see all the places the 7th Special Forces Group had to offer, spending six to eight months at a time in Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Then, with six years under his belt in a forward-deployed SF company, and his name on the master sergeant promotion list, Clark decided he had done everything he wanted to do.

So he applied for OCS.

"I wanted to find a way to stay in direct contact, leading Soldiers," Clark said.

And he'll do just that as a platoon leader in the 82nd Airborne Division when he reports for duty in May.

Clark will have to do degree completion after his platoon leader time, and then plans to go back to the SF as a team leader.

To do that, Clark said, requires him to attend the SF course again.

"I did it the first time at 20 or 21. This time, I'll do it at 35 or 36. It will make for good war stories later, when I'm old."

Lt. Col. Bradley Booth, commander, 3rd Bn. (OCS), 11th Inf. Regt., said Clark's selection as the distinguished leader graduate of OCS Class 4-03, his military record as an enlisted Soldier and his performance at OCS and in the Infantry Officer Basic Course led to his selection.

The Patterson Award was established in 1952 by friends of Judge Robert P. Patterson, who set up a trust fund on his behalf.

Patterson enlisted in the 7th Infantry New York Army National Guard in 1915 and was commissioned in the infantry after completing Officer's Training Camp in 1916.

He served in both world wars, leading infantry Soldiers and displaying extraordinary heroism in action in 1918, when he earned the Distinguished Service Cross on a "daring daylight reconnaissance into enemy lines and personally destroying an enemy outpost."

He also earned the Silver Star and Purple Heart.

After leaving the military, Patterson served on the U.S. District Court and Circuit Court of Appeals and as undersecretary of war for President Franklin Roosevelt and secretary of war for President Truman.

At the time of his death in a plane crash in 1952, he had dedicated 21 years to military and government service.

Clark will take a windfall with him as he leaves Fort Benning. His prize for winning the Patterson Award — an engraved 9 mm Beretta pistol in a presentation case and a check for somewhere around $2,000 made out to his wife, Kary.

The check, Clark said, represents the interest accrued on the Patterson trust fund, and will be going into his "house fund" for the family's move to Fort Bragg.

"It's, by far, the nicest award I've ever gotten," he said.

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Army speeds up issue process

Commercial items tested for Soldier use

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Soldier Enhancement Program is now looking for input and ideas from Soldiers during its current revitalization process.

The program tries to get commercial, off-the-shelf items to Soldiers in less than three years instead of the normal research, development, testing and evaluation process that may take six to 10 years.

"The troops are going out and spending money out of their pockets to buy items that will make their missions and lives easier while they're out in the field," said Sgt. Maj. Tom House, Training and Doctrine Command Systems Manager-Soldier sergeant major. "The goal of SEP is to make equipment that Soldiers are buying available through the Army in less than three years."

SEP, however, does not purchase or issue any equipment for Soldiers.

Its main purpose is to identify the need for an item, test it and type classify it — procurement dollars must still be budgeted for the equipment, said Ken Sutton, SEP manager for TSM-Soldier.

Soldiers and their commanders are encouraged to submit ideas to SEP for consideration; however, it is not an incentive award program, House said. No monetary awards are given for proposals that are adopted for use and result in a cost savings to the government.

In order for an item to go through a SEP evaluation, it must meet certain criteria, House said.

- Will the item be worn, carried or consumed for individual use in a tactical environment?
- Is it a nondevelopmental item that is commercially available, off-the-shelf right now?
- Are Soldiers spending their own money on this item to make their lives better while in the field?

"We do not fix, improve or develop new ideas," House said. "We only take ideas that are already out there and make sure they will help Soldiers."

Some of the successful items that have gone through SEP are items all Soldiers count on while in the field — like the battle dress uniform, desert BDUs, modular sleeping system, the M-4 carbine rifle, desert boots, MRE heaters, M-45 protective masks, the five-Soldier crew tent and more than 30 other items.

There are quarterly meetings held at different installations where ongoing programs are reviewed and new proposals are considered.

House encourages Soldiers to attend the meetings to see what is being offered and supported by combat developers.

During the revitalization process, SEP managers are looking for new ideas on what may be done to speed up the evaluation process, House said. "Some of the items — boots, socks, hats and belts — should only take 12 months to be approved."

Also, SEP is currently in the process of rewriting its policy to provide the logistical trail for items that are currently being issued through the rapid fielding initiative program, House said.

"Currently, when a Soldier receives an item during RFI and they lose it or break it, it is non-replaceable and the Soldier must replace that item him or herself," Sutton said. "We're trying to change that so Soldiers may receive replacement parts through military issue."

The next SEP meeting is scheduled in May at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

For more information on the upcoming meetings, call House at 545-3327 or Sutton at 545-6047.

Submit ideas to Sutton at suttonk@benning.army.mil or submit and look at adopted ideas at https://peosoldier.army.mil.

Don't let your dog tags dangle in the dirt ...

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Today, the U.S. military is developing and testing a new tag, which will hold 80 percent of a Soldier's medical and dental records on a microchip.

This dog tag is not intended to replace the present tag, but rather to augment it as part of the "paperless battlefield" concept.

"The Army is looking for a quicker way to identify Soldiers," said Frank Hanner, director, National Infantry Museum. "If they can scan the chip on the battlefield, the process of identification and relaying information to command and next of kin, will be quicker."

Currently, Soldiers wear military identification tags to ensure they can be identified should they be killed or wounded in battle.

At one time, Soldiers were required to wear them only while in a field environment, traveling in an aircraft or when outside of the continental United States, but the Army Regulation, 600-8-14, was changed in September.

The Fort Benning policy changed at that time as well. Policy memorandum 670-1-5 was signed by Col. Charles Cornwell, chief of staff, U.S. Army Infantry Center, and reads, "Fort Benning Soldiers will wear identification tags (dog tags) at all times while in uniform, with the exception of the physical fitness uniform."

"All Soldiers will wear them," said Fort Benning Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso. "Every Soldier is in an expeditionary Army. All Soldiers are subject to deployment at a moment's notice, no matter what their job is."

So, what are these dog tags? How did they come about? And how have they evolved into what they are today?

The first record of Soldiers wearing these tags was during the Civil War. Their identification tag methods varied and all were purely a result of the Soldier's initiative.

"History tells us that 40 percent of all Civil War dead remain unknown," said Willie Johnson, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park historian. "If it weren't for the Soldiers taking the initiative to make their own (tags), the number would've been a lot higher."

Currently, Soldiers wear two dog tags. Why?

"Soldiers wear two dog tags, because if they are killed or wounded, one tag goes with the casualty officer to turn in to administration when they turn in a casualty report," Hanner said. "The other tag stays with the body, so that body can be identified. Eventually, the tag may be returned to the family."

The first time the identification tag became an option for Soldiers was in 1899, but didn't become mandatory in Army regulations until 1913.

By 1917, all combat troops were wearing two aluminum discs on a rope or chain. By 1918, serial numbers were introduced, due to many Soldiers having identical names, i.e. Brown, Jones and Williams.

Next in the evolution of dog tags, came a more oblong shape with more uniform printing. First they were made of brass and then a "Monel" metal (an alloy of nickel and copper, melted with small amounts of iron and magnesium) which proved to be more corrosion resistant.

Notched dog tags were adopted in 1940 for wear, but by the early 1970s, the notch was removed, and the dog tags took their present form of stainless steel.

Throughout their evolution, dog tags have maintained some of the same information, including Soldier's surname, first name, middle initial and blood type.

Other information has come and gone including next of kin information and the serial number, which was replaced by the Soldier's Social Security number.

Abbreviations for religious affiliations were added to the tags in 1941 — Protestant (P), Catholic (C) and Hebrew (H). For Soldiers with no religious preference, no letter was printed.

In the early 1940s, there was no regulation on what other items could be worn on dog tag chains.

In today's Army, Soldiers put religious symbols and other personal momentos on the chains.

However, according to the U.S. Army Infantry home page, Soldiers are required to have one long and one short chain interlaced with one I.D. tag per chain. The only other items authorized to be hung from the chain are the Army Values card, one key, any medical alert badges and a barracks pass (if issued).

"No matter how high-tech we think we are," Hanner said, "Soldiers want to know, should they be killed in action, that their bodies will go back home to their loved ones."

"I'm proud to put on my dog tags every day," Kelso said. "There hasn't been one day since I joined the Army, I haven't put them on. It's an Army tradition, and it serves a very useful purpose."



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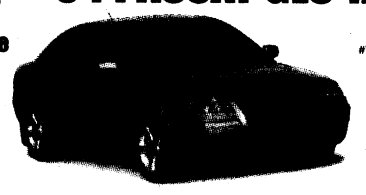

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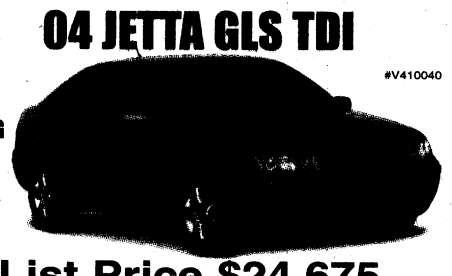

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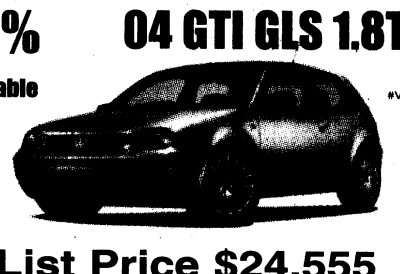

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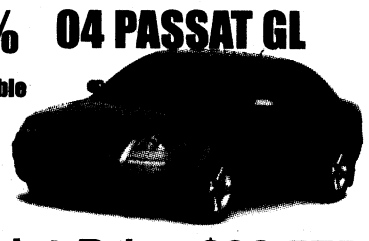

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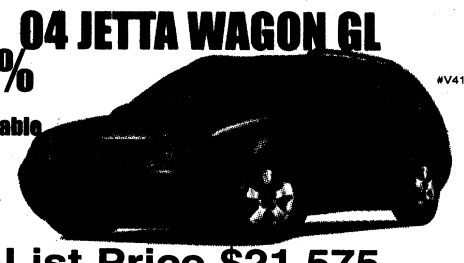

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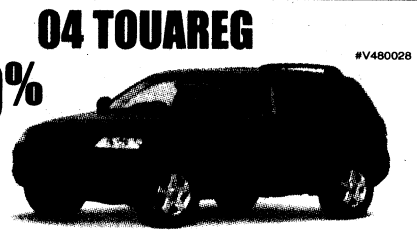

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When 'no' means no

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

She was like so many other girls. She got dressed up, headed out on the town, had a drink, maybe two ... the rest is a blur. When she woke up, head pounding, she's unsure of what's going on but feels right away that something isn't right.

And it wasn't. She'd been raped. More than likely, it was someone she knew before — a friend or co-worker, maybe even her boyfriend. More than likely, she can't remember much of it, or any of it. But she knows. She's been violated, taken advantage of. And more than likely, she won't report it.

She is any one of the 683,000 women who are raped each year — 75 percent of whom were raped by someone close to them, 85 percent of whom don't report the incident, according to the National Women's Study.

Date rape, or acquaintance rape, is a common violent crime that too often involves alcohol and "date rape drugs," like Rohypnol and gamma-hydroxybutrate, or GHB.

This crime most often involves two parties who knew each other beforehand — the victim probably trusted her attacker, probably felt she was in safe hands and would be taken care of even if she became inebriated, according to www.rape101.com.

But that's not always the case.

"Some men believe that spending money on a woman creates a situation where the date owes them sex at the end of the evening," the site reads. "Some men also believe that women play hard to get, say 'no' and mean 'yes' and enjoy being pursued by an aggressive male."

Regardless of an attacker's relationship to the victim, regardless of his mentality, anyone who abuses alcohol is at an increased risk for becoming a victim.

"Unfortunately, alcohol use is probably the easiest and most common way to become a victim of a date rape drug," said Debrah Manning, an education and prevention coordinator with Fort Benning's Army Substance Abuse Program.

"The most common scenario is to be out drinking at a club or party," she said. "You leave your drink unattended to go out to the dance floor, visit the restroom — for whatever reason. Someone slips the drug into your drink and walks away. You return, pick up your drink, take a swallow and the drug is now in your system."

Only most women won't detect the drug, Manning said. Although some date rape drugs do have a salty or bitter taste, this flavor is usually covered up by the alcohol. Other drugs are odorless and tasteless.

"The drug's presence is virtually unnoticed," she said. "Until the drug begins to take effect, which can be in as little as 10 to 15 minutes, with the victim being rendered totally unconscious in as little as 30 minutes."

Side effects of these drugs include drowsiness, confusion, dizziness, headaches, impaired judgment, difficulty speaking or walking, loss of consciousness and even amnesia, said Yvonne Wilbanks, alcohol and drug control officer at ASAP.

Sound familiar? These side effects are common signs of intoxication and can easily be mistaken as such.

Although there are steps women — and men — can take to protect themselves from date rape when drinking, Manning said, abusing alcohol can only lend more gravity to a dangerous situation.

"I personally believe that it is everyone's responsibility, male or female, to stay in control of his or her faculties at all times," she said. "Know your limits, know your surroundings, know the people you are with.

"'I was drinking,' 'I was drunk,' 'I didn't know' are not excuses, legally or morally," Manning said. "It doesn't matter if you are the victim or the cause — what's done is done and you can't turn back time."

But you can stop it before it starts. There are many ways to protect yourself from a date-rape scenario, Wilbanks said.

"Go out in groups. Look out for each other and never go off alone with someone you don't know well," she said. "Trust your instincts — if it does not feel right or makes you uncomfortable, leave. Be careful with your drinks and never leave them alone. Never drink something you did not open and pour yourself."

And pay attention, Manning said.

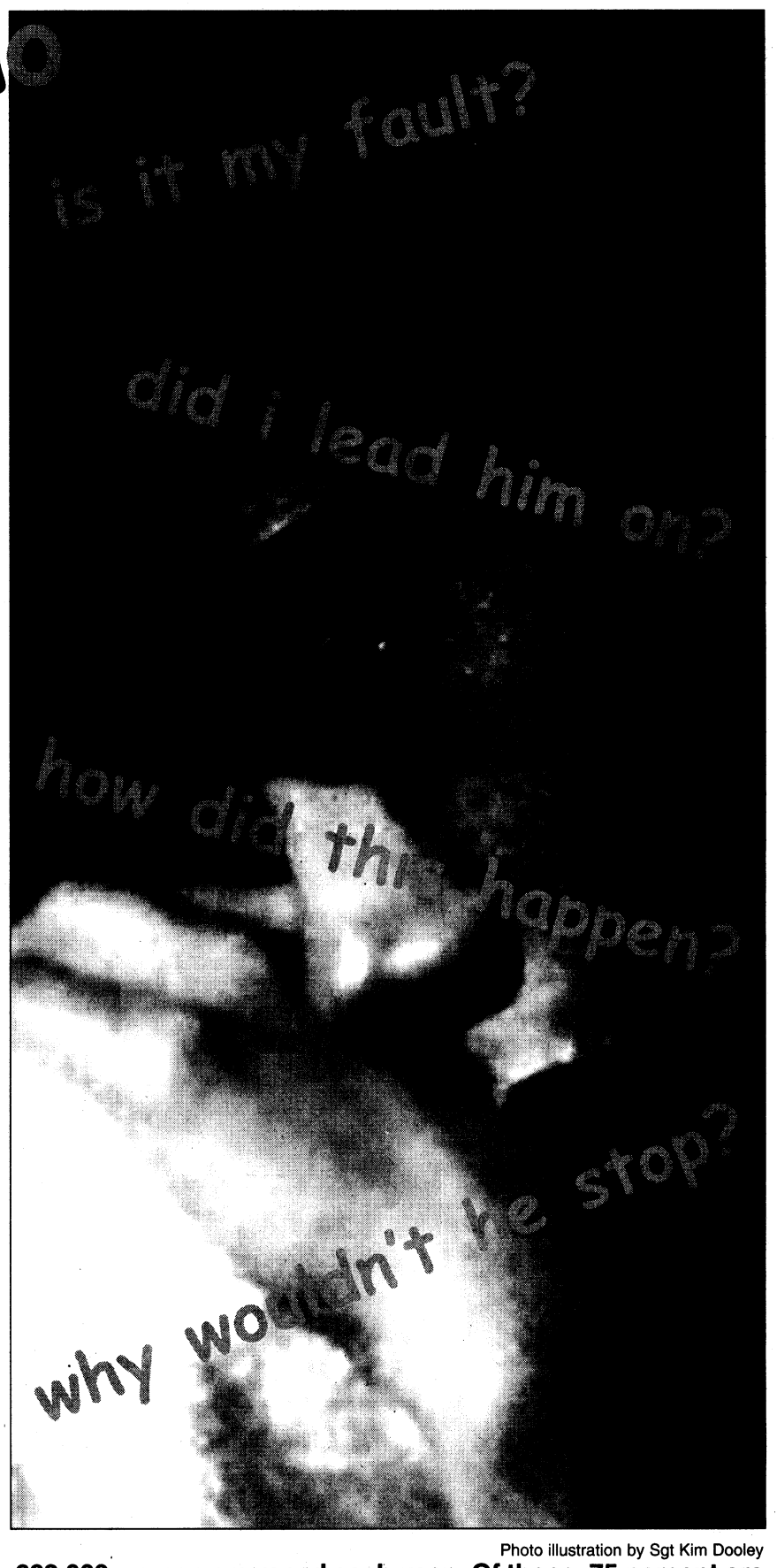
"After you have your drink, never leave it unattended," she said. "If you have to, then when you return to it, dump that drink and get a new one.

"Also be watchful ... If you see someone messing around with another person's drink, question it, or immediately tell the drink's owner what happened. These drugs can render a person who is large and strong as weak as a newborn baby in a matter of minutes."

Manning also warned men to keep their guards up.

"Women are no longer the only victims of date rape drugs," she said. "We are seeing more and more men brought into emergency rooms suffering the effects of these terrible drugs."

For more information about date rape drugs or any other drugs, call ASAP at 545-8362.



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683,000 women are raped each year. Of those, 75 percent are raped by someone they know; 85 percent don't report it.

Alcohol: Can create issues

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abused by military and civilian communities alike, Manning said, and its "ripple effect" is felt by everyone.

"Alcoholism can have many affects on any community, ranging from chronic illness and absenteeism to a decline in morale because one has to pick up the slack for an impaired coworker," Manning said.

Add to that more serious alcohol-related consequences — driving under the influence, crimes, domestic violence, sometimes even suicide and death — and the impact becomes devastating.

But Fort Benning doesn't plan to stand idly by and be a victim. This month — National Alcohol Awareness Month — the post will reenforce an already strong message advocating alcohol abuse prevention through education.

On April 8, National Alcohol Screening Day, Soldiers, family members and civilians will have the chance to assess their drinking habits.

ASAP will set up sites around post where individuals can stop by, take two or three minutes to complete a survey, and speak to a clinician for results, Manning said. Sites will also offer a number of fact sheets, hand-outs and "goodies."

"Quite often, we don't realize a problem exists until we see our response in writing," she said. "When we see where we stand against a national standard, it may register that a change is necessary."

The survey asks a series of questions with the "if you answered yes, you may have a problem with alcohol" tagline, Wilbanks said.

Questions include:

• Has anyone expressed concern about your drinking or asked you to cut down?

• Have you or someone else been injured or hurt as a result of your drinking?

• Have you been unable to remember what happened while drinking during the past year?

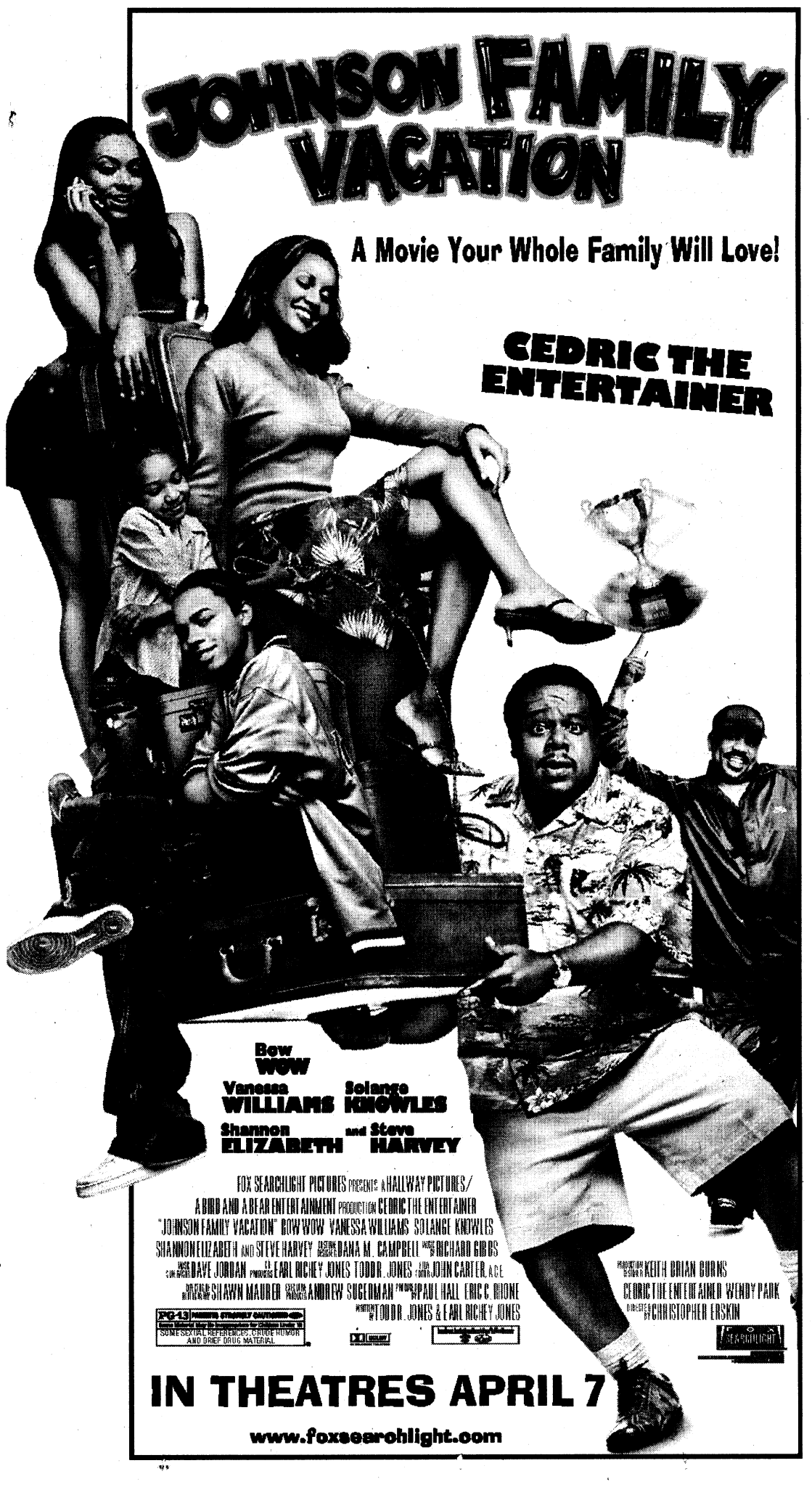
• Do you drink more than four drinks when you drink?

"(This is) an excellent opportunity to take part in a national survey, but perhaps more importantly, the results give us an immediate response to the needs of our community," Manning said. "Very often, an individual will answer a survey or poll question more honestly than they would a verbal question. When the results are tallied, we see a more accurate picture of the trends within the community."

Sites around post will be at the Martin Army Community Hospital pharmacy lobby, the Main Mall Post Exchange lobby, the 36th Engineer Group dining facility, the Bryant Wells Fitness Center and Infantry Hall.

For more information about NASD, NAAM or substance abuse, call ASAP at 545-8362.

Army Community Service will host a Savvy Homebuyer's Class at 6:30 p.m. on April 13 in Building 359. Check it out and learn tricks to help you get more for your money. Call 545-5485 to register.



Benning drill sergeants lead way in Iraq

BCTB NCOs train Iraqi soldiers

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Ten Fort Benning drill sergeants from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, are on the ground in Iraq as part of a pilot program to use American drill sergeants as trainers for the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps.

The drill sergeants deployed in January on 179-day orders.

The B Co. commander, Capt. Christopher Coulter, said the drill sergeants' mission is one that supercedes their mission here.

"The Army needed expert trainers to develop the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps," Coulter said. "The drill sergeants we sent are some of the finest military trainers in the world. Although we miss their experience and expertise at Benning, we are all very proud of them and what they are accomplishing."

Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone Miller, one of the 10 deployed in Iraq, said the drill sergeants have encountered significant challenges in training the new Iraqi force.

"Some of the difficulties we face while training the Iraqi army are language barriers and finding interpreters who can get a key point across while teaching. Another is getting (Iraqi soldiers) to work together," Miller said. "It's hard because of the different backgrounds.

"For years, they were taught to be separate and look down on each other, and now we are trying to teach them to work together. We have Turks, Arabs and Kurds, so the key is to try to balance the units we are building."

In their time in Iraq, the drill sergeants have had to learn to adapt to a changing mission scope.

"Our mission was to facilitate basic training for the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps," Miller said. "It has since changed to creating and teaching a primary leadership development course.

"We have supported the 173rd Airborne out of Italy, 25th Infantry Division from Hawaii, the 4th Infantry Division from Fort Hood, Texas, and the 1st Infantry Division out of Germany," he said. "With each unit, the scope of our duty changes. Some of us have gone on raids and improvised explosive device sweeps, manned check points and conducted patrols."

The drill sergeants have served in Bilad, Kirkuk, Tuz, Al Fallujah, Daquq, Tazul, Tikrit and Baqubah in the few months they have been in Iraq.

Even though drill sergeants aren't usually tasked to serve in combat theaters and the drill sergeants didn't volunteer, Miller said they are happy to be there.

"Although we were selected to deploy to Iraq, we are excited to have a chance to do our part and serve with the rest of the men and women who are enduring the hardships of combat and being away from home," Miller said.

"Being here makes you appreciate home," he said.

These 10 drill sergeants have also had the pleasure of enjoying one of the most valuable rewards of the position — one that most drill sergeants never have the opportunity to experience.

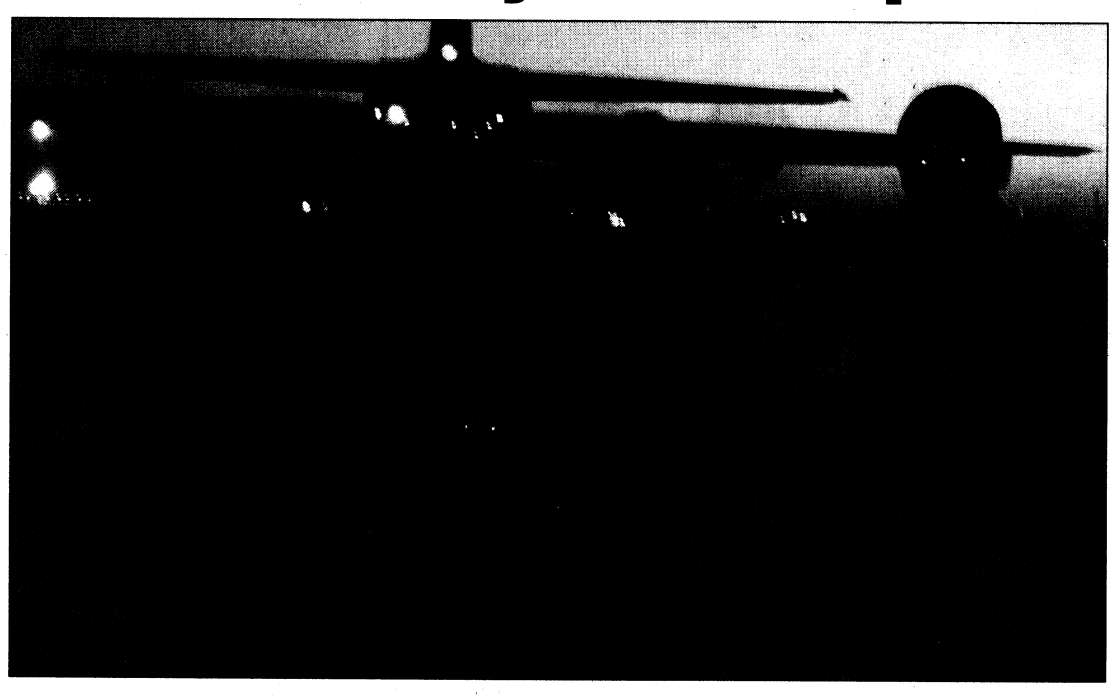
"Most of us have had the opportunity to go on patrols or raids with Soldiers we trained at Fort Benning and see how they have grown and matured and are applying the basics we taught them," Miller said. "The experience is outstanding."

Miller said tradition and loyalty is what keeps the drill sergeants going through the hardship of being pulled from a TRADOC assignment and being assigned to a combat zone.

"Many men and women before us have gone to combat and upheld the standards and pride of military service — no matter what branch. It is truly an honor to be a part of military history and to serve among the best," Miller said.

Though tradition is what keeps the drill sergeants professionally grounded, it's family that keeps them emotionally grounded.

"We would like to say to our families that we are OK, we love you and thank you for your support because it means more than you could ever know," Miller said for the group. "No matter what, we remember our drill sergeant motto — 'This we'll defend!'"



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Eight of the 10 Benning drill sergeants deployed in Iraq in their battle rattle.

Soldiers get awards at redeployment ceremony

Wounded in Iraq, Soldiers reunite

Sgt. Jamie Brown
131st MPAD

Two Soldiers who were seriously injured while stationed in Iraq with each other were reunited to receive their Purple Hearts Wednesday.

Spc. Gerald Robinson and Spc. Anthony Albert, along with Sgt. John Rice, all of the 781st Transportation Co., Alabama Army National Guard, each received the Purple Heart at the unit's redeployment ceremony at Fort Benning.

The 781st had been on active duty since April of last year.

Robinson and Albert were on an escort mission near the Baghdad airport Oct. 24, when an improvised explosive device exploded on the right side of their humvee.

Robinson, who was driving and Albert, who was serving as gunner, suffered shrapnel wounds. Robinson remained conscious, and was able to drive to the airport, where medical help was available.

Both Robinson and Albert are recovering from their wounds.

Robinson was able to recover in Iraq, but Albert returned to the U.S., where he has been rehabilitating, and is awaiting surgery.

Both Soldiers said they are happy to be reunited.

"It's special to get this award, but the most special thing is that this is the first time I've gotten to see this man (Albert) since they hauled him away," Robinson said.

"I was really looking forward to seeing him, almost as much as seeing my family." he said. "The last time I saw him, they were putting him in the back of an ambulance, so this was nice, seeing him today."

The ceremony was an emotional event for Albert, because he had not seen his fellow unit members since his injury.

"I'm glad to be back," he said. "I'm glad to see them. I hated to be over here while they were over there."

The other Purple Heart recipient, Rice, was on a mission Sept. 21 when an IED destroyed his truck. He suffered shrapnel wounds, was hospitalized for four days, and eventually returned to duty.

"I'm getting there," he said. "I'm about 99 percent, good enough to go back to work when I get out of the Army."

The 781st will finish the demobilization process at Fort Benning over the next several days before returning home.



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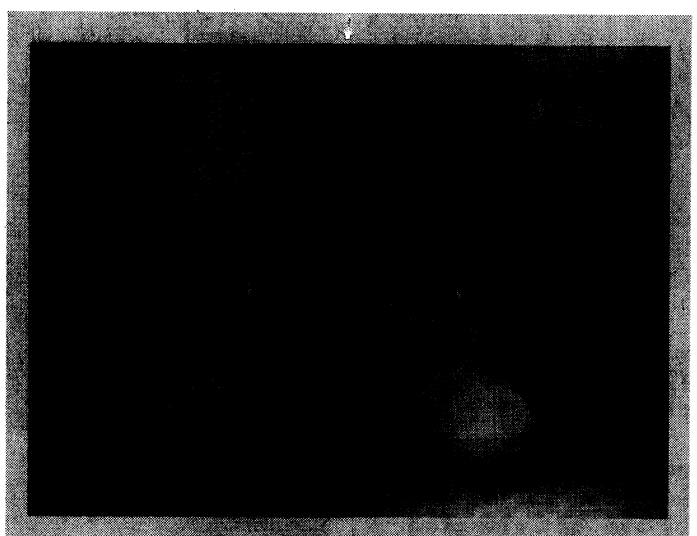

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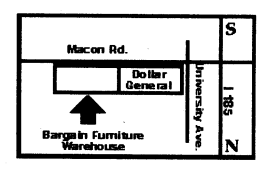

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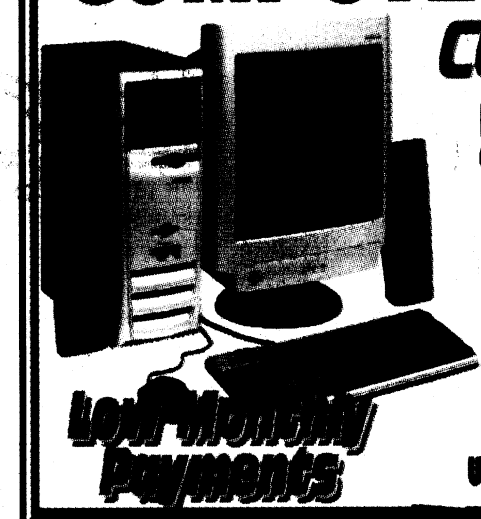

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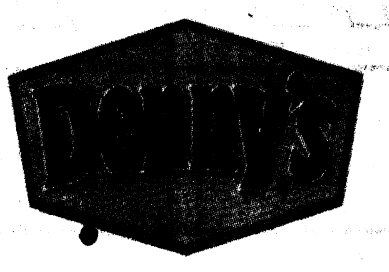

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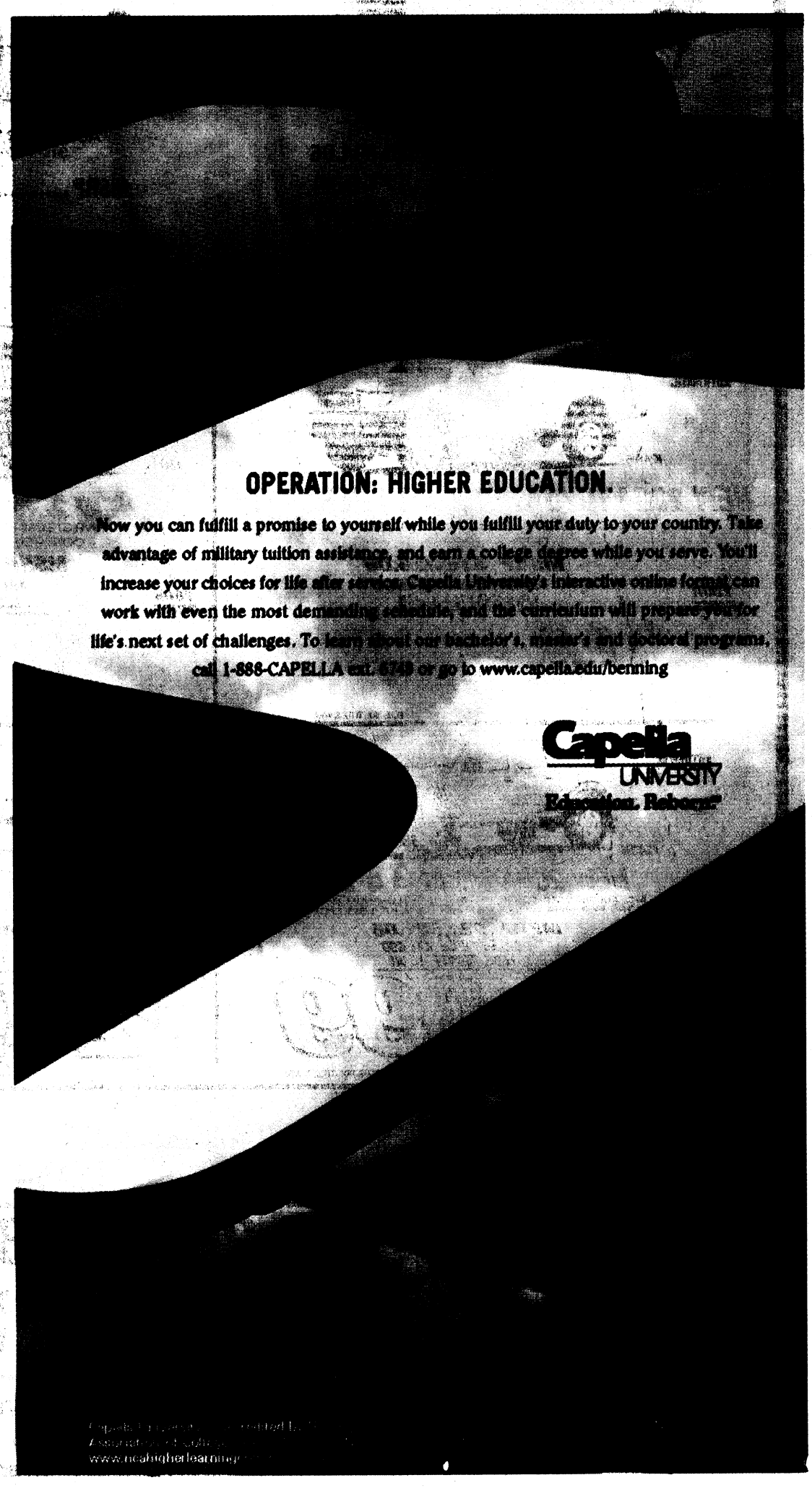

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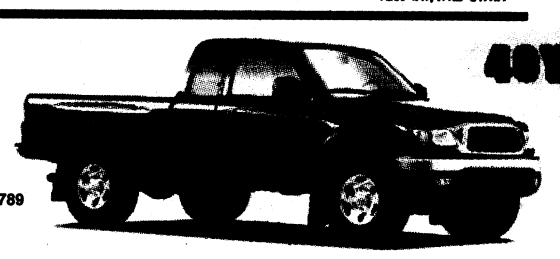

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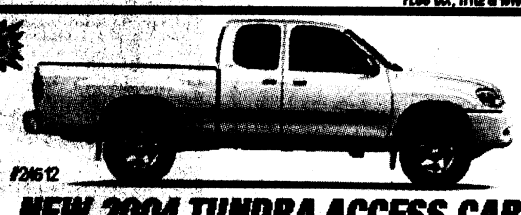

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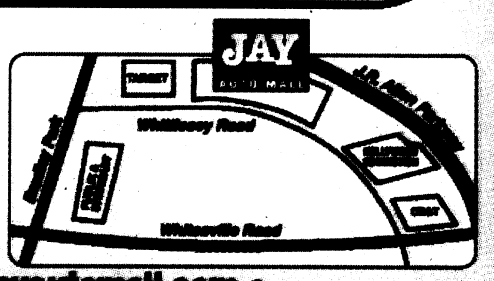

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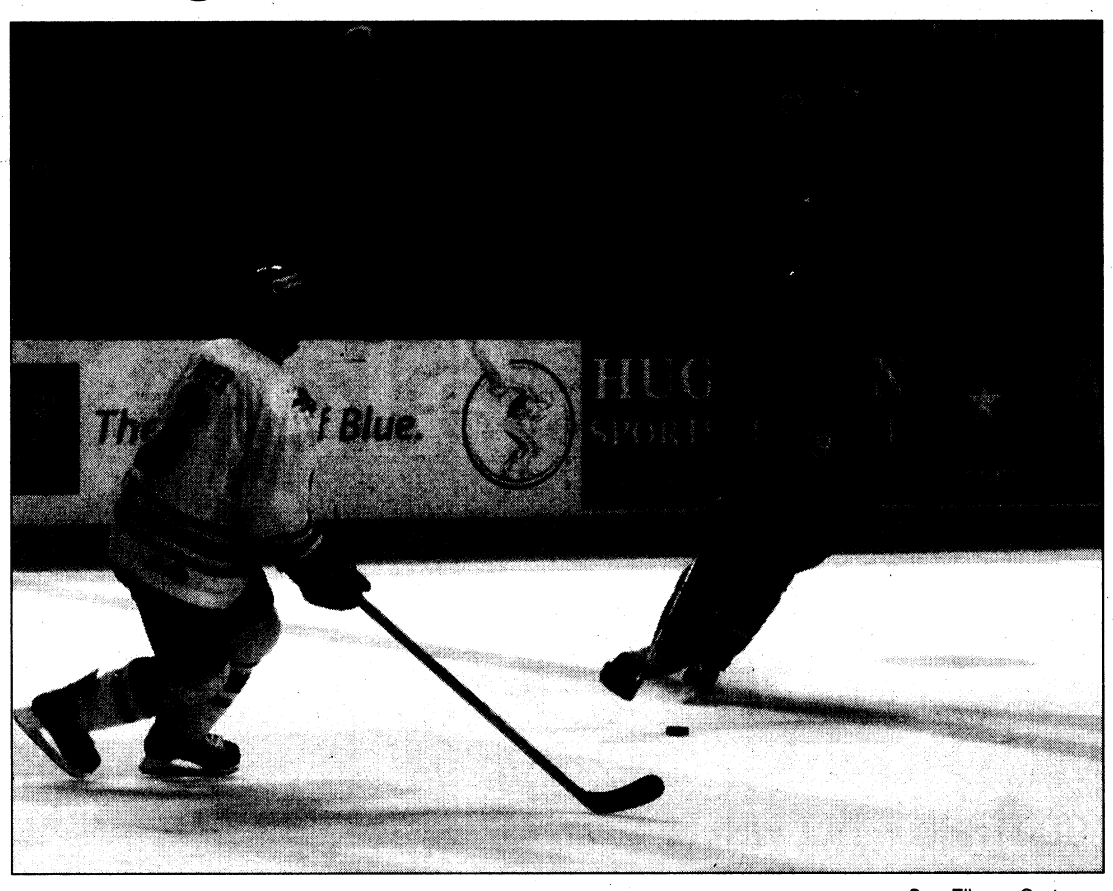
AFLAC, Cottonmouths thank Benning Soldiers

Appreciation night held at Civic Center

Night of hockey boosts troop morale

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Cottonmouths defenseman Mitch Fritz avoids Stingrays defense player Aaron Power, on his way to the net during AFLAC Military Appreciation Night Saturday at the Civic Center. The Cottonmouths defeated the Stingrays 6-2.

Soldiers and family members from the Fort Benning community joined the rest of the tricommunity's hockey fans at the Columbus Civic Center Saturday night during an event held to boost troop morale.

The Columbus Cottonmouths and AFLAC joined forces to gather Fort Benning Soldiers and family members for the AFLAC Military Appreciation Night. AFLAC, sponsored the event by purchasing more than 2,000 tickets and giving them for free to Fort Benning Soldiers.

The Cottonmouths, wearing camouflage jerseys that were sold to the highest bidder at the end of the game by the players, defeated the South Carolina Stingrays, 6-2. The proceeds from the jersey auction go to local charities.

Cottonmouth and Army of One pucks were given to the first 1,500 fans to arrive from a crowd that totaled 4,838 — the largest crowd of the year, said Scott Middlebrooks, director of sales, promotions and marketing for the Cottonmouths.

"It's the first time this year we have an official military appreciation night where the players wear camouflage jerseys," Middlebrooks said. "We've been having military appreciation nights for eight years now, but we always have good military discounts so Soldiers can come and enjoy a fun evening with their families and friends."

This is the first time AFLAC has sponsored an event like this for the Fort Benning community.

"Fort Benning is a huge part of this community and Soldiers are a large number of AFLAC's policy holders," said Teresa Lummus, a state trainer and independent AFLAC agent. "This is AFLAC's way of saying thank you to all those Soldiers who, in one way or another, are defending our freedom."

The color guard from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation presented the colors during the National Anthem, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bergman, U.S. Army Infantry School command sergeant major, dropped the first puck of the night.

"It's fantastic for AFLAC and the Cottonmouths to invite us all here and to give the Soldiers free tickets for them and their families," Bergman said.

Among the Soldiers present Saturday night were Pvt. Tony Garrett, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, and Pfc. Adam Schley, 1st Bn., 30th Inf. Regt., who thought the event was definitely a nice thing to do for Soldiers.

"I think this is a very big morale booster, especially for Soldiers who have been in training for a while," Garrett said. "It gives us a time to relax and have some fun."

The Cottonmouths' support for the troops doesn't stop at free hockey games.

"We send a few players out to units and the players talk to the Soldiers about teamwork," Middlebrooks said. "Soldiers show them their military equipment and the players share their hockey equipment. They even eat the MRE's."

Middlebrooks said the players also go to local schools and talk to students.

For more information on the Cottonmouths game schedule visit their Web site at www.cottonmouths.com or call at 571-0086.

NCOA helps Soldiers

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Living by the Noncommisioned Officers Association creed is something members of NCOA take to heart. Not only do they jump at the call to lead their country into battle, but also jump at the call to help Soldiers on the home front.

"NCOA is Soldiers helping Soldiers," said retired Sgt. Maj. Bobby Wright, corporate member recruiter. "We are an organization concerned about all Soldiers and willing to help in their time of need."

NCOA, which was formed in 1961 by a group of senior NCOs in San Antonio, represents the five services including all active-duty, National Guard and reserve component Soldiers, retirees and veterans.

NCOA offers many programs and services to the community.

One such program is the Veterans Employment Assistance Program.

The program is designed to help service members as well as their spouses find employment upon separation from military service, regardless of rank.

"Helping Soldiers and their families find employment is important to us," said O.D. Davies, NCOA member. "We want to help them in any way that we can once they leave the service."

Each year, NCOA distributes more than $250,000 in scholarships, medical grants and donations throughout the military and veteran community including:

- 35 new scholarships, renewable for up to three years after initial grants are awarded to spouses and children of NCOA members annually
- 48 Betsy Ross educational grants to Auxiliary Division members annually
- medical fund grants that help offset incidental expenses related to catastrophic illness within the military members family
- Disaster Relief Fund grants that help offset emergency expenses incurred by enlisted members as a result of natural disasters
- grants from NCOA's *Operation Appreciation* to purchase quality of life items ranging from musical instruments to televisions for use by hospitalized veterans.

Davies said the reason he joined the organization was because he saw where the money was going first hand.

"In many organizations, you don't really know if the money is going where they say it is," Davies said. "NCOA is for real. It's all about helping Soldiers."

As for friendships formed in NCOA, they last for a lifetime, said post Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso.

"We establish bonds of comraderie that bring NCOs together," Kelso said. "And these don't just last while we are on active duty; they continue after we retire."

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Reserve CSM visits post, offers message of hope

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Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones imparts words of wisdom at the Women's History Luncheon Tuesday.

Good was never enough for Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones. When she joined the Army in 1982, she wanted to be more; she wanted to be exceptional.

Nearly 22 years later, Jones is the ninth command sergeant major of the Army Reserve — the first female to hold the position — and the most senior-ranking enlisted female in the Army, regardless of component.

Tuesday, Jones was also the guest speaker at Fort Benning's Women's History Month Luncheon at the Officers' Club, her message — and the theme of the luncheon — "hope and possibility."

"Hope and possibility is instilling in someone a belief that *it can happen*," Jones said. "Every person in this room has been touched by a woman in a way that has given them hope and possibility."

For Jones, those women were her mother, grandmother and great grandmother — women who taught her that "it's OK to be a woman; it's wonderful to be a woman."

As a leader responsible for every enlisted Soldier in the Army — because "all Soldiers are in some category of the Reserves sooner or later" — Jones said she realizes that she directly influences how women are viewed in the Army, a responsibility she has taken seriously over the years.

"I know people are watching me ... I am responsible for being a role model, something I can never take lightly," she said.

"I've never used being a female as an excuse to do something or not do it."

Despite this, Jones said she has encountered people in her career who for one reason or another "*attempted*" to discriminate against her.

Whether it was because she is a woman or because she is an African American, Jones said she has never let it set her back.

"It wasn't a deterrent, and it wasn't an excuse for me to stop," she said. "It just motivated me."

Jones, who began her career as a legal specialist in the active component before moving into the active guard reserve, said her best defense was, well, herself.

"My success is my best revenge against those who've tried to stop me," she said. "I never gave anyone ammunition to take me down. I knew my responsibilities, and I just did it. There are some people I may have changed their minds about women in the military, but some people can't let it go.

"I don't need to prove anything just because I'm a woman, and I don't need to try to be a man," she said.

In fact, Jones said, it's not about being women or men in the military — it's about being Soldiers, period.

"I serve, not because I'm a woman, but because I am an American," she said. "There are three reasons I am in the Army, three things I believe in, three things I am willing to die for, things that only a Soldier can protect — God, country and family, in that order.

"God gave me life, my country is my way of life and my family is my life."

And every woman who has become a Soldier has done so with her own reasons and beliefs, Jones said.

"They didn't do it because of being a woman. They didn't do it with the intention of being recognized, celebrated and honored," Jones said. "Every woman served because she believed she had to."

And it was those "phenomenal women who have come before us" who laid the groundwork for women in the military today, said Jones, who remembers when to see a female staff sergeant was something unusual.

It was those women who gave today's women hope and possibility, Jones said.

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>
> **Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones**
> Command sergeant major of the Army Reserve

And now, it's Jones' turn to pass that on to today's Soldiers — men and women, alike.

"Command Sergeant Major Jones is a role model not only to women, but to all Soldiers," Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley said at the luncheon.

She watches, talks to and, most importantly, listens to Soldiers and their families to understand their needs, he said.

"Wherever brave men and women have fought and died, she's been there," Freakley said, citing a resumé that includes participation in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Restore Hope, Provide Comfort, Joint Endeavor and Noble Eagle.

And yet she remains humble, he said, surprised that she would be invited to Fort Benning to speak.

For Jones, though, it is simply a matter of being "better than good."

It's a matter of making the difference for her Soldiers — a goal she hopes is shared by her fellow troops.

"We all have people in our lives who have given us hope and possibility," she said. "My question for you is who are *you* giving hope and possibility to?"

BATTLE BUDDIES

Best friends retire together

Pair join up to improve family's life

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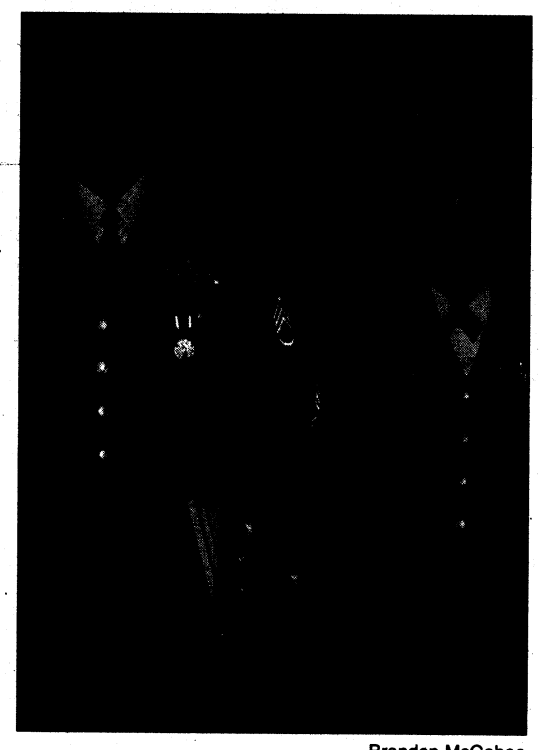

Brandon McGahee

Staff Sgt. Cornelius Parks and Sgt. 1st Class Peggy Mosley celebrated Parks' retirement last week at Fort Benning's Marshall Auditorium.

Cornelius Parks wants answers. After 20 years of service, the retiring staff sergeant from the 104th Transportation Company wants to know why he joined the Army in the first place. No regrets, mind you, just a few unanswered questions.

"Why did I enlist? I really couldn't tell you," Parks said with a shrug and a laugh. "It wasn't my choice, but it was a good choice. I thank God for the Army."

Parks was an 18-year-old senior at Columbus' Baker High School in February 1984 when his best friend drove him to Atlanta. They "swore in" together.

His best friend left immediately for basic training. Parks delayed entry until after graduation.

The two were reunited last week at Infantry Hall, when together they walked across the stage of Marshall Auditorium during Parks' retirement ceremony.

"We walked into this together, and we always said we'd walk out together. We've come full circle," said Sgt. 1st Class Peggy Mosley, Parks' best friend *and* mother.

Back in 1984, Mosley was a single parent, 35-years-old, raising two sons and three of her sister's children on the meager salary she made as a civilian employee on Fort Benning. Her applications for better paying positions were repeatedly turned down.

"I said, 'Who is this guy named Vet? He keeps getting my jobs,'" Mosley said. "Then someone explained to me about veteran's points, and I started thinking about the Army. I wanted those veteran's points."

And she wanted something more, Mosley said — a future for her sons. College, it seemed, was out of the question for Cornelius, her "buddy," the child she bore at 16, who was about to graduate from high school. There was simply not enough money.

But together, she figured, if they joined the Army, and pooled their resources, they could put his younger brother through school. *And* they could attend college on the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

"You could say we joined for the education — ours and his," said Mosley, a counter intelligence special agent at Fort Meade, Md. "I said, 'We're going to do this for four years. Then we'll get out and go to school, and I'll get those veteran's points.'"

That's not the way it happened.

"I just can't believe it's been twenty years. Twenty years, come and gone just like that," Mosley said. "And I'd do it all over again if I had to."

Her son agreed. The Army, he said, taught him great "people skills" and gave him wonderful opportunities to travel.

"It's not a glamorous career. You have to have it in you to work hard," said Parks, who plans to study business management at North Georgia College. "I certainly never intended to join the Army, but once I was in, I adapted well and gave it my all. It was worth it. After four years, I never even entertained the idea of getting out."

A paperwork snafu delayed Mosley's retirement, which will become official in a few months. Will her son stand by her side when she retires?

"There will be no ceremony," Mosley said. "I had my ceremony, right there by his side. That's all I need."

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The Infantry Center Chapel celebrates 70 years
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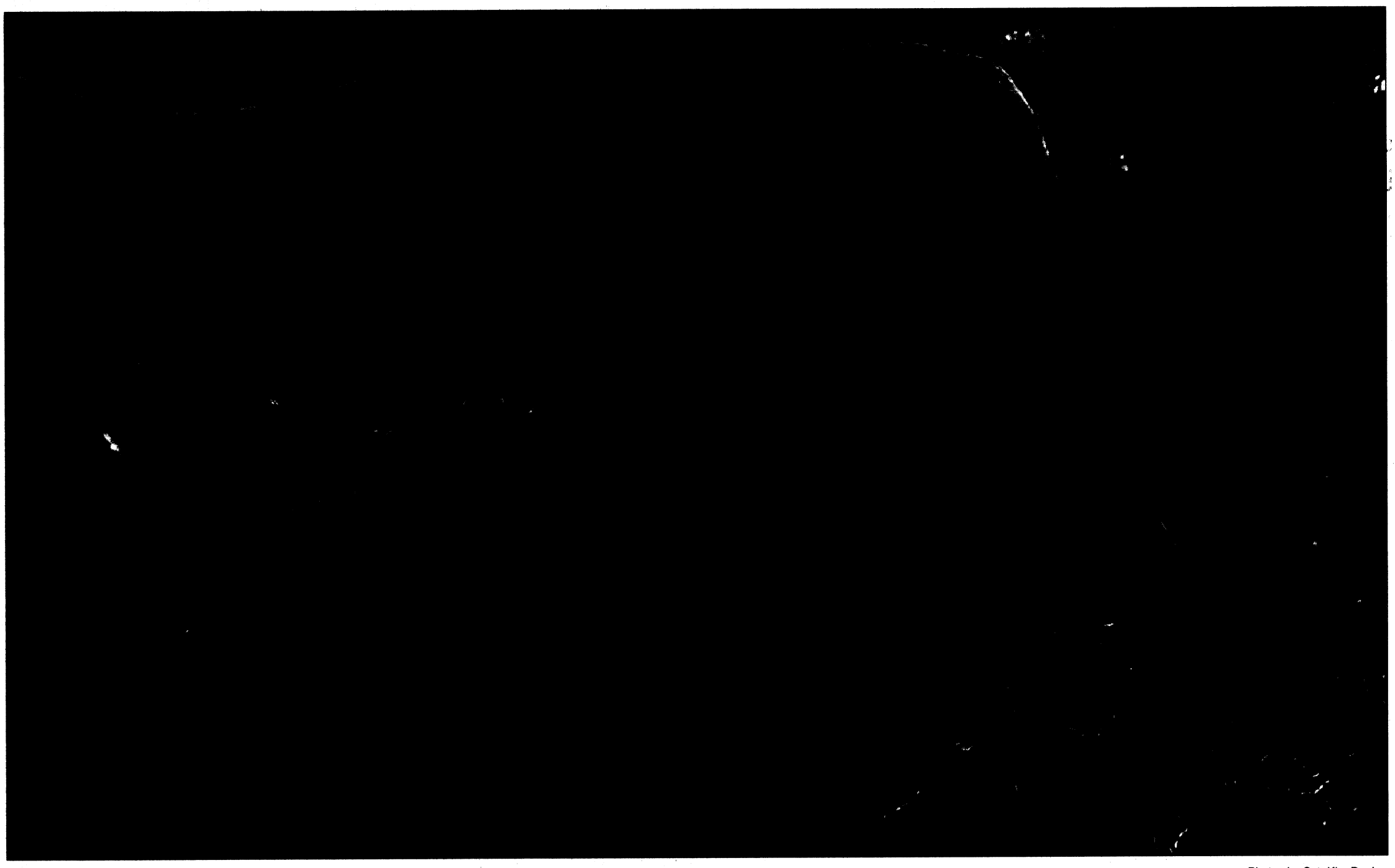

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Spc. John Kirkpatrick, B Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, high crawls during the unit's training exercise March 26. The training included a 12-mile road march, combatives, movement under fire, a stress fire range and reciting the Soldier's Creed, all in succession.

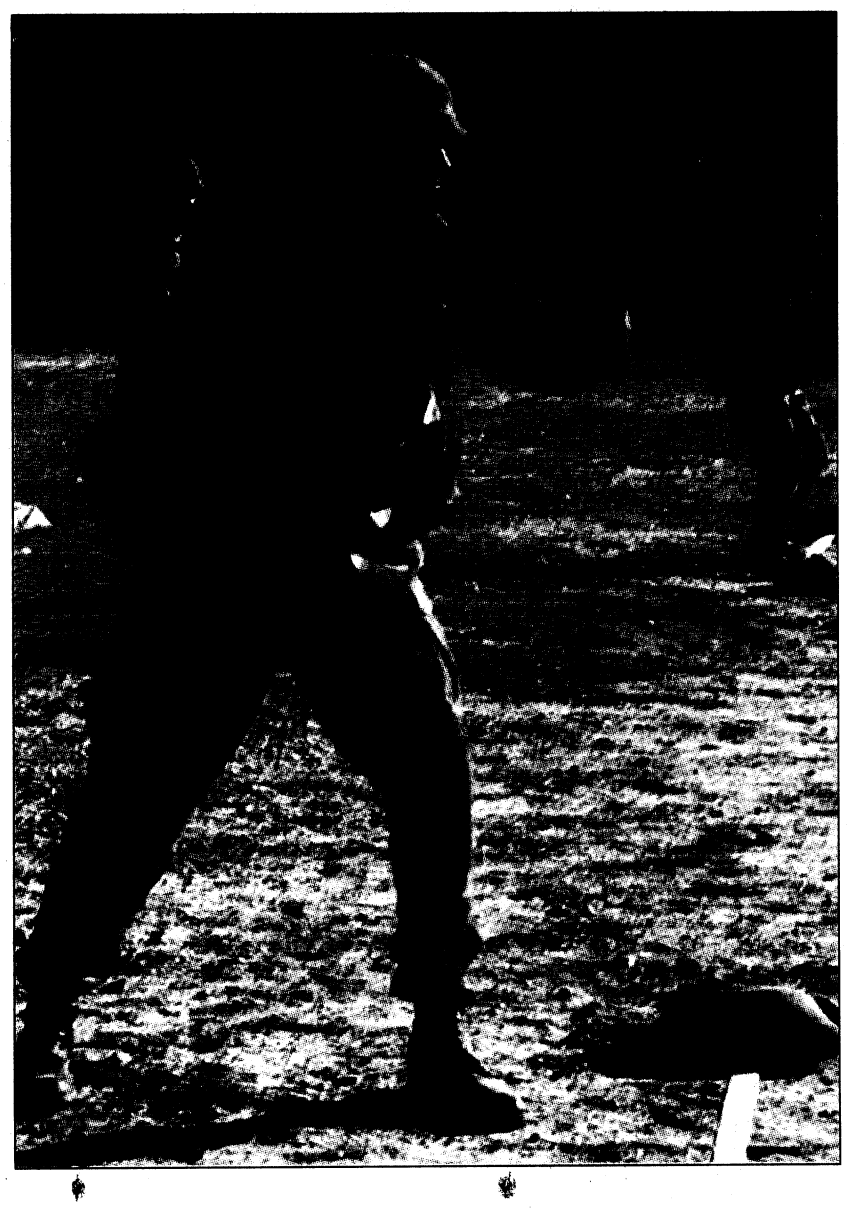
STRESS UNDER FIRE

Kelley Hill troops tackle tough training



Pvt. Jon McBride pins Pfc. Andre Harris during the combatives phase of the training.

Sgt. 1st Class Dave Salie engages the enemy during the stress-fire range.



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

"This is the best job in the world. I'm 33 years old, I get to fight ... shoot things and blow stuff up."

Not exactly what you'd expect to hear from someone who rose hours before the sun to strap on a rucksack, hump 12 miles, grapple with another Soldier, practice moving under fire and engage the enemy on a stress-fire range — all in succession.

But Sgt. 1st Class Dave Salie was all grins about earning his paycheck March 26.

Salie was one of about 53 Soldiers from B Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, who participated in the training exercise — testing their intestinal fortitude and instilling the warrior ethos spirit, said Capt. Dave Taylor, company commander.

The training began with a 12-mile road march to Coursen West Range along paved and wooded trails, which the Soldiers had only three hours to complete successfully.

From the road march finish line, it was straight to the "pit," where they traded their rucks for flak vests and put to use the combatives skills they'd been learning for several weeks.

Then it was on to low-crawl, high-crawl, three- to five-second rush movement techniques. And finally, the stress-fire range, where the Soldiers fired at targets in a standing position, stopping, walking and turning corners.

In the final event — a pop-quiz style station the Soldiers weren't expecting — they had to recite the Soldier's Creed.

The troops received points for completing each event. At the end of the day, the points were tallied, and whoever had the most points from each platoon was granted a three-day pass. The overall winner will be recommended for an Army Achievement Medal, Taylor said.

Pfc. Casey Galey, the winner from Headquarters Platoon, wrapped up the 12-miler in 2 hours and 46 minutes.

"My legs are cramping up like crazy," he said, stretching after the final event. "By the time I got to the three- to five-second rush, I could barely stand up."

For Galey, the best part of the day was the combatives ... and getting rid of his ruck sack.

But in spite of the pain, the troop morale was off the charts, and the majority of the Soldiers were happy to be out of the motorpool, doing "Soldier stuff," Taylor said.

The training was like killing two birds with one stone, Taylor said. The road march fulfilled 3rd Division Fit to Fight requirements and knocked out a prerequisite for testing for the Expert Infantryman Badge in May.

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>
> **Capt. Dave Taylor**
> Commander, B Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment

But more than that, he said, it instilled warrior ethos, something important to do even in the infantry.

"A lot of these guys are fresh out of basic training or are young Soldiers," Taylor said. "And these days, the (operational tempo) is so quick, you have to instill in them what it means to be Soldiers. Everybody has to know the warrior ethos."

Part of that ethos is tough training, Taylor said — putting your mind and body to the test to accomplish the mission.

"We're instilling in them that sense of, 'Hey, I'm infantry; I'm a warrior. And it takes difficult training to be prepared for a deployment,'" Taylor said.

And with Operation Iraqi Freedom 3 lurking just around the corner, that preparation is more important than ever.

"All these guys are feeling the same right now," Taylor said, nodding to the Soldiers resting against their rucks, trading "war stories" from the morning's events. "They're all sore, their legs hurt, they're beat."

But instead of being worn down, the Soldiers were lively, excited and seemed to actually enjoy themselves — and that was the ultimate goal, he said.

Although this is the first time the unit has conducted this training exercise, Taylor said he would like to conduct it quarterly, keeping track of the Soldiers' progress.

The day's winners were:

- 1st Platoon, Pvt. Jon McBride
- 2nd Platoon, Pfc. Walter Merida
- 3rd Platoon and overall winner, Spc. David McDowell
- Headquarters Platoon, Pfc. Casey Galey.

Engineers pave paradise to put up parking lot

'Skill to Build' Soldiers use dozers, graders to build 300-space lot

1st Lt. Mamie Murphy
63rd Engineer Company

Proud parents and personal friends will soon be able to park in close proximity to Pomeroy Field parade ground for the pomp and circumstance of Basic Training graduation, thanks to perspiration and persistence from the 63rd Engineer Company.

Friends and family looking for a place to park near the parade field aren't the only ones benefiting from the parking lot project. Soldiers from the 63rd Engineer Company are gaining valuable experience and watching a project take shape.

"This is great hands-on experience for us," said Spc. Dariusz Sadkowski. The Chicago native has been with the company for a year as a heavy equipment operator.

"It's nice to actually be out here working rather than stuck in the motor pool just doing maintenance on our equipment," he said.

The "Skill to Build" Soldiers began working on the Sand Hill parking lot Jan. 19.

The first step in creating the 300-space parking lot was clearing and grubbing the 2.25-acre area of trees and stumps.

Thirty stumps, approximately 36-48" in diameter, were removed from the area before Soldiers could move on to the next step of construction. Soldiers used bulldozers to cut the stumps out of the ground and uproot them.

To create a smooth, level surface for the parking lot, the Soldiers used dozers and graders to cut and fill dirt in the area. When finished, the engineers will have moved thousands of cubic yards of dirt.

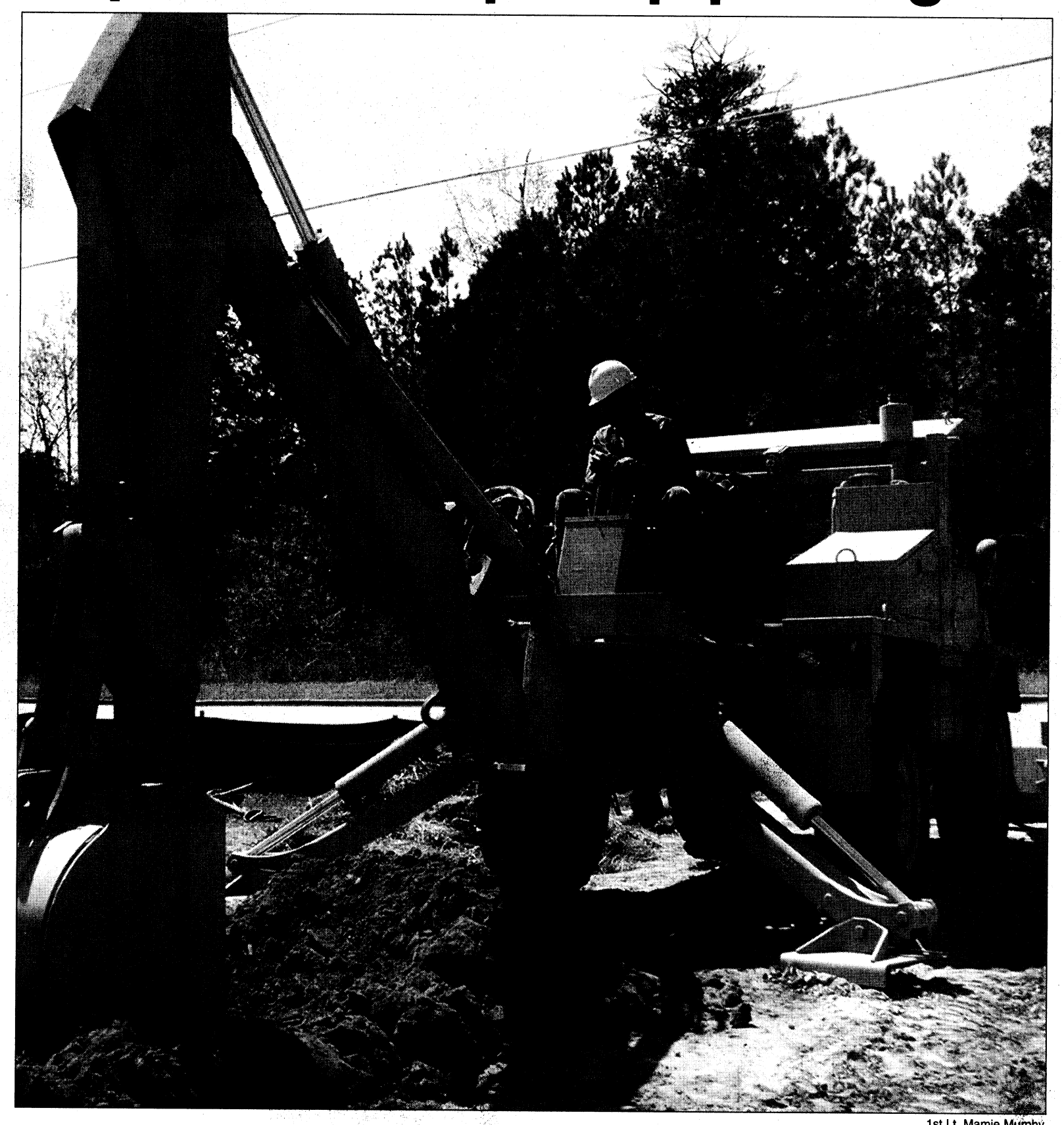
Based on the parking lot's design, there will be a slight crown in the middle to facilitate drainage and reduce erosion.

"In our training areas we just don't have the space to push that much dirt around," said 1st Lt. Ivy Miller, platoon leader.

"It's great experience for the Soldiers to be able to get out here in a nice open area and really test their skills."

"Our Soldiers get to use the equipment and get practice, see a full project from beginning to end and see a real value to the mission they're accomplishing," said company commander, Capt. Holli Bennett.

"We have some new Soldiers who didn't deploy with the unit who are getting some stick time, so it's a great learning experience for them.



1st Lt. Mamie Murphy

Spc. Kennie Ervin creates a trench to bury the edge of gravel-securing geotextile using a small emplacement excavator. Ervin is improving the the entrance to a parking lot the 63rd Engineer Company is constructing on Sand Hill near Pomeroy Field.

AROUND POST

Chapel groundbreaking

Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley invites everyone to the Chapel Groundbreaking Ceremony at 10:15 a.m. today.

The new chapel site is across from the Wynnsong Theater on Ingersoll Avenue.

For more information, call 545-2288 or 545-2289.

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.

RCP change

The Retention Control Point for staff sergeants has changed from 20 to 22 years. This change is necessary to retain experienced NCO and support the recently approved end-strength increase. This change affects those staff sergeants who have an ETS on or before Sept. 30, 2005, except for Soldiers in MOS 14R, 14S and 42L.

For more information, call Irma Mason at 545-5655.

PLDC graduation

Primary Leadership Development Course Class 5-04 graduates at 10 a.m. April 15 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

BNCOC graduation

Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course Class 3-04 graduates at 10 a.m. April 22 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

EO 2004 Luau

The Equal Opportunity Office is searching for ethnic performers to perform Asian or Pacific Islander songs or dances or willing to display cultural items during the 2004 Luau at Uchee Creek. This year's Luau is scheduled for May 14.

For more information call, 545-6666 or 545-3197.

Sergeant Major board

The Department of the Army sergeant major promotion selection board will convene June 4.

All master sergeants or first sergeants with a date of rank June 1, 2002 and earlier with a basic active service date between June 1, 1979 and June 1, 1994 are the zones for consideration.

Contact your personnel sergeant or call the Personnel Service Branch at 545-5646, 545-2602 or 545-2611 to schedule an appointment.

Separating Soldiers

The Fort Benning Adjutant General office would like to help Soldiers separating from the military.

Separating Soldiers with an ETS can expect to have orders published between 60 and 90 days prior to their departure on transition leave, or their separation date, whichever is earlier. Separating Soldiers must see the Army Career and Alumni Program and attend a pre-separation briefing 90 to 120 days This is mandatory. Upon regular ETS or separation, Soldiers may be eligible for the following benefits: dental treatment, unemployment compensation, Montgomery GI Bill, vocational rehabilitation and employment, disability compensation, home loans and health benefits.

There are specific time limits and restrictions on the benefits. All of the information can be accessed through the Veterans Affairs home page at www.va.gov.

For more information, call the local Veterans Affairs Office, located in Building 2617 in Soldiers' Plaza at 545-4887. The Transition Center is located in Building 2619 and can be reached at 545-5400 or 545-5424 or see your unit personnel NCO.

USAMU teaches classes

The champion shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle and Service Pistol teams are available to teach shooting techniques to soldiers on the M-4, M-16 and M-9 weapon systems.

To schedule rifle training, call Staff Sgt. Kyle Ward at 545-3250 or 545-5614. To schedule pistol training, call Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gibbs at 545-7022 or 545-3893.

eArmyU Order of Merit list

A standard Order of Merit List must be used to enroll all eArmyU students. The use of the OML will ensure the same criteria will be used for the selection of all Soldiers enrolling in eArmyU throughout the Army.

The Army Education Center will continue to conduct the eArmyU briefing at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday in Infantry Hall. Only those Soldiers who are listed on the unit's OML will be eligible to attend the briefing.

For more information, call 545-1774 or 545-4015.

Materials Recovery Facility pick-up

The Materials Recovery Facility pick-ups for office and unit recyclables are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

For more information, call 544-6142.

Chapel: To be built on post

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rooms, a nursery and an industrial-grade kitchen.

O'Keeffe said the new chapel will be fully multimedia capable and will have simple but necessary features like a cry room for mothers with infants in the main sanctuary and separate men's and women's changing rooms in the baptistry area. The chapel will have 406 seats that can be expanded to 616.

Part of the same project, O'Keeffe said, is the 5,000-square-foot addition for The Infantry Center Chapel annex that will add two large and four divided classrooms and restrooms.

The addition will be built along Brockman Street and is scheduled to be completed in August 2005. The chapel construction is scheduled to be completed in October 2005.

The chapel plans were presented to O'Keeffe Nov. 7 by McKnight Construction Company Inc., from Augusta, Ga., and are part of a more than $6 million contract that was awarded to McKnight Sept. 26.

O'Keeffe said the company drew up the plans using a standard chapel model provided by the Army Chief of Chaplains Office.

Although Fort Benning lost the Main Post Catholic Chapel to fire on Jan. 12, 2002, O'Keeffe is quick to say the new chapel is not a replacement for that one.

"It's a new chapel for multidenominational use," he said. "We'll have to work out the worship schedules next summer."

The groundbreaking ceremony will be done on the foundation line of the new chapel.

After the ground-breaking there will be a reception and cake-cutting at the site, O'Keeffe said.

"We're inviting the community to participate in this event to indicate the high level of interest in looking forward to a large facility that can meet the varied religious and educational needs of an Army community in the 21st century," O'Keeffe said.

"We're beginning something that will hopefully stand for 100 years once we're all gone."

Webster: Visits Benning

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force structure changes won't be felt by the average Soldier, said Col. Steven Salazar, 3rd Bde. commander.

The teams are already built here, Salazar said, which has given 3rd Bde. an advantage on the battlefield.

"In this game," Salazar said, "success is always about teamwork."

The restructuring of 3rd Bde. will be completely administrative, Salazar said.

Units that have always supported and trained with the brigade, but fell under the authority of other commands, will now be moved under 3rd Bde. command.

Salazar said the change will bring the brigade some additional assets, though.

Some of the support available at the divisional level now, like surveillance capabilities and counter-battery radars, Salazar said, will be moved down to the brigade level.

Counter-battery radar detects incoming enemy artillery fire and allows the originating point to be pinpointed, said Lt. Col. Geoffrey Ward, 3rd Bde. executive officer.

Ward said the brigade used counter-battery radar extensively in Iraq and said it is extremely useful in combat operations.

Assets like these will only complement a brigade that, so far, has performed outstandingly, Salazar said.

3rd Bde. continues to train for another round in Iraq and has received a warning order that they will go back late this year or early next year.

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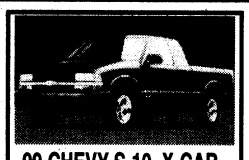
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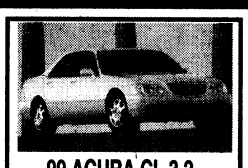
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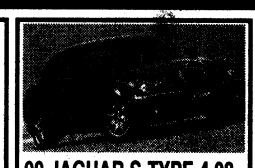
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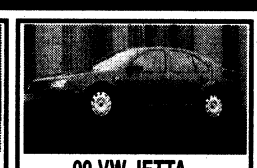
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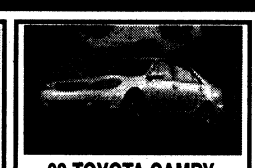
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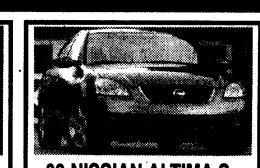
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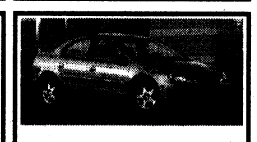
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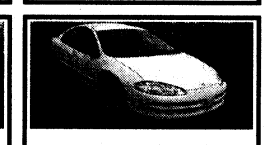
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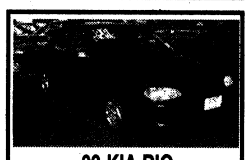
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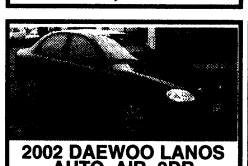
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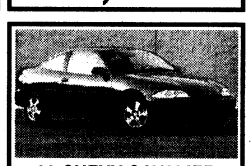
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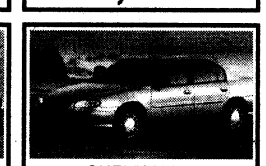
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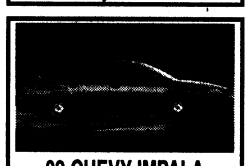
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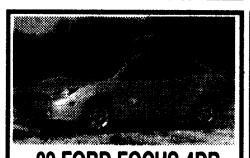
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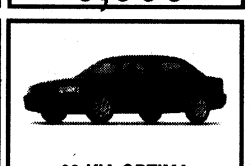
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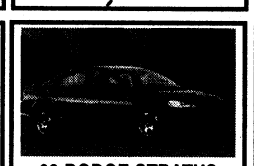
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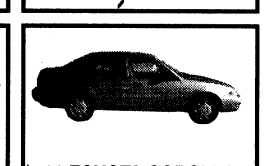
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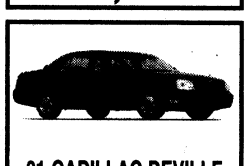
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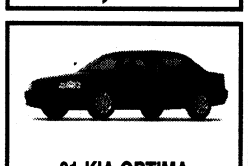
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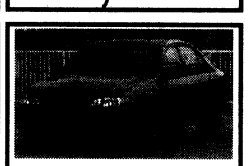
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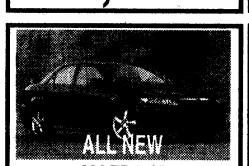

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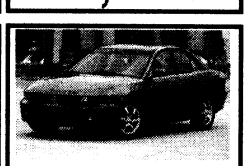
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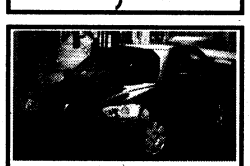
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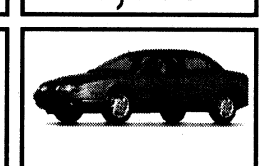
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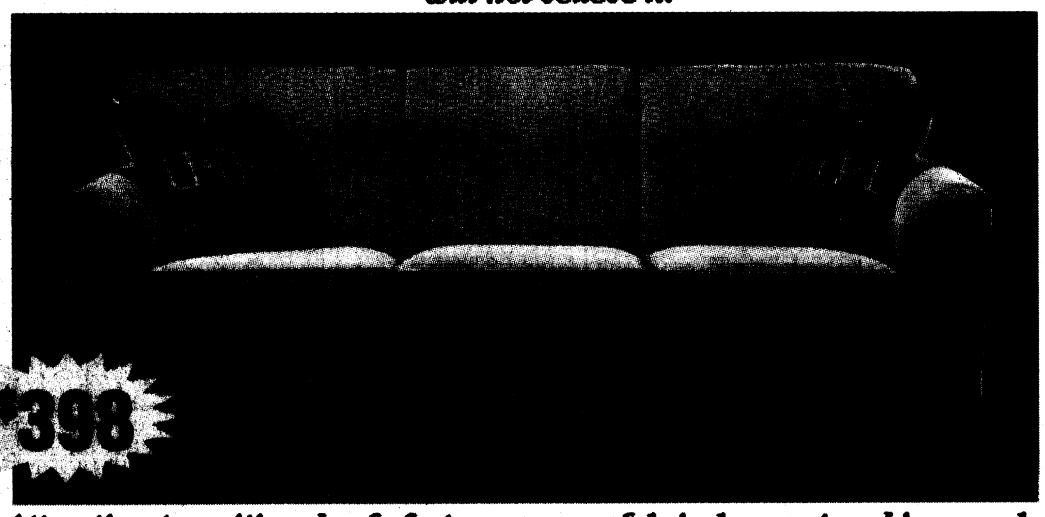

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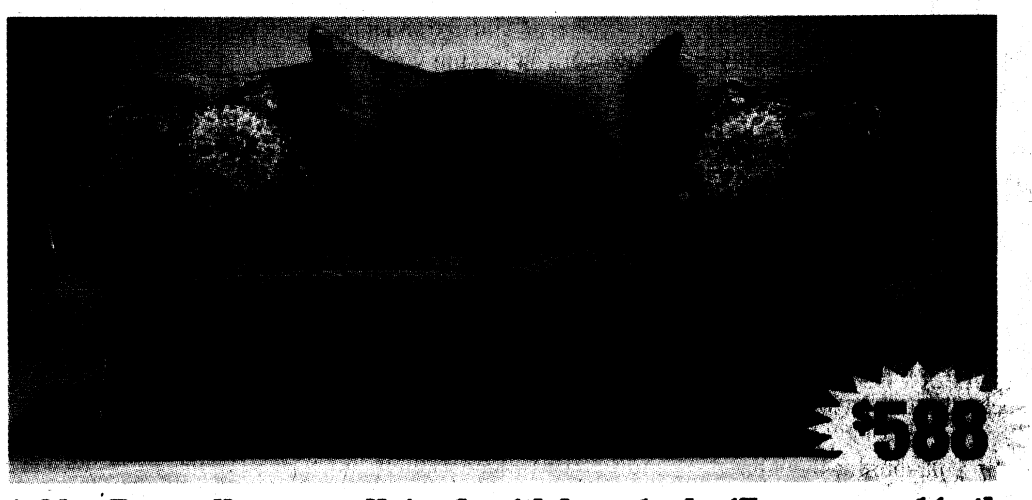

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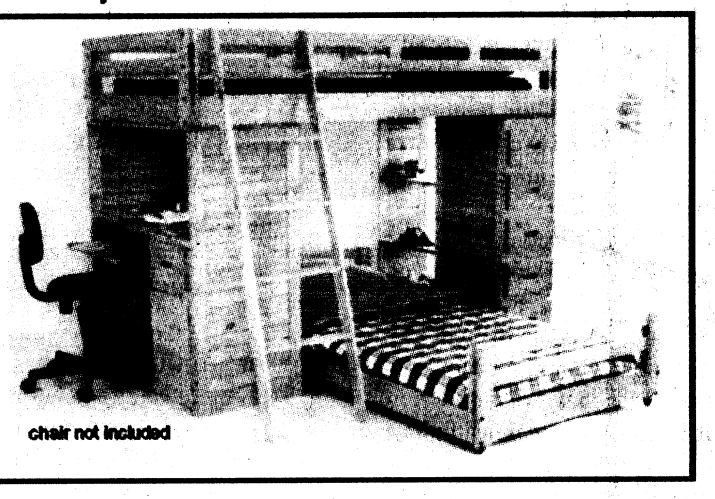



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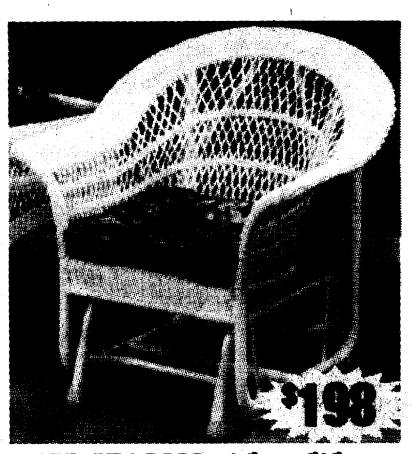

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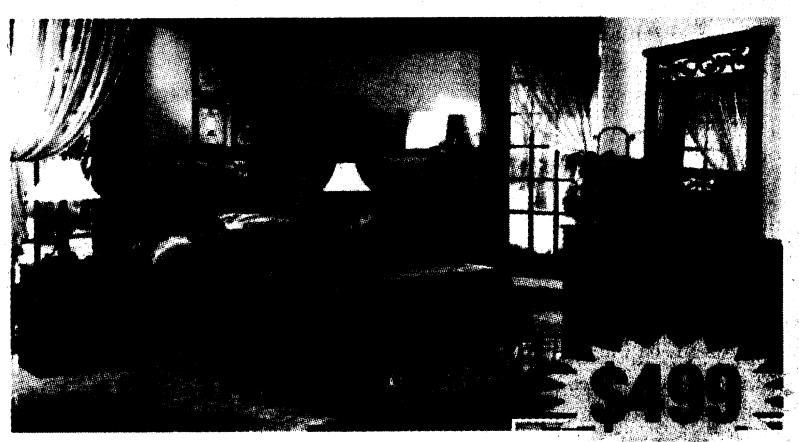

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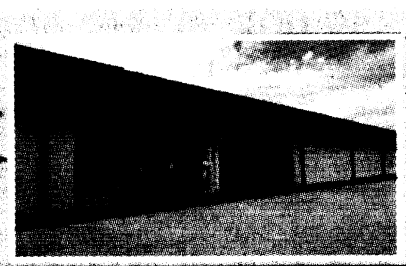

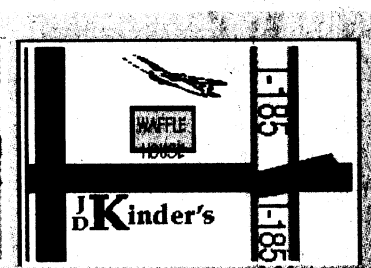

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COMMUNITY

It shouldn't hurt to be a child

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The neighbor's little girl is playing in the street again, toddling between cars parked along the curb, darting in and out of the road, playing keep-away with a dog through the fence.

You know you should say something — this isn't the first time she's been out there alone. But then, maybe Mom's watching from the kitchen window. OK, probably not. Maybe she's around back and the toddler just managed to escape her attention for a moment. Well, no, she's been out there for quite some time.

Come to think of it, she looks a little ... dirty. Her hair doesn't look like it's been brushed in a few days, her clothes are soiled, her face is grimy.

Actually, she's looking a little on the thin side, too, especially for a girl her age.

You start for the phone, then stop yourself. You sigh, hesitate, then return to your own children in the living room. After all, it's somebody else's problem. Or maybe it's not a problem at all. Maybe you're just overreacting — not all parents raise their children the same way.

What if you're just being paranoid? Then what? You've caused a family undue turmoil, smeared a mother's reputation and created an enemy of a neighbor.

Next time, pick up the phone.

"Better safe than sorry when it comes to a child," said Rebecca Welch, Family Advocacy Program manager with Army Community Service.

Most people think of cuts and bruises when they hear the words "child abuse," but child abuse is any act or failure to act that endangers or impairs a child's physical or emotional health and development, according to Childhelp USA.

There are four major forms of abuse:

• Physical abuse is any non-accidental injury to a child. This includes hitting, kicking, slapping, burning, pinching, choking, shoving, paddling, etc.

• Sexual abuse is any sexual act between a child and an adult.

• Neglect is failure to provide for a child's physical needs. This includes lack of supervision, inappropriate housing or shelter, inadequate provision of food, inappropriate clothing, abandonment, denial of medical care and inadequate hygiene.

• Emotional abuse is any attitude or behavior that interferes with a child's mental health or social development — screaming, name-calling, demeaning them.

The most common form of child abuse reported on Fort Benning, Welch said, is neglect.

"Lack of supervision — we get lots of those calls," she said. "Leaving young children unattended, letting them play in the street ... that sort of thing."

While the post does see some instances of physical abuse, she said, these are isolated instances and don't even begin to compare to the off-post problem. Of about 100 reports of physical child abuse a year, only 50 to 60 are substantiated, she said.

But that's still too many for Welch.

"You can't place a value on life — everyone deserves a chance to have a quality life," she said. "And these children are defenseless. Their safety is everybody's responsibility."

To that end, Welch and her FAP counterparts spend a great deal of time putting to work a very effective tool in the fight to end domestic violence — education.

"Prevention is the key," she said. "The more we talk about it, the more awareness we create. And if we see something happening, we'll know where to go, who to call, what to do.

"Because this is everybody's responsibility. You can't stand by and wait for others to get involved."

But people do stand by. They go about their business and assume the situation will resolve itself or that it's not their family, so they shouldn't get involved. And every day in this country, at least three children die as a result of child abuse in the home, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Most of those children are younger than six years old, and most of them die from neglect, pure and simple.

And yet the actual incidence of abuse and neglect is estimated to be three times greater than the number reported to the authorities, according to USDHHS findings. In fact, only one of every three Americans polled have reported child abuse when confronted with an actual situation.

But that's not Fort Benning's Soldiers and civilians, not if you ask Welch.

"I have been here for going on 16 years, and I love it because Fort Benning is such a caring community," she said. "This is one big team, and if you know there's a family in need ... (let someone know)."

So how can you tell if a child is trapped in an abusive situation? How can you be sure you're not paranoid or misinterpreting a situation?

Just take a look, Welch said.

Look for signs of possible physical abuse:

• Unexplained injuries, especially those located on parts of the body not usually affected by normal childhood activities

• Repeated injuries, such as bruises, welts or burns.

• Unexplained fractures

• Denial on the part of the parents that anything is wrong, unlikely explanations for the child's injuries, delay in obtaining medical care.

Look for tell-tale signs of child neglect:

• The child appears poorly nourished or inadequately clothed

• The child appears consistently tired or listless and always seems as though no one cares.

• The child evidences a consistent lack of good hygiene or an obsession with cleanliness.

• The child is left alone for long periods of time, regularly.

Look for subtle warnings of emotional abuse (the most difficult form of abuse to verify):

• The child may display behavior that is extreme — lying, stealing, fighting or being overly aggressive.

• 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 he or she has experienced.

Sexual abuse includes non-physical abuse (indecent exposure or "peeping toms"), physical abuse (fondling and intercourse) and violent abuse (rape and other forms of sexually violent behavior).

Incidents of sexual abuse, no matter what kind, may seem isolated or somewhat minor, but they may be repeated, sometimes over a period of years.

Look for behavior problems like withdrawal, aggression and nightmares. Also look for physical signs like cuts or bruises, development of a venereal disease, pregnancy, etc.

So you've finally made up your mind — it's not in your head. Something's going on, and you've got to do something about it. Who do you call?

Call the military police (especially if you witness an abuse scenario), call FAP, call Social Work Service, call your Community Life NCO, call your chain of command — call someone in a position to help.

Of course, if Welch could have things her way, it would never get to that point, and she's doing everything possible to ensure that it happens as little as possible.

That's why she and a like-minded friend founded the Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Conference in 1990 — a conference that, now in its seventh year, draws 300 to 400 participants.

The conference brings together organizations from Fort Benning and its surrounding communities to join efforts to provide the best possible help to those in domestic violence situations, especially children, Welch said.

"It's a way to bridge the gap," she said. "We need to know each other better, so we can work together better."

The conference also serves to create a team of the "best-trained people" to work Fort Benning's child abuse cases, Welch said, by involving the post's MPs, CID agents and social workers, just to name a few.

This year's conference will be April 27 to 29 at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center. To register or for more information, e-mail Welch at welchr@benning.army.mil.

In the meantime, though, there are plenty of programs and resources available every day right here on Fort Benning to help Soldiers and their families avoid child abuse and other forms of domestic violence, Welch said.

"The main focus of the Family Advocacy Program is to develop prevention programs that contribute to a healthy life for the Soldiers and their families," she said. "We provide training to help educate the families and direct them to services that will assist them in meeting their needs before an incident occurs or a problem arises."

Programs designed to help prevent child abuse:

• Violence intervention. The FAP manager or victim advocate coordinator may provide crisis intervention for families in emergency situations.

• Parent education. This program teaches basic skills in physical care, supervision and psychological nurturance, appropriate to a child's age and stage of development. Call 545-1760.

• New Parent Support/First Steps Program. This program provides emotional support, parenting education, referrals to community resources and follow-up contact to parents with newborns.

• Respite child care. This is temporary child care for the purpose of relieving parental stress. It can be provided for families when both Soldier and spouse attend parenting classes or counseling.

• Safety education for children. This program emphasizes the important supervisory and protective roles of adults and community members who interact with children.

• Foster care. This is a voluntary or court-mandated program for abused and neglected children. It provides 24-hour care and supportive services in a family home or group facility for children who are not cared for by their own families and need substitute care. The FAP has a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Family and Children Services to provide foster care. Families interested in becoming foster care parents may contact their local DFCS.

• Spouse abuse shelters. The FAP contracts with the Russell County Shelter and the Columbus Alliance for Battered Women to provide a 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 offer counseling, transportation and community services, including legal, medical and financial help. Call the shelters directly — Columbus, 324-3850, or Phenix City, (334) 297-4401.



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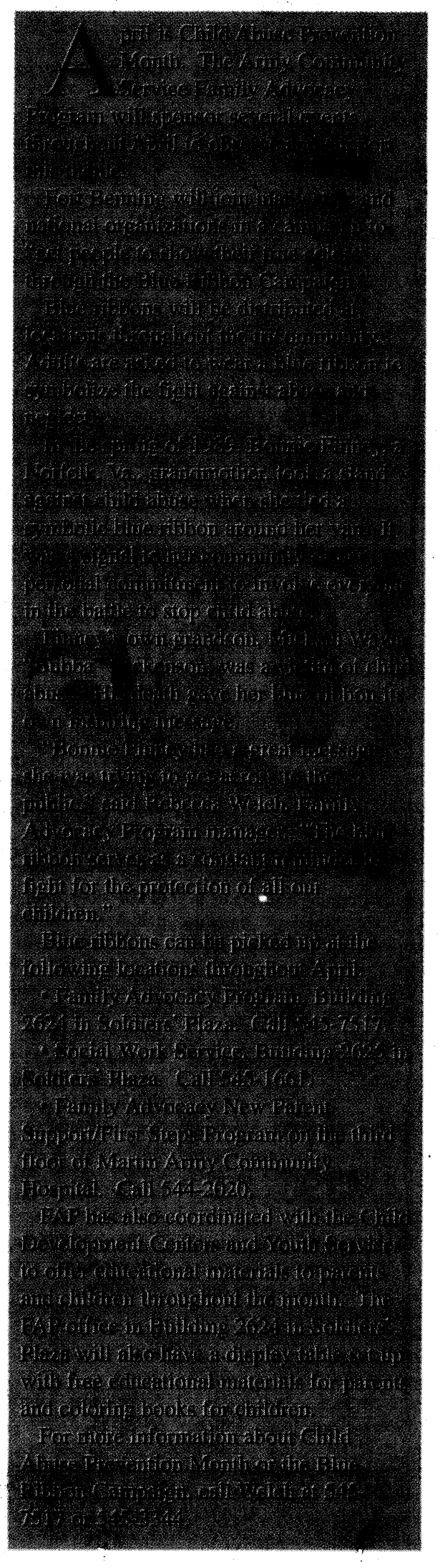
According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, approximately 879,000 children were neglected or abused in 2000. Of them, 79 percent were abused by their own parents.



ASK THE JUDGE

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: I am the divorced spouse of a soldier. We have one child, and I have custody. I have been told that I have to turn in my ID card. Is this true? What about our child?

Also, my mother is the widow of a retired Soldier, and she is now in a nursing home. How can I buy articles for her use and comfort?

A: There is a system in place to take care of both of these situations, but they are handled in slightly different ways, so I will discuss both separately.

Divorced spouse with child

When a husband and wife are divorced, the relationship between them is ended by law. Accordingly, the wife no longer is entitled to privileges under the Identification Card Regulation. The child of the marriage, however, is an authorized dependent of the military member, and as such is entitled to most benefits that he or she enjoyed prior to the divorce of the parents: medical coverage remains in effect, the ID card is retained, and shopping in the post exchange and use of Morale, Welfare and Recreation resources is authorized.

However, the child is not entitled to use the Commissary, because he is not in the household of the military member. You will, therefore, be able to shop in the post exchange for the child, if you follow required procedures. This involves securing written authorization from the ID Card Section, allowing you to shop on behalf of the child until he or she is age 16. You will need to bring proof of status, such as the child's ID card and a picture ID such as a driver's license showing your information.

Parent is authorized patron

In this situation, an unremarried widow such as your mother is entitled to full privileges under her own identification card.

When she is too ill or infirm to go to the Commissary or PX, or she cannot pick up her medicines at the pharmacy, established procedures are in place to allow you to shop for her in either the Commissary or PX.

At present, a statement from her physician that she is unable to care for herself, whether physically or mentally, is required. This statement is presented to the ID Card Section by the ID card holder if able to come in. The section prepares an "agent letter" for you, and will need some sort of picture identification from you as well.

These are only two possible situations. The Adjutant General's ID Card Section interprets the regulation, and section personnel are familiar with the many types of issues which may arise.

They are both knowledgeable and helpful, and are the best place to get accurate information at any point in time, since the regulation may change. They are located in Soldiers' Plaza in Building 2638, the telephone number is 545-1411.

If these or any other legal situations apply to you, contact the Legal Assistance Office at 545-3282.

BIRTHS

Boys

Aiden Gregory Boone — born March 17 to Vanessa and Capt. Alfred Boone.

Hayden Karl Liller — born March 21 to Wendy and Capt. Otto Liller.

Christopher David Granfield — born March 23 to Lauren and Spc. David Greenfield.

Jackson Grey Bowling — born March 24 to Kerry and Capt. Martin Bowling.

Girls

Brylee Shannon Carter — born March 19 to Ashley and Cpl. Christopher Carter.

Susan Alice Legge — born March 22 to Lisa and Capt. Carlo Legge.

Caitlyn Elaine Gossett — born March 22 to Jennifer and Spc. Michael Gossett.

Meghan Elizabeth Holloway — born March 23 to Elizabeth and Staff Sgt. Adam Holloway.

Amber Lily Mirro — born March 23 to Crystal and Spc. Ronald Mirro II.

Arianna Mikayla Sanders — born March 24 to Nadia and Sgt. Michael Sanders.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Easter Eggstravaganza — Fort Benning Child and Youth Services will have an Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The event is free and open to the public. There will be egg hunts for children ages 18 months to 11 years with prizes for each age group. In addition to the egg hunt, there will be face painting, train rides and other activities for the children to participate in.

For more information, call 545-3582.

Tax Center open on Saturdays — The Fort Benning Tax Center will be open for business from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

Saturday and April 10.

E-filing is **FREE**. For more information, call the Tax Center at 545-4267.

Medical Department Activity Clinics canceled — The Fort Benning Medical Department Activity Family Practice and Pediatrics Clinic will not offer evening or Saturday clinics during Spring Break, Monday through Saturday.

For more information, call 544-2273.

Lifeguard training — The American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and a weekend class April 17-18 and April 24-25.

Classes are $125 and are held at Briant Wells Indoor Pool and American Red Cross Office.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Youth Services carnival — The Youth Services annual Spring Carnival will be held Tuesday through April 10 at Wetherby Field.

Hours of operation are 5 to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 5 p.m. to midnight April 9 and 1 p.m. to midnight April 10. All-you-can-ride wristbands are available Thursday, April 9 and April 10 for $10 in advance or $12 at the gate.

Advance wristbands will be on sale at CYS Central Registration, Building 359, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. now through Thursday.

For more information, call CYS at 545-3582.

Yard sale and flea market — The Officers' Spouses' Club is sponsoring a yard sale and flea market from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 10 at Wetherby Field.

For more information, call Sandy Risberg at 682-9585.

New home-school activities — There are new activities for home-school families. They are:

- Computer lab, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays; fifth grade and younger from 1 to 2 p.m., sixth grade and older, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Swimming activity at Briant Wells, Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Swimmers must pass swim test to participate.
- Youth Services Gym, Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

All participants must be registered with Child and Youth Services to use these services.

For more information, call the Central Registration Office at 545-2079 or Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

Mother of the Year contest — The Main Mall Post Exchange is holding Fort Benning's first Mother of the Year contest. Participants must be a military dependent — active-duty or retired — to submit a letter about why your mother or spouse should be chosen.

Letters will be accepted at the Main PX drop box at the front of the store from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 12 through May 3.

The letters will be judged May 4 to 5. The winning mother will be notified no later than 8 p.m. May 6 and will be awarded at 11 a.m. May 8 in front of the Main PX entrance.

The letter of submission must include: The author's name, telephone number, address and relationship to the mother, the mother's name and 100 words or less about why this mother should be chosen.

The winner of the contest will participate in special events throughout the year and will be a liaison between the Main PX and the military community until next year's winner is chosen.

For more information, call 687-0385.

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative has mailed out surveys to current family housing residents.

The surveys will ask respondents to comment on how well on-post housing needs are being met.

The results of the survey will assist RCI in providing the services and facilities that are important to military families.

A follow-up post card will be mailed today.

The cut-off for receiving responses is June 25.

Family housing residents are encouraged to fill out and return their surveys.

For more information, call Lillian Salazar at 545-0667.

Thrift Shop new hours — The Officers' Spouses' Club will have new operating hours beginning April 13.

The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The Thrift Shop will not be open today.

For more information, call 687-4830.

ESC meeting — The Enlisted Spouses' Club will meet at 7 p.m. April 14. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the ESC Clubhouse, Building 241, next to the Infantry Museum.

All enlisted spouses are invited.

For more information, call the ESC voicemail at (334) 373-0347.

ACS Food Locker — Eligible personnel (active duty, retiree families and widowers of deceased Army personnel) who wish to use the Army Community Services Food Locker need only to visit the ACS Center, Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Upon completion of the application, along with signature of either a unit first sergeant or commander (active duty personnel), the client will be directed to the Food Locker, where they will be allowed to select a two-day supply of food items from stock.

ARC Summer Youth Program — The Fort Benning Red Cross is gearing up for its Summer Youth Volunteer Program for children, ages 13 to 18.

This program will run from June 7 to July 16, with volunteer hours available from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Youth will have the opportunity to volunteer at Martin Army Community Hospital, the Veterinary Clinic, Sayers Library and many other places.

Youth packages are now available and ready to be picked up. There will be a parent question and answer session from 6:30 to 8 p.m. May 4 at the Red Cross Office in Building 2626 at Soldiers' Plaza.

Applications are due no later than May 21.

Writer looking for military spouses to interview — Hugs to Kuwait founder Pamela Bates is looking for military spouses to interview concerning "Making Military Housing into a Home" for a new publication, *Military Spouse Magazine*, which begins publication in August.

She is looking for both decorating ideas and ideas to use to keep the family going during long deployments and training separations.

For more information, call Bates at 689-5411 or e-mail hugstokuwait@hotmail.com.

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Cusseta-Chattahoochee County barbecue — All Cusseta-Chattahoochee County residents are invited to bring a covered dish and or dessert to "Old" City Park from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

The event is free.

Fried and barbecued chicken will be provided for everyone. Lunch will be served at noon.

Live entertainment will be provided all day, including a square dance demonstration, bluegrass, gospel and country music. Bring your own blanket and chairs.

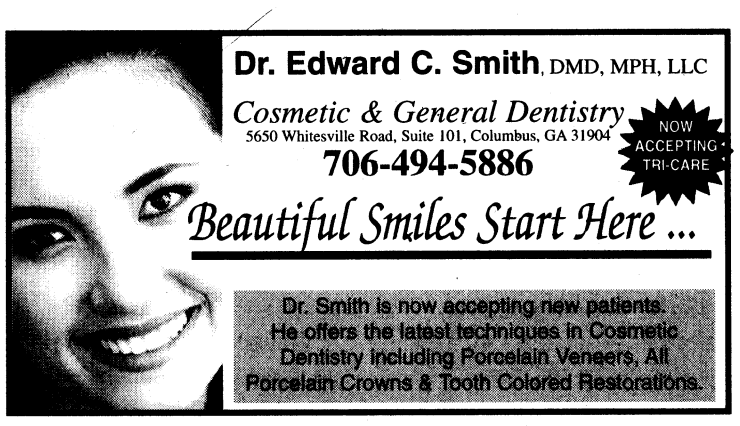
For more information, call Jerrie Worrell by e-mail at JERRIEWORREL@wmconnect.com or by phone at 989-1177.

Local bus "roadeo" — The Metra Transit System invites the public to the 16th annual Southwest Georgia Local Bus Roadeo (competition between Columbus, Albany and Macon) at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the Columbus Civic Center.

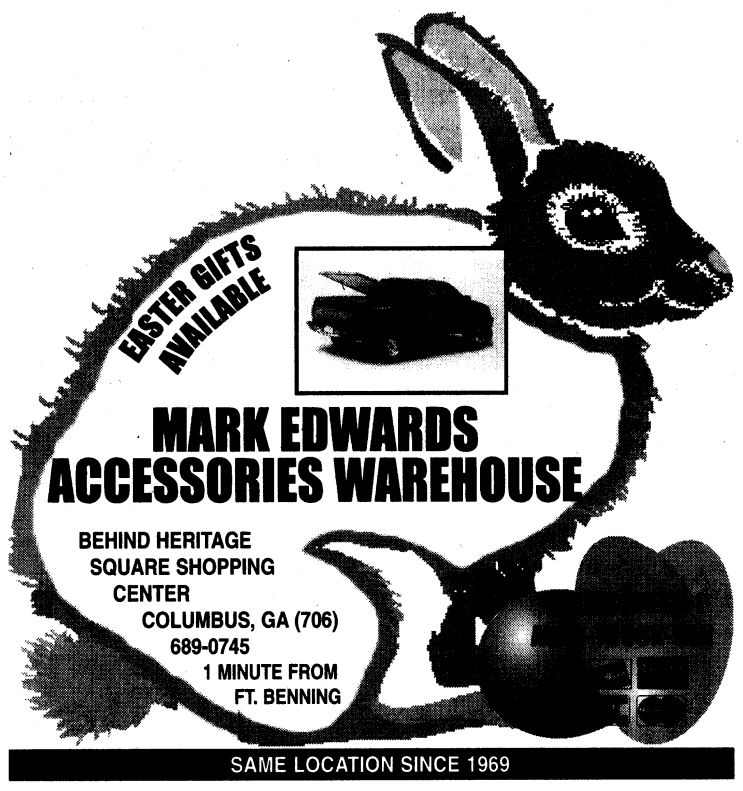
Lunch will be provided.

For more information, call 653-4410.











OUR HOUSE

IOBC helps home for abused kids

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The children of Our House don't lead privileged lives. The home offers a safe haven and a second chance to Muscogee County children ages to 4 to 17 — most of them boys — who have endured abuse and neglect from their own families. It's a place to transition into the foster care system. And it's also a place where the community can make a difference.

To that end, about 80 Soldiers from the Infantry Officer Basic Course spent Saturday morning improving the home's playground and wooded area.

The Soldiers — students of 4th and 5th Platoons, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — met up with a considerable to-do list.

The wood chips and mulch on the playground needed to be leveled, and a garden area needed to be created. Meanwhile, the trails in the woods behind the home were begging for help.

The Soldiers cleared the trails of debris, cleared away brush along the sides of the trail, created various camp sites, laid the groundwork for a bridge to be built and created a sandbag entryway, said Maj. Chuck Allen, company commander, who joined his students and cadre.

"Every platoon in IOBC does a post project — like range maintenance — and a community project," he said.

"Service to the community is very important," he said. "And Fort Benning is part of the Columbus community."

The Soldiers' work at the foster home will allow the children to participate in a Boy Scouts program of sorts, said Randy Boswell, Our House staff member.

The facility is home to about 40 children, 12 in temporary care and 18 boys in a long-term care program, specially designed for children who have experienced such traumatic abuse that they aren't ready to go to a foster home, he said.

A Boy Scout program will allow the staff to take the kids out into the woods for camping and other activities without going all the way to Pine Mountain, Ga. This way, Boswell said, if a child has a hard time adjusting to being in the wilderness and is too frightened, it will be much easier to get him back to his room.

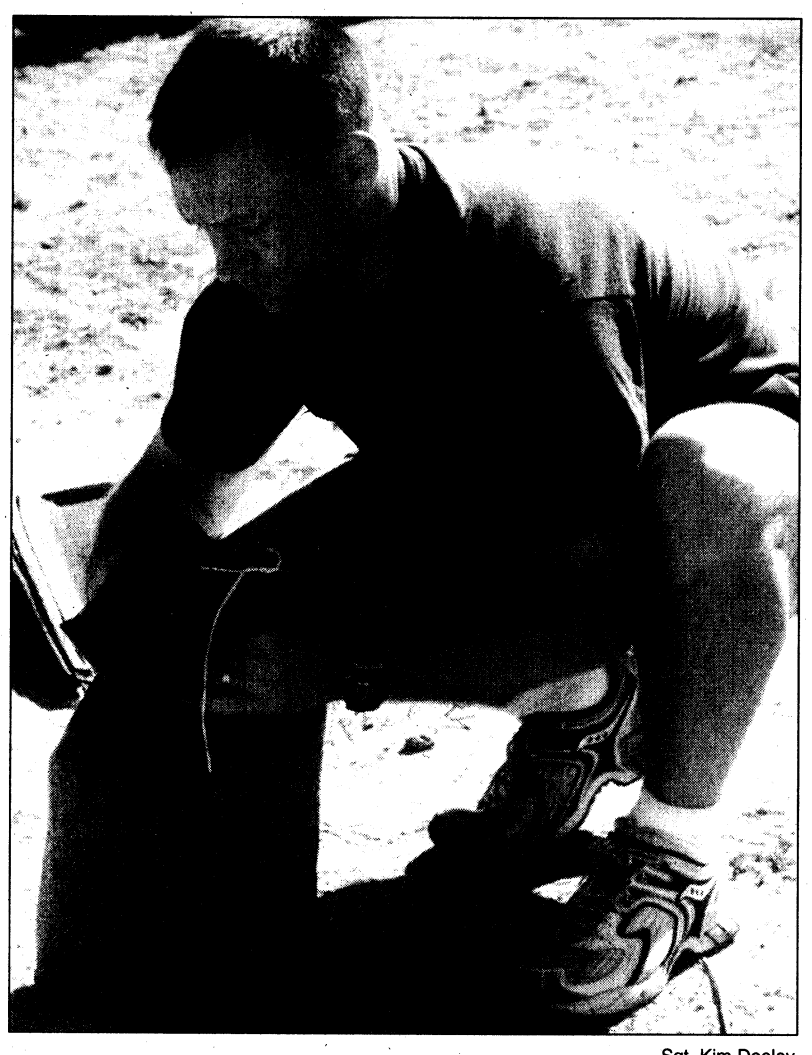
"The ultimate goal here is to have the kids get used to the woods," said Sgt. 1st Class Horace Terry, C Co., 2nd Bn., 11th Inf. Regt. "(The staff) can introduce them to the outdoors, but they're still close so they can go back if they need to."

Having Soldiers help out at the home benefits everyone, Terry said.

"It shows them our civilian side and it builds teamwork," he said. "Besides, you never know — one of these kids might be a general someday."

Whether or not they ever see the children again, the lieutenants could feel good about lending a hand and supporting an outreach program that helps children, said 2nd Lt. Erik Klasnick.

"It shows those involved in Our House that there is someone out there to help them," he said. "That we're not just turning our back on them."



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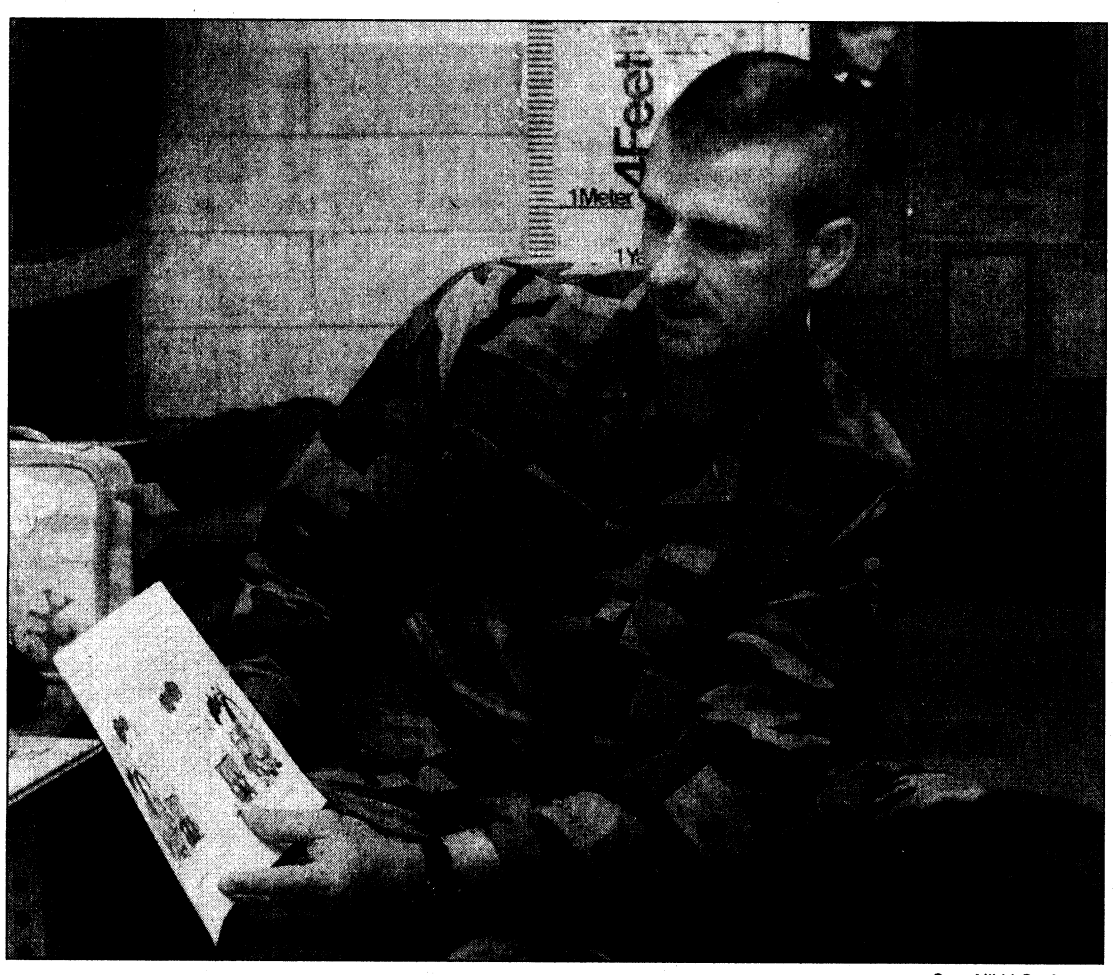
Capt. Ryan Hanson, an Infantry Officer Basic Course trainer, helps fill sand bags to line the entryway of the home's wooded area Saturday morning at Our House. About 80 Soldiers from 4th and 5th Platoons of IOBC's C Company spent the day helping out on the home's grounds.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Capt. James Janda, 203rd Forward Support Battalion, reads to second-graders in Robert Thorne's classroom.

203rd FSB donates sign, time to Loyd Elementary

PIE partners create special relationship

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Between the deployments, rotations to the National Training Center, field training exercises and an assortment of other missions that pack the 203rd Forward Support Battalion's schedule, the unit still finds time to hunker down with the latest Berenstein Bears book, muster up their most convincing grumbly voices and spend a little quality time with the students of Loyd Elementary School.

This past November, the 203rd FSB filled a Partners in Education hole that had been empty for two years, principal Angie McPherson said.

Recently, the 12 volunteers who currently participate in the program were on hand to hang and dedicate a new sign outside the school's front door advertising the school and the 203rd's partnership. The sign was paid for using funds donated by the battalion.

The volunteers help out in a variety of ways, McPherson said.

Depending on the requests of the teachers, the Soldiers may read to the class as a group, or work separately with students who are having trouble with reading.

"(The Soldiers) have done a wonderful job with students who just need a little extra help," McPherson said.

Literacy, she said, is an important focus of the school and the Partners in Education program.

These volunteer partners go above and beyond with the range of help they provide.

They not only assist with the school's ongoing literacy initiative, but also tutor students in math, science and other subjects, McPherson said.

Sometimes it's good to set the books and brains aside and just have a little fun — something the Soldiers have no problem doing.

When it's time to hit the gym for physical education, the Soldiers are all about fun and games and use the opportunity to teach sportsmanship and teamwork.

The 203rd's P.I.E. coordinator, 1st Lt. Theresa Ballash, said the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Charles B. Salvo, felt it was important for the unit to be in touch with the post community and recognized that Loyd was one of the few schools on post that did not have a partner in education.

McPherson said with Ballash's help, the 203rd has made a big difference. And the program isn't only for the students' benefit, she said.

"The students are children of military sponsors," she said. "(The program) gives Soldiers the chance to see what is going on in the schools."

It appears the P.I.E. program at Loyd has ended up a win-win situation in this case, said McPherson.

McPherson also said she is grateful for the Soldiers' involvement in the school's effort to foster a love of reading in the students and promote their general education and well-being. She said the school has never had a partner as active and involved as the 203rd has been thus far.

So, whether it's donating a sign, rubbing elbows during a basketball game during P.E. or tongue twisting through classic Dr. Seuss rhymes and riddles, the Soldiers of the 203rd and the students of Loyd Elementary School appear to have a fun, productive partnership to count on in the future.

Infant AVID shows promise at Faith

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Jesus Medvano was slipping through the cracks. He was an inner city kid from a poor family, surrounded by crime and violence. His 2.0 grade point average was a reflection of his paradigm, not his potential.

Medvano "made it out alive." In fact, he flourished, finishing high school with a 4.0 thanks to AVID — Advancement Via Individual Determination — a program designed for students like him, students who have the ability to succeed but lack the motivation or study skills.

"Instead of falling into a life of crime and violence, I chose the alternate route," Medvano said in a speech that was broadcast to Faith Middle School teachers March 25 during AVID University, a workshop designed to educate teachers about the program's goals and guidelines.

After enrolling in AVID, Medvano said, "everything changed. The darkness disappeared ... and I turned myself around. AVID was the key."

Now in its 24th year nationwide, AVID is proving incredibly successful if success can be measured by the number of students who've graduated from a four-year college or university.

But AVID's in its maiden year at Faith, where Angie Cotton is one of three teachers trained in the curriculum, which emphasizes practical skills like note-taking, time management and organization.

It's too soon to say how many of the 30 Faith students enrolled in AVID will attend college, but Cotton's certain she sees success in the eyes of her students.

There's 11-year-old Paul Bezner, a sixth-grader who seemed to suffer from "extreme bashfulness" at the beginning of the year. Bezner met the criteria for AVID. He attended school regularly, maintained average grades and was never a discipline problem. But he hung his head in class and rarely contributed to the discussion.

These days, Bezner appears more confident, Cotton said, though certainly not effusive. He speaks when spoken to, and he'll look you in the eye. He's making plans to study law at Harvard, a goal his mother believes he'll reach.

"I used to have to prod him to do his homework all the time, every day," she said. "Now, he does it on his own. I don't have to say a word."

And there's Edmund Gonzales, an eighth-grader whose seventh-grade year was riddled with absences and discipline problems. The former honor-roll student was barely passing his classes.

Thanks to AVID, Gonzales is once again earning As and Bs, and he's making plans to attend Texas A&M. He spoke during the Monday meeting of the Fort Benning School Board, extolling the value of AVID and the impact it's had on his life.

"Now I realize I'm the lucky one," he told the school board members, recalling a time early in the year when he envied his classmates, those who weren't enrolled in AVID and weren't required to maintain meticulous notes and adhere to a rigorous study schedule.

Rigor is what AVID is all about, said Dr. Barbara Smith, AVID's Eastern Division director, who explained the program to Faith teachers last week.

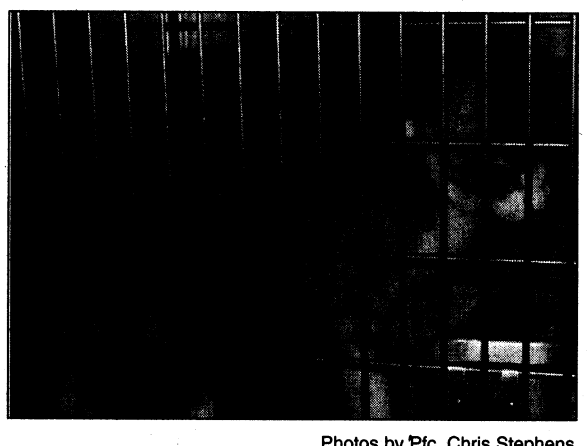
AVID students have an abundance of untapped potential, and they must be challenged, Smith said.

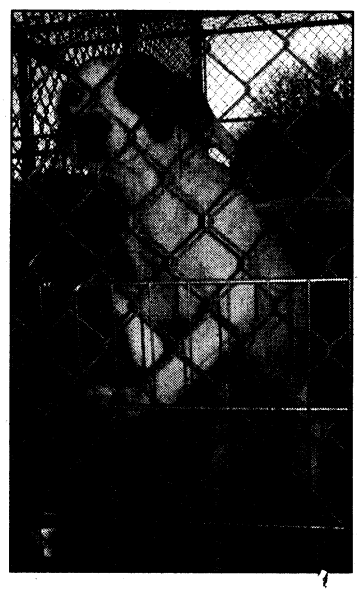
"Take a group of students with average ability, give them exceptional skills and watch them do extraordinary things," she said. "AVID works because it takes those students who aren't performing at capacity and it introduces them to academic rigor. It's not a study hall. It's giving them the academic and social support they need to succeed."

Debra Alexander spearheaded Faith's introduction to AVID this year. The Fort Benning Schools instructional support specialist believes all students could benefit from AVID. One day she hopes to see the program incorporated schoolwide.

In the meantime, she's beginning the selection process for next year's AVID classes, which will include students in sixth and seventh grades. Students or parents of Faith students interested in the program should contact Alexander through the school office at 545-5524.

PETS OF THE WEEK





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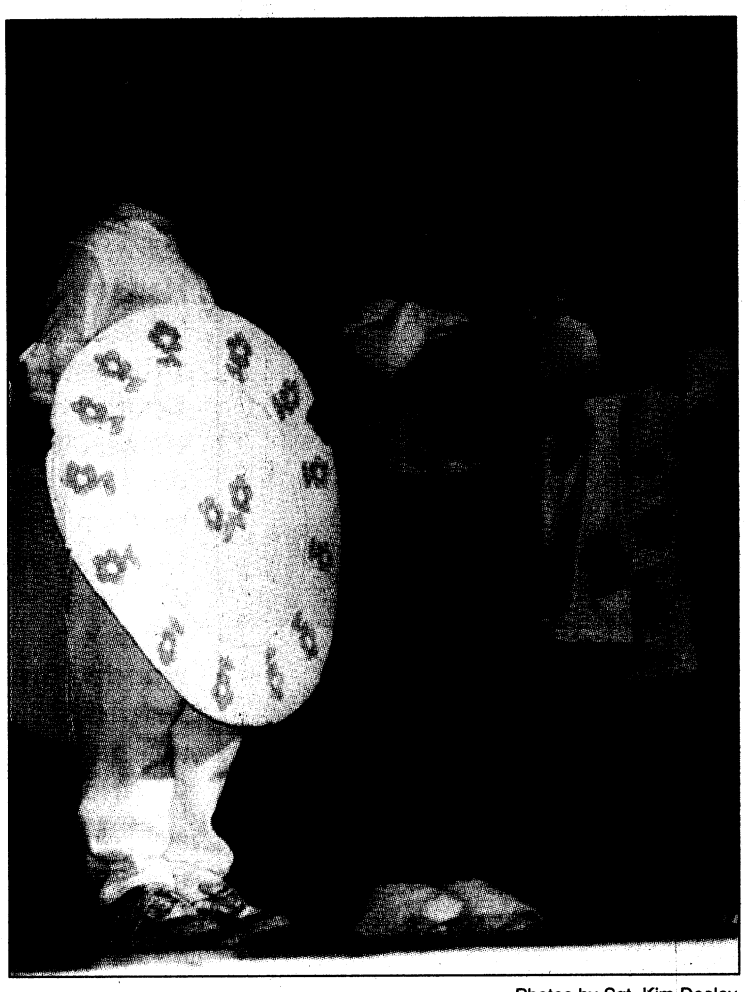


Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

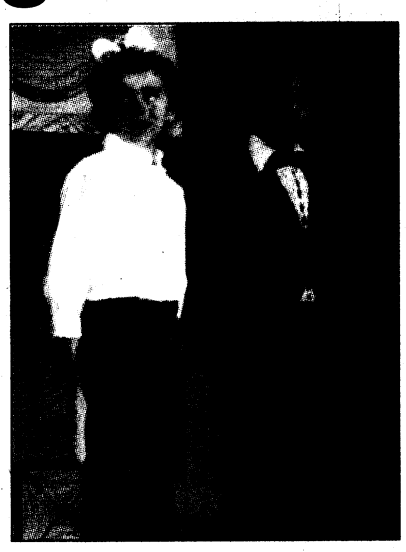
Dexter Elementary School preK students perform *Hey Diddle, Diddle* during *PreK Speaks Mother Goose* last week.

Goose gala

Dexter Elementary School's preK students gave two performances of *PreK Speaks Mother Goose* last week as their Spring Program.

The students recited nursery rhymes in full costume and sang and danced in separate performances for their parents and their classmates.

Each student memorized a line, but 4-year-old Charlyn Moss, who played Mother Goose, delivered lines to introduce 18 different rhymes — all completely from memory.



Triston Young, left, and Tirece Cheshire perform *Hickory, Dickory.*



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Sgt. Christopher Rose, center, shows Brionna Beckford, left, and Akeisha Young how to properly unfold the flag before raising it at Dexter Elementary School. Rose was one of five Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, the school's Partner in Education, to teach the children about the flag last week.

Dexter students render honors

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Every day, Dexter Elementary School's fifth-graders take part in a special ceremony — raising, lowering and folding the American flag.

Each of the students take pride in this responsibility, but for some students — like Briona Beckford — whose parents have deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, the ceremony is personal.

"My dad works at Kelley Hill," Beckford said. "When he was in the war, when we put up the flag, I used to think about him a lot."

Thinking of her father at war brought the flag to life for Beckford. She gained a new understanding of what it stood for.

"This flag represents our country and the Soldiers who fight to protect our country," she said. "They do a good job."

So it is with special care that the students render honors to both their nation and their parents. And to ensure they perform the ceremony just as it should be, the students looked to Soldiers of their Partner in Education, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment.

Five Soldiers from the battalion joined the students at the school Tuesday. Their mission — to show the children how to properly raise, lower and display the flag, said Sgt. Christopher Rose, B Company, 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt.

But more than that, Rose wanted to put the ceremony into perspective.

"It's good for the kids to know the reason behind what they do every morning," he said. "That way they're not just doing it — it has a proper meaning."

Rose and his fellow Soldiers can rest at ease — Beckford is not the only student with a deep appreciation for the flag.

Kiuana Hemmingway, whose father, Capt. Cory Hemmingway, is a service battery commander with 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt., said she understands the flag is important and why it should be "kept up" and respected.

"It represents our country and what it's for," she said. "And the military groups, people who work every day to protect our country."

"These are American, military children," said Sandy Risberg, the battalion commander's wife, who helped out at the class. "They have to start somewhere, respecting their flag and their country. And there's no one better to show them how than American Soldiers."

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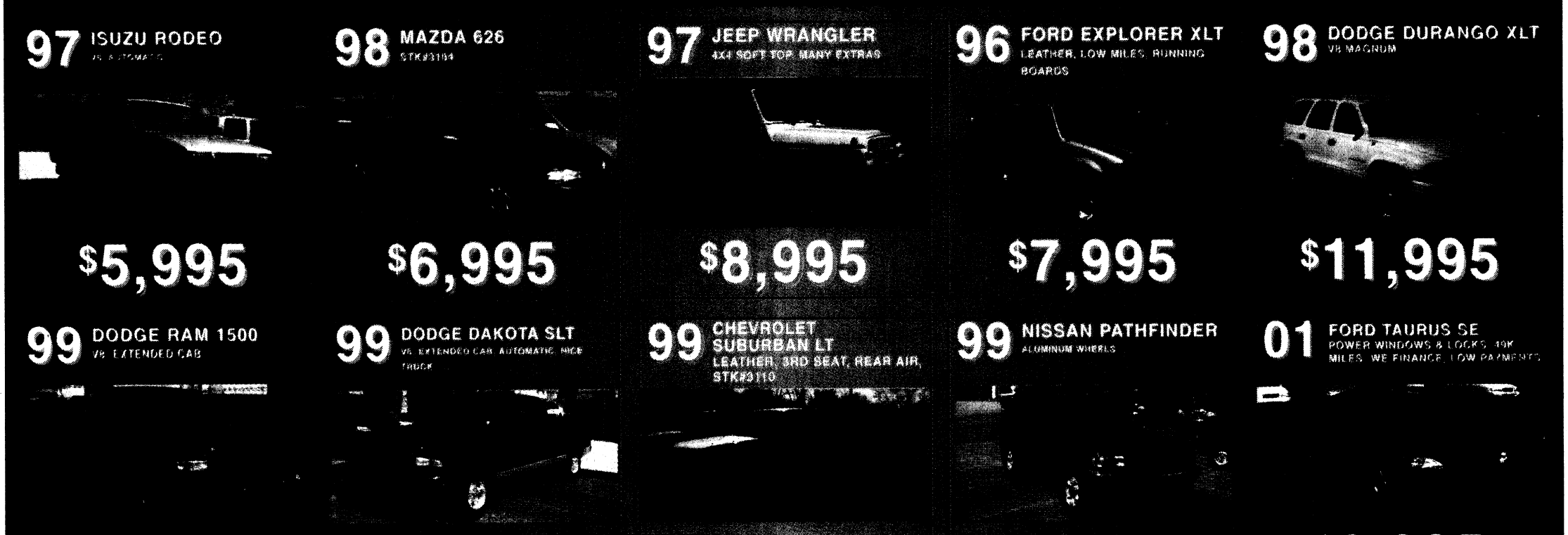

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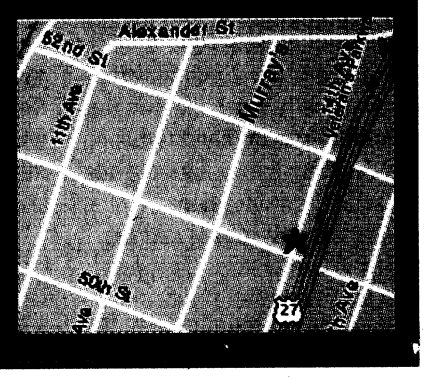


Forgiving brings us back into fellowship

Chaplain (Capt.) Patrick R. Basal
USAIC Staff Chaplain's Office

REFLECTIONS

By now, most of us have seen the new blockbuster movie by Mel Gibson, *The Passion of The Christ*. If you have not, I highly encourage you to go and view it before it leaves the movie theaters. Gibson's movie follows the traditional passion play format of Holy Week.

Passion plays have a long and distinguished heritage in Christianity, and no discussion of its purposes and its aftermath can be complete without an understanding of the theological significance.

As the Lenten season ends with Christ's triumphal entry on Palm Sunday and we move into the Easter season, (which begins with his resurrection), it is a time of renewing and rebirth. It becomes apparent that we are provided with the perfect occasion to focus our spiritual walk on the central teachings of our faith —that of justification by grace through faith in Christ Jesus alone.

The Doctrine of Justification by the gift of grace is wounded in the full atonement, which Christ won by spilling his blood and dying on a wooden cross. What do I mean by atonement? Well, in scripture, it is referred to in terms of redemption, expiation, reconciliation and the taking away of the stain of sin. Sin then, is an offense to God, a debt that we owe, a broken relationship between God and us, a stain which we cannot remove or blot out.

"But God desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4)

So God has done everything necessary to pay for our debt to reconcile, liberate and forgive us, in order to bring us back into fellowship with him. It's all God's doing, not ours.

God gives us the gift of grace, not because we deserve it or because we have earned it by doing good things, it is entirely his free gift to give, and he does so willingly. It is given by his grace alone. "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God — not because of works, least any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

The wonderful Gospel (Good News) is that by God alone, by his grace that gives us the faith and transforms our hearts and lives into something new and beautiful. It is through the heroic endurance of Christ Jesus as he forgave his tormentors for the merciless cruelty of being tortured and crucified, which express how much and by what means our transformation was accomplished.

Let us then respond in kind and forgive others for what they have done to us. For it is through the act of repenting and forgiving that we are brought back into fellowship with God. What better time is there to allow change of our lives than the Easter season.

CHAPEL NOTES

Holy week services —

• Catholic — 7 p.m. Thursday, Holy Thursday service, Regimental Chapel

• Spanish Catholic — 7 p.m. Thursday, Holy Thursday Spanish Catholic Mass, TIC Chapel

• Protestant — 9:30 a.m. Sunday, U.S. Army Brass Ensemble, TIC Chapel; 10 a.m. Sunday, 70th anniversary worship celebration, TIC Chapel; 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Maundy Thursday Service, TIC Chapel.

For more information, call 545-2288 or 545-2289.

Passover Seder — Everyone is invited to the postwide Passover Seder at Sand Hill's Regimental Chapel from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday. Sign up with unit chaplains today. Call 544-9496 or 545-4960.

PWOC meeting — There will be no Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting Thursday.

PWOC Spring Bible studies — The Protestant Women of the Chapel will conduct the following Bible studies this Spring:

• *Calm My Anxious Heart* by Linda Dillow — This study is filled with encouragement and practical help for learning contentment and overcoming anxiety.

• *I Peter by Kay Arthur* — Will trials and tribulations reveal your faith and bring glory to God? Listen to what Peters said to believers about enduring tribulations.

• *Living Beyond Yourself* by Beth Moore — A detailed look at the nine character traits that make up the fruit of the spirit as described in Galatians. After this study you will better understand the person and fullness of the Holy Spirit.

• *And Then I Had Kids* by Susan Yates — This study will help you handle common struggles such as priorities, discipline, fatigue and other challenges of raising young children.

For more information on these classes, call Natalie Rauch at 221-5607.

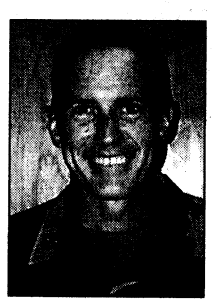
Heroic faith figures have failed too

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

My jumpers exited the aircraft perfectly, I followed immediately, and the landing couldn't have been easier. It was my last jump and the last day of three of the most intense weeks any paratrooper can endure ... U.S. Army Jumpmaster School. On top of that, I got the amazing news as they queued us up for the informal graduation ceremony on the drop zone I would be named the distinguished honor graduate of our class. Everything was going fantastic — until the jumpmaster committee walked up to me in the graduation rank and asked me to follow him.

"Sergeant Hawkins," he asked, with a pained, concerned look on his face. "Please, please tell me that you checked the trailing edge of the aircraft door before you exited your last stick?"

The blood drained from my face as I rewound the video tape of the last jump in my head. Then suddenly, it hit me — he was right, I had forgotten the most basic and critical of safety maneuvers we were required to demonstrate: Check the trailing edge of the aircraft door.



Hawkins

And in the time it took him to genuinely say, "I'm sorry," I went from standing in the distinguished honor graduate spot to receive my wings to standing about 15 feet away, dropped from the course on the last day, last jump, last minute in fact, watching everyone else get their jumpmaster wings ... and me get nothing. I had failed and failed miserably.

Have you ever failed? Have you ever failed miserably? If so, you're not alone. In fact, the club you are a part of doesn't just include me, it includes some pretty heroic figures of the faith.

How about Moses? Now Moses murdered a guy and tried to literally "cover it up" by burying him in the sand. Within 24 hours, he'd been found out and fled the country in shame. How about King David? From the medal of honor at age 15 in slaying Goliath, he wound up in a love triangle as king that got him on three counts of UCMJ action: desertion, adultery and murder. Have you seen the movie *The Passion of The Christ*? What about Peter? He disowned Jesus three times after telling him only hours before that he would die for Jesus if he needed to. Talk about abysmal features!

Was each of their failures final? Or did they know the secrets to failing forward? When failure comes, what do you do to make stepping stones out of your stumbling blocks ... What can you do to ensure your failure isn't fatal? ... What do you do to fail forward? Well that's exactly what I'll talk about in next week's column, "The Secrets of Failing Forward."

For more help, call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 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 Monday- Friday	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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, Classroom 2, Building 3305

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3951
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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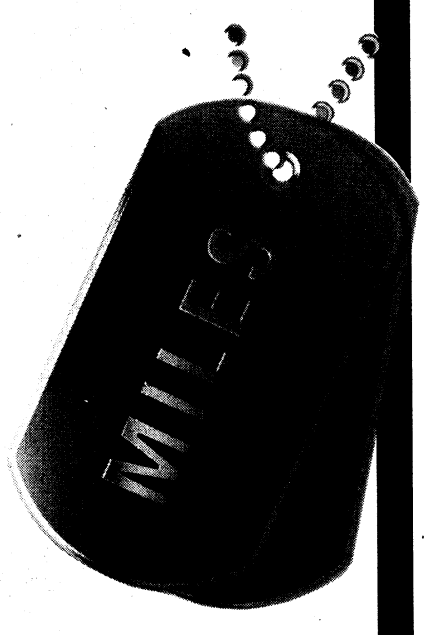

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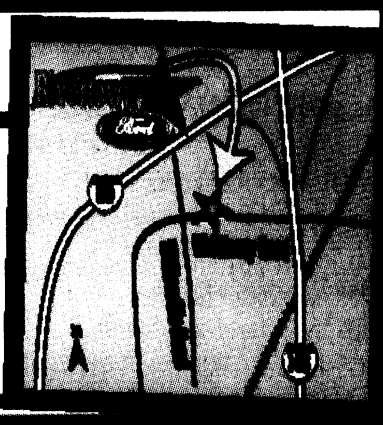

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SPORTS

SECTION C

LAYIN' DRAG

Run the quarter on the strip, keep racing off the streets

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Are you one of those drivers that has a 1970 Chevelle Super Sport? You know, the one with the 454-cubic-inch monster under the hood, and the super-wide slicks in the back to put 450 horses' feet on the ground?

Or maybe you're the import-crazy type with the '93 Mazda RX-7. Modded up, with its twin-turbo, rotary engine, a carbon-fiber hood and matching trim, GReddy dual-air intake and exhaust, 50-shot NOS injection that takes the car to 390 horses at the back wheels, 18-inch Nittos on catch-me-if-you-can, light-weight rims and a competition audio system — it's an import must-have.

From one racing addict to another: you don't have to risk your car or motorcycle, your license, your cash, your life or the lives of the humdrum, "normal" drivers around you anymore.

In response to the street racing pandemic, many different organizations have teamed up with law-enforcement, political figures, racing icons, and national agencies to provide relatively safe, legal venues for the reformed street racer to feed the need for speed.

According to their Web site, the National Hot Rod Association has spearheaded a program called Street Legal Drags to reduce the proliferation of illegal racing by convincing racers to race a strip and not the street.

More than 140 member tracks across the nation are participating in the program, which opens up one-eighth-mile or quarter-mile tracks to street legal cars.

The tracks usually open street racers on weekend nights, and, for a budget-minded fee of about $10 to $20, racers can make as many passes as they want. Most of these events are straight grudge races, heads-up challenges pitting a car against whoever happens to pull up next to them in the staging area.

Formal bracketing is usually not used in order to maximize the number of passes available to all drivers.

Many other programs are available across the country as well.

Some cities, like San Diego, have programs that incorporate law enforcement into the picture as partners to help foster an environment of understanding between racers and police forces.

During special events, San Diego's street legal track program, Race Legal, pits off-duty police officers against their former prey in light-hearted, friendly racing competition.

The program there, according to their Web site at www.racelegal.com, has an average turn-out of 350 cars and motorcycles on any given night, has reduced the number of illegal-racing deaths by 78 percent in just one year and reduced organized illegal street racing by 99 percent.

The only problem is that for many areas, like Columbus, the closest quarter-mile tracks that participate in programs like these are between an hour and a half to three hours away or more.

The closest one here is the Silver Dollar Raceway on Highway 96 in Reynolds, Ga.

Ed Swearingen, track owner, said they have a fairly significant turn-out on Friday nights, when the most racers come out for the Street Legal Drags event and said he thinks the program is helping keep some drivers racing on the track instead of on public roads, but said the word needs to get out better to street racers that there are legal alternatives.

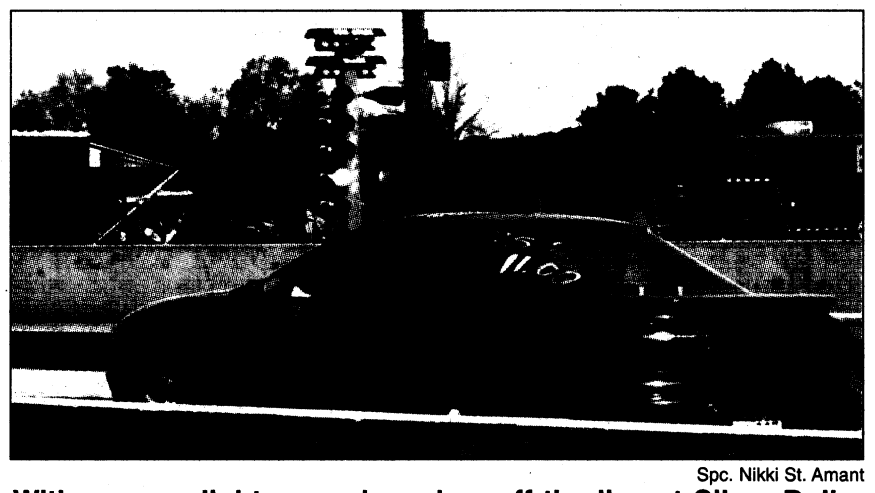
Many tracks, including the Silver Dollar Raceway, participate in a NHRA Junior Drag Racing League, Swearingen said, that teaches teen-agers the dangers of street racing and encourages them to keep their racing on the strip instead of on the street by providing a healthy, safe environment for young racers to learn the values of competition, track procedures and appreciation for the vehicles they are driving and the inherent dangers of the sport.

Though requirements vary from track to track, at the least, drivers need a valid driver's license, proof of registration and insurance, DOT-approved, street-legal tires, seat belts, a muffler and, if using nitrous oxide, the bottles must be stamped as meeting DOT's 1,800-pound standard, according to the NHRA Web site.

Some tracks may require helmets, 5-point restraint systems or other safety equipment.

Those requirements aren't asking much of drivers in return for a safe place to race with almost no interference from law enforcement agencies and no risk of causing a potentially fatal accident involving innocent people.

To find NHRA-sponsored tracks that participate in the Street Legal Drags program or for more information about track procedures, visit www.nhra.com.



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With a green light, a car launches off the line at Silver Dollar Raceway's quarter mile track in Reynolds, Ga., on Saturday.



Post Soldier retains powerlifting crown

Kelley Hill Soldier prepares for U.S. nationals in June

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

It's the quiet ones you have to watch out for Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Thompson is, by all accounts, a quiet man — "low key" his wife says — and he's not one to brag, which is why few people know he's held the Military Nationals Power Lifting Super Heavy title since 1997, save for last year when he was deployed with the 29th Infantry Regiment to Iraq.

Thompson regained the title March 13 at the Military Nationals in Fort Hood, Texas, lifting 600 pounds in both squat and dead lift and 520 pounds bench press.

At "40-something," the 20-year veteran was the oldest in his class.

Thompson, who said he grew up on a farm in Mississippi "baling hay and tossing cows," admits he's naturally strong and has never had to resort to supplements or muscle enhancers.

In fact, his approach to powerlifting is unorthodox by anyone's standard.

He doesn't adhere to a strict exercise regimen, doesn't spend a great deal of time in the gym, and eats most anything his heart desires.

"Actually anything Deborah puts on the table," he said of his wife of 20 years. The couple have three sons, Phillip, 18, who's preparing to lift competitively, Calvin Jr., 15, and Patrick, 12.

Thompson became interested in competitive powerlifting in 1995, the year his father died.

"I was angry. I needed someplace to vent — someplace other than home," he said.

New to Fort Hood at the time, Thompson headed to the post gym after work each day to deal with his grief.

Johnny Graham, the coach of the post's powerlifting team, spotted the new guy hoisting more than 400 pounds and invited him to join the team.

"I saw a really, really quiet guy with a lot of power and undeveloped technique," said Graham, a retired master sergeant who also coaches the men's and women's U.S. Powerlifting Masters teams.

After the first tournament, Thompson was hooked, and he made up his mind then and there he'd become the military champion and retain the title until he retires.

He may be able to hold the title longer, since retirees can compete in military weightlifting events.

Thompson, whose Fort Benning home is littered with years and years worth of trophies, said lifting helped him "deal with the down time" during the regiment's deployment to Iraq and Kuwait last year.

When barbells weren't available out in the desert, he lifted sand bags instead.

"It helped keep me focused, helped me stay positive," he said. "Lifting will do that for you."

Now Thompson — whose "form is one of the best you'll find in the U.S.," according to Graham — qualifies for the U.S, National Powerlifting Championship, which will take place in June in St. Louis.

His wife has no doubt he'll do well.

"I'm not cocky about Calvin. I'm confident," Deborah said. "He doesn't do anything halfway. He simply likes to win, and he's made up his mind to do it."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Thompson dead lifts 600 pounds during his workout Tuesday at Audie Murphy Gym.

> "It helped keep me focused, helped me stay positive. Lifting will do that for you."
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> **Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Thompson**
> 29th Infantry Regiment

Think twice about street racing excitement

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

You've spent hours fiddling with your boost controller, playing with the computer management system you just had installed, fine tuning the suspension and, basically, pampering that car of yours like it was your first-born child. Now it's time to hit the street on Friday night and show that hot Supra that smoked you last weekend what you're made of, right? WRONG!

Street racing interest has multiplied exponentially in the years since such pop culture films as *The Fast and the Furious* and *Gone in 60 Seconds,* which glorify street racing and fast, dangerous driving, were released.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported illegal street racing was a factor in 135 fatal crashes in 2001, which is almost twice the number reported in 2000.

In 1999, the Florida Department of Highway Safety for Motor Vehicles reported 28 accidents related to street racing, with two fatalities and 27 injuries. Not that many, right? The number of accidents has risen 70 percent since then, and the number of injuries has risen 120 percent.

The people who die or are hurt in street racing accidents aren't necessarily street racers themselves, either. Many times, it is innocent, legal drivers and their passengers whose lives are destroyed when racers lose control.

On Feb. 14., on the Hawaiian island of Oahu, two Mitsubishi Eclipses, driven by Army Soldiers, were racing on the H-1 highway and collided with a truck. All three vehicles were consumed by flames that erupted when the truck's gas tank exploded. A passenger in the truck was killed, and the driver was seriously injured. Both the drivers of the Eclipses died in the accident and one passenger was killed, according to the *Honolulu Advertiser.*

The toll in human lives and injuries should be enough to discourage most racers, but if the bodies of innocent bystanders along impromptu drag strips isn't enough to make racers think twice, maybe the possible legal implications of illegal street racing can dissuade the fast and way too furious.

While penalties vary from state to state, most are becoming more punitive as deaths rise.

In many states, like California, Missouri and others, street racers who cause accidents that lead to fatalities can now be charged with second-degree murder instead of vehicular homicide, opening the door to far lengthier prison sentences — up to 25 years.

Many states have passed laws that forfeit the titles of cars of drivers with a second conviction for drag racing. So that sweet little WRX or juiced up Mustang you have sunk thousands of dollars into could become the property of the state and be sold at an auction to some lucky stranger.

The fines for street racing continue to rise as well. In some states, you may have to fork over up to $5,000 per offense, if convicted.

In most states, conviction for drag racing results in a mandatory driver's license suspension for the first offense.

In most cases, judges will assign community service for first-time offenders in lieu of jail time, but for repeat offenders, the possibility of doing time behind bars is very real.

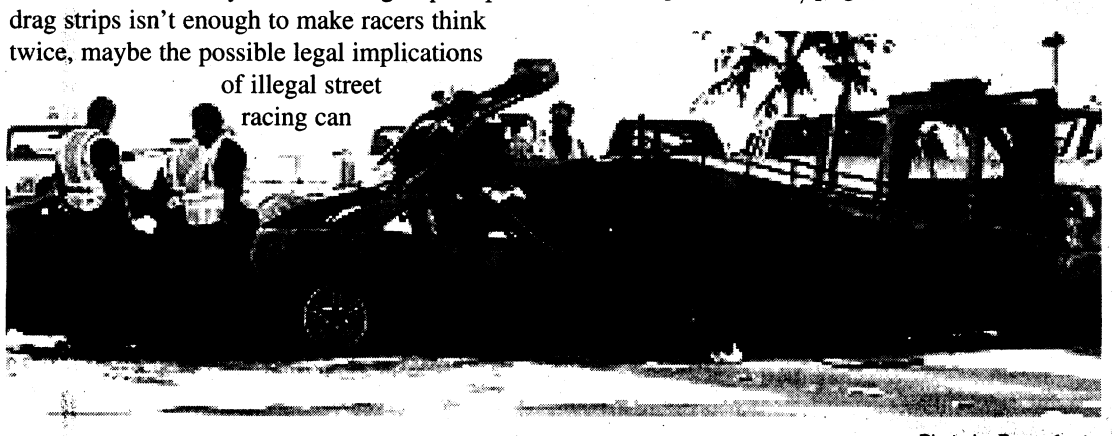
Insurance rates skyrocket as well for convicted street racers because of the extremely high risk of devastating accidents tied to the sport.

Military service members caught drag racing on Department of Defense installations aren't exempt from prosecution or severe penalties.

Racers on post can be charged with drag racing, speeding and reckless endangerment.

Possible penalties for these offenses range from fines of up to $1,000 per offense to revocation of installation driving privileges and prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, said Carol Hiller of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

So, if you are one of those speed demons who just loves competition, do us all a favor and think twice. Weigh the consequences before you and the guy next to you launch off the line at your local neighborhood stoplight.



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A three-car crash on the Hawaiian island of Oahu on Feb. 14, 2004, that killed four people. The drivers of the two cars were Army Soldiers. Witnesses reported the two vehicles were racing when one slammed into the back of the truck, rupturing the gas tank and igniting an inferno on the H-1 highway.

Faith starts wrestling team

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Faith Middle School wrestling team had the chance to finally get on the wrestling mats in their cafeteria for the very first time Tuesday.

For two weeks, the almost 20-member team went through rigorous conditioning workouts with their coach to prepare them for the school's first wrestling season.

"I wanted to see what these guys were made of," said head wrestling coach Rick Everett. "I wanted to see how bad they wanted it."

After the two weeks of workouts, Everett could tell his team wanted it, and he began teaching them the basics on the mat Tuesday.

The basics included the three basic takedowns; the fireman's carry, single-leg takedown and double-leg takedown.

"The basics are very important in wrestling," Everett said. "Without them, a wrestler won't get anywhere. They'll get beat every time they go on the mat."

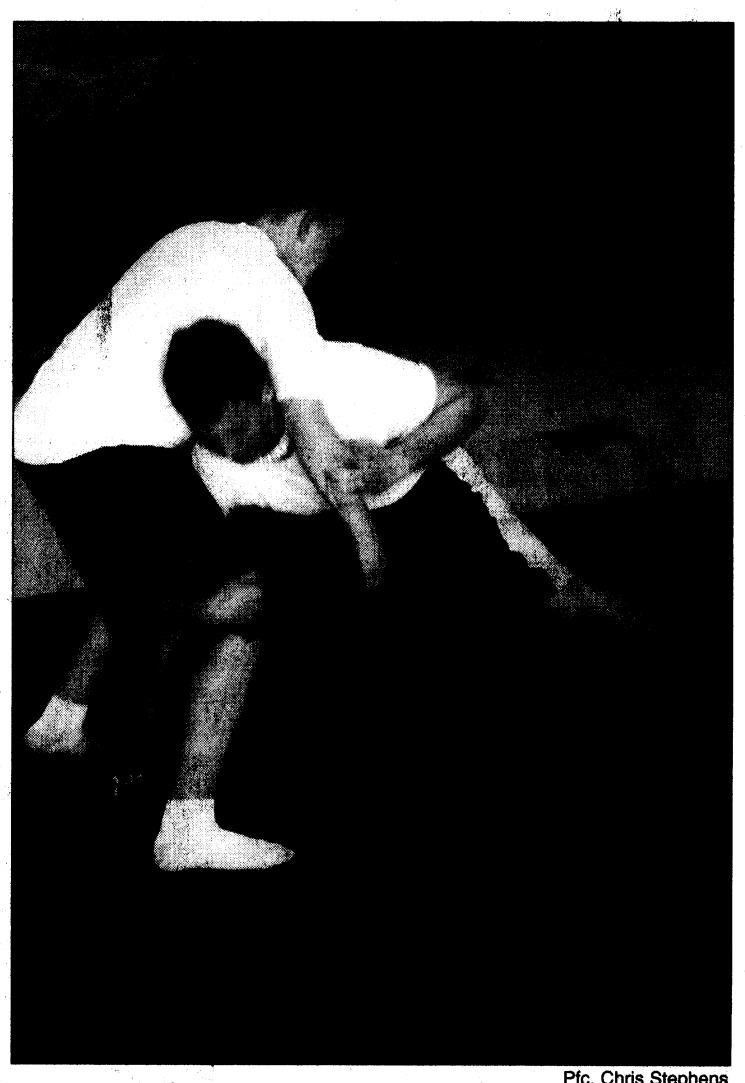
For the wrestlers, they were happy to finally see some action on the mat.

"It's nice to get on the mat and throw people around," said eighth-grader Alex Anderson. "That's why I came out here, to be physical, and I plan on doing that. I want to become the very best that I can."

Some of the students saw wrestling as something different for them to participate in after school.

"I've played baseball most of my life, and I got a little bored with it," said eighth-grader Ryan Shepherd. "I wanted to do something else, and I've always been interested in wrestling, so I figured I would give it a try and so I came out here."

Anderson and Shepherd said their goal this year was to learn as much of the basics and modern techniques as they could for when they wrestle next year at one of the Columbus-area high schools.



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Jacob Siter, right, performs the fireman's carry on Ryan Shepherd during practice Tuesday afternoon in the Faith Middle School cafeteria.

"I want to know what I'm doing when I wrestle next year," Anderson said. "If I can go ahead and get down the basics and learn and a few more techniques, then I feel I will be able to succeed next year at the high school level. I also have to put in the hard work and effort in all of the practices and meets. If I do that, then I feel I will be doing all right at the beginning of next year."

Most of the wrestlers agreed they are going to take their licks this year by some of the competition.

"To be a winner, you have to know what it feels like to lose," Shepherd said. "With some of our inexperience, that's what we're probably going to do. However, it will make us better in future matches. We will learn from our mistakes and use it as an advantage against our other opponents."

In order to compete for the team, wrestlers are required to maintain at least a 'C' average in the classroom.

"That tells me I have to work hard both in the classroom and on the mat," Anderson said. "In order for me to get better in wrestling, I have to do good in school. It all works hand-in-hand."

The team is currently considered a club team and has hopes of competing in open tournaments this year.

"It's important for these wrestlers to get into some tournaments," Everett said. "The more first-hand experience they have in competition, the better off they will be."

Dare I say — Jackets win it all?

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

All right, it's time for another one of my bold predictions. The Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets are going to win the National Championship in college basketball.

After taking a lot of time on whether or not I wanted to come out and say it, since I'm a die-hard Georgia Bulldogs fan, I decided to go ahead and suck up my pride and get it over with. It's not all that painful.

In this instance, I hope I'm wrong because I don't like to see them do well, but facts are facts, and they have the team that will win it all.

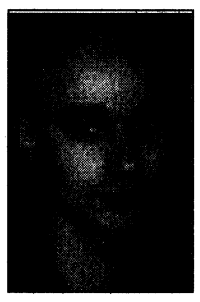
In the National Semifinals, the Jackets will play the Oklahoma State Cowboys. Now, Oklahoma State has a good team, but they can't match Tech's depth on the bench.

In the four NCAA tournament games the Jackets have played, there have been four different players who have been the high scorers for the game.

When one player has had an off day, the other players have helped pick up the slack.

A great example of this was in their Sweet 16 game against the Nevada Wolf Pack.

The team's leading scorer B.J. Elder went down with an ankle injury with only two minutes off the clock in the first half.



Teammate Marvin Lewis responded by leading the team in scoring and hitting key shots to outlast the Wolf Pack.

And when they played the Kansas Jayhawks in the Elite Eight, Jarret Jack stepped up with 29 points. Jack was money the whole day at the free throw line, hitting 13 of 14 shots. He also hit two free throws in overtime to clinch the game.

And, in the end, the bench is what wins you games.

In the other semifinal, the Connecticut Huskies will face the Duke Blue Devils.

Everybody is saying this should be the National Championship Game. You can argue it however you want, but let's face it, they're playing each other in the semifinals, not the finals.

Although UConn has the size advantage over the Blue Devils, I predict Duke will come out on top in this game because the Huskies can't match the Duke's speed. Players like J.J. Reddick, Chris Duhon and Luol Deng like to push the ball upcourt, and I don't think the Huskies can keep up with them.

With that, it will create an all-Atlantic Coast Conference final between the Blue Devils and the Jackets. I know, that's just what everybody wants to see.

Now, the Blue Devils are 2-1 against the Jackets this year, but Tech did snap Duke's home winning streak earlier in the season at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Georgia Tech-Duke will be a great matchup. One sub-matchup that will be interesting to see is if Duhon can match the speed of Jack off the dribble, and vice versa.

Both players have a great deal of speed and they love to push the ball up. Each of them can create plays in a matter of seconds. Whichever player can prevent the other from imposing his will, will lead his team to victory.

Now, why am I picking Tech over Duke? True, Duke has beat Tech twice this year. But, the NCAA tournament is a different season.

I believe the Tech players want it more, and that's what will win them the game. Duke players have been here before and they are going to become complacent being in the National Championship game again.

I look for Tech to sweep in and steal the show, not behind their all-star players, but behind their team players. That's what they are — a team! They share the ball and they don't try to get personal glory.

It's all about the team.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Basketball tournament fundraiser — There will be a fundraising basketball tournament at 2 p.m. April 10 before the Columbus Riverdragons game at the Columbus Civic Center. All proceeds will benefit the Valley Rescue Mission.

For more information, call Willie Allowa, at 662-2072.

Celebrity Classic 5K/10K — The 2004 Celebrity Classic 5K/10K run to benefit the John B. Amos Cancer Center will begin at 8 a.m. April 17 along the Columbus River Walk.

Registration for the race is $18 per person before April 16 and $20 on race day.

For more information, call 660-6559.

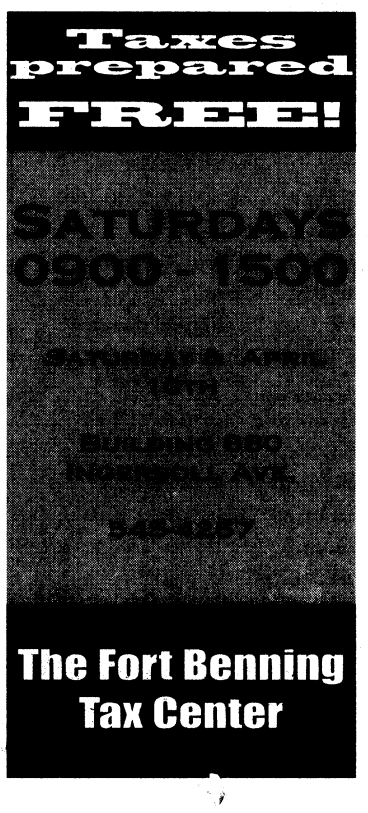
Dodge Tour de Georgia — On April 21, 120 world-class cyclists, including five-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, will race into Columbus for the 2nd annual Dodge Tour de Georgia cycling competition. Volunteer course marshals are needed.

For more information, call Susan Vann at 660-1996 or e-mail svann@columbusga.org.

Rivertown Bike Event — The Rivertown Riders, Chapter G, will host "Bikes on the Hooch" May 21-22.

Early bird registration is $100, to be selected from all registrations postmarked by May 1.

For more information, visit www.gwrracolumbus.com or call Art Murphy at 681-8386, Jared Cohen at 569-1139 or Stanley Steele at 464-6666.





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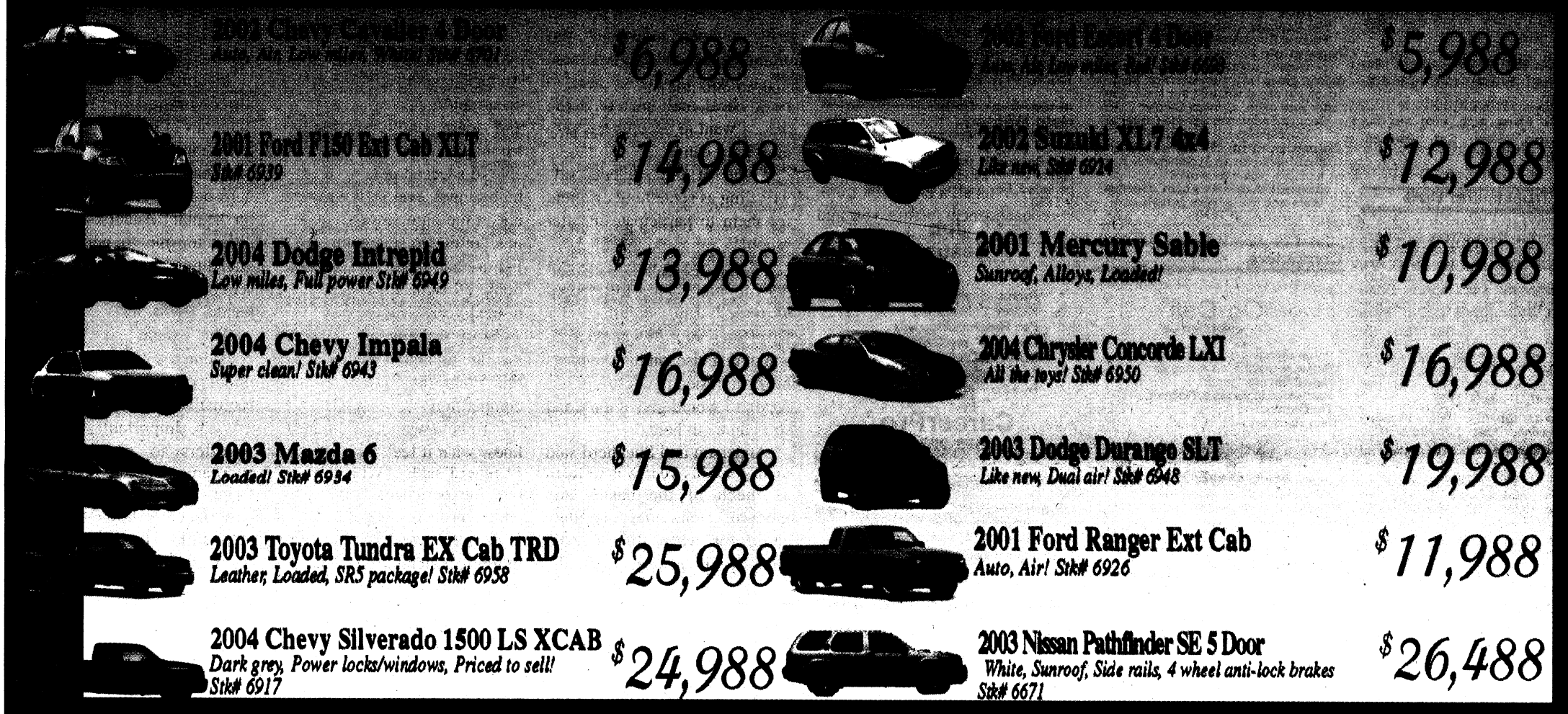

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Yard Sale/Moving Sale

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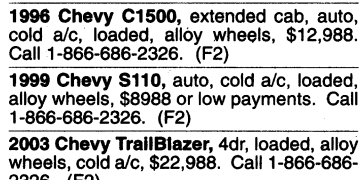
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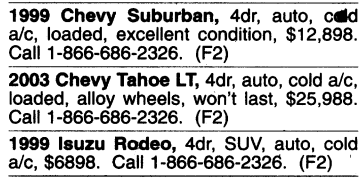
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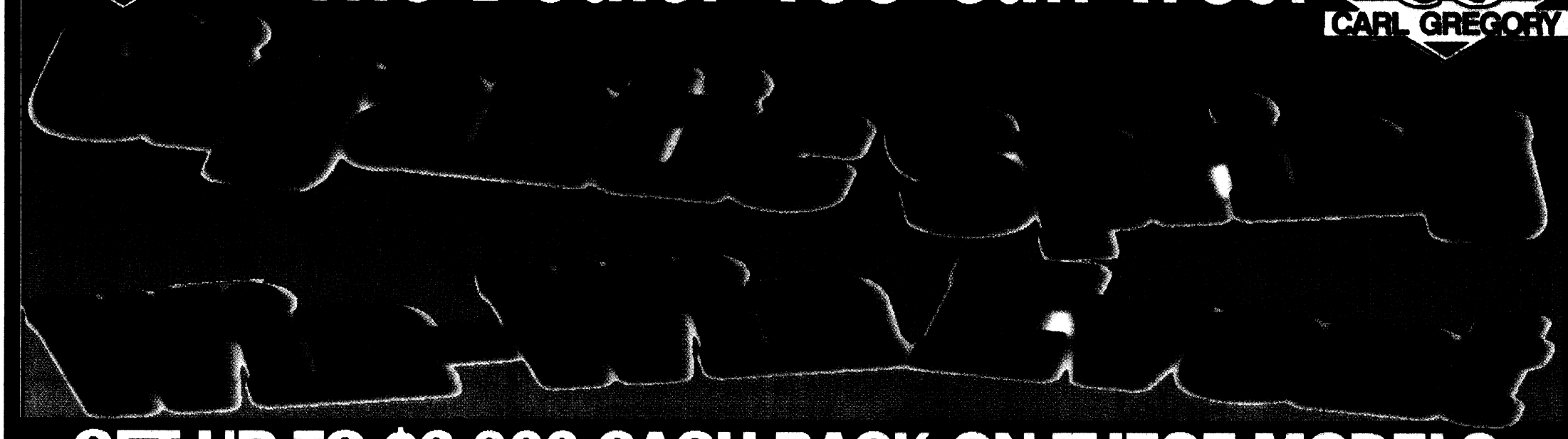

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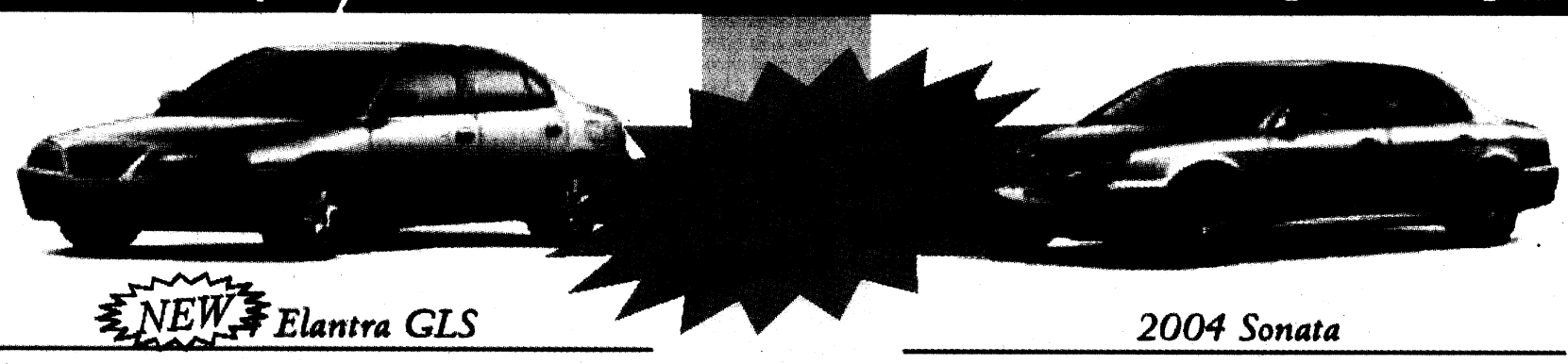

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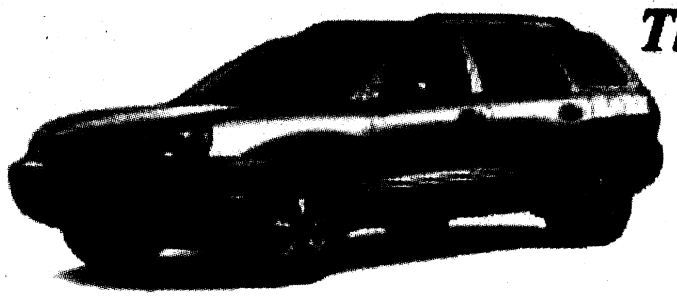

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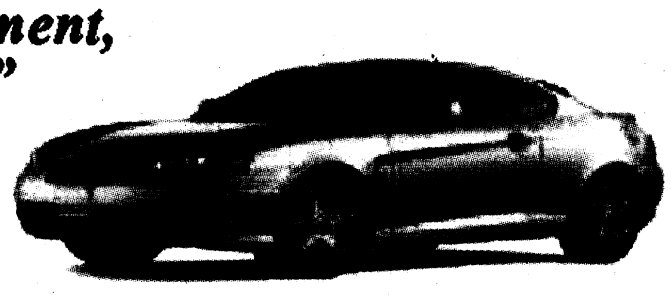

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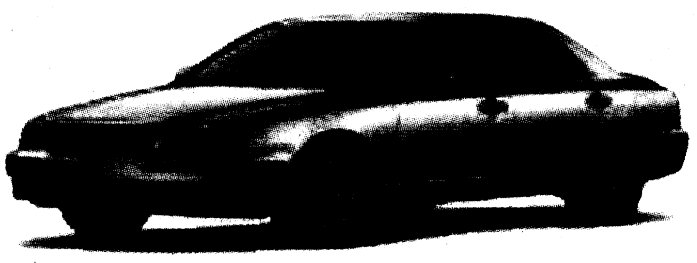

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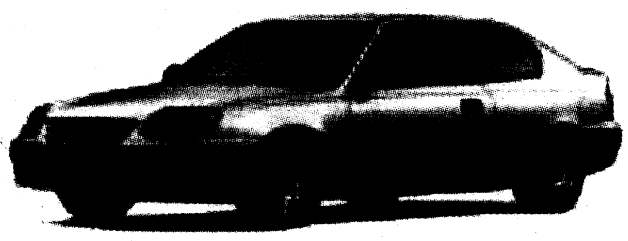

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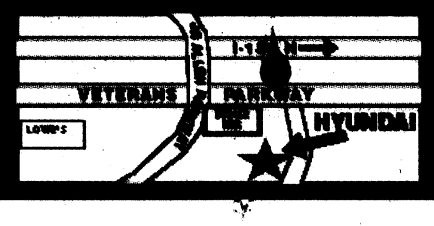

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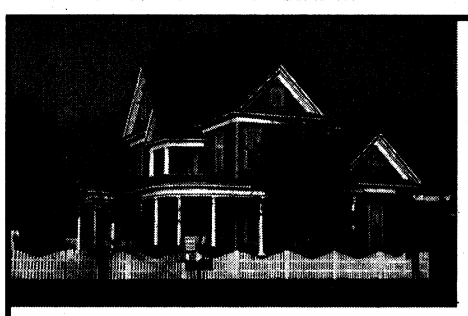

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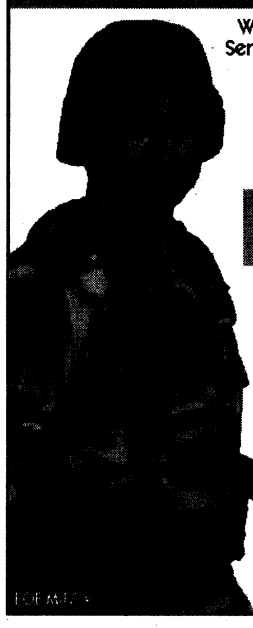
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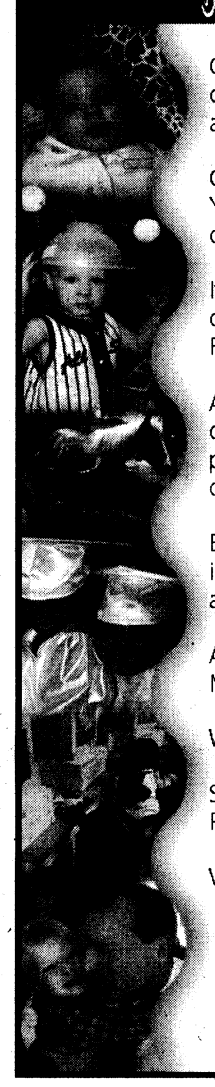
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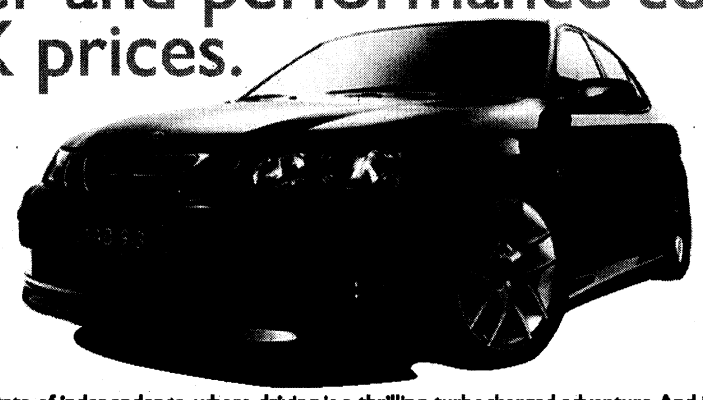
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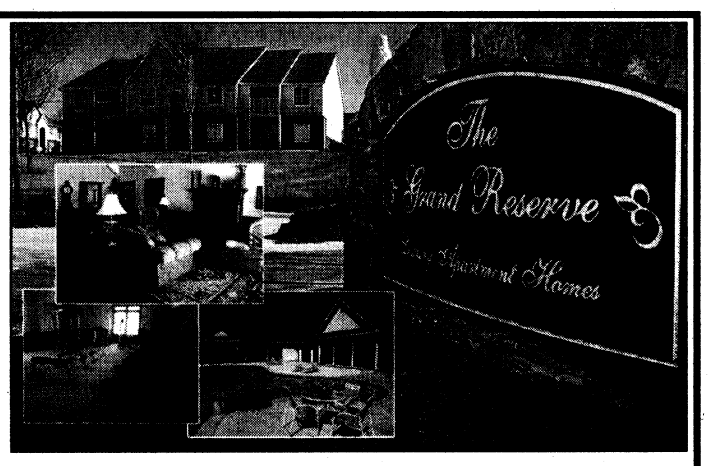

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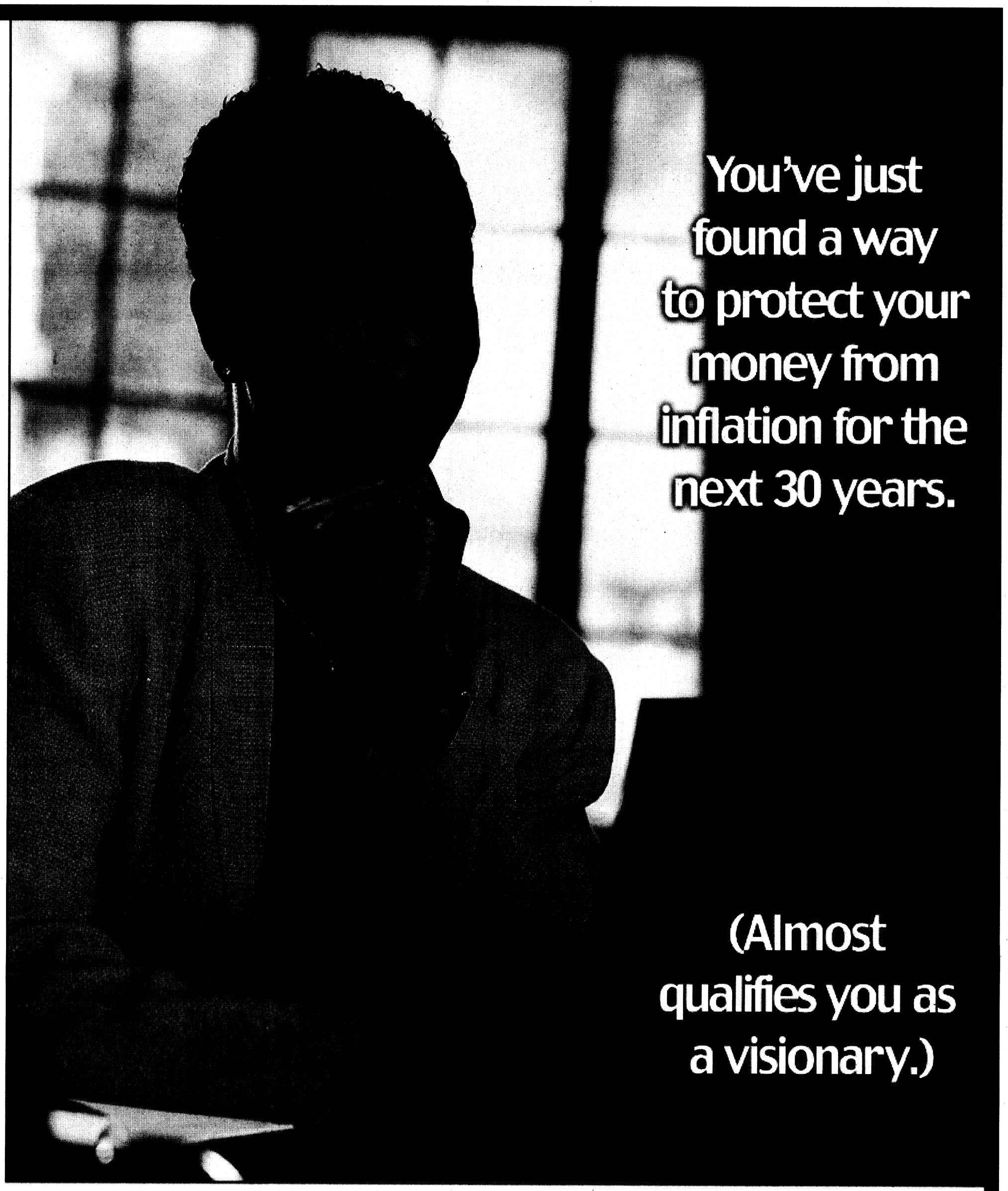

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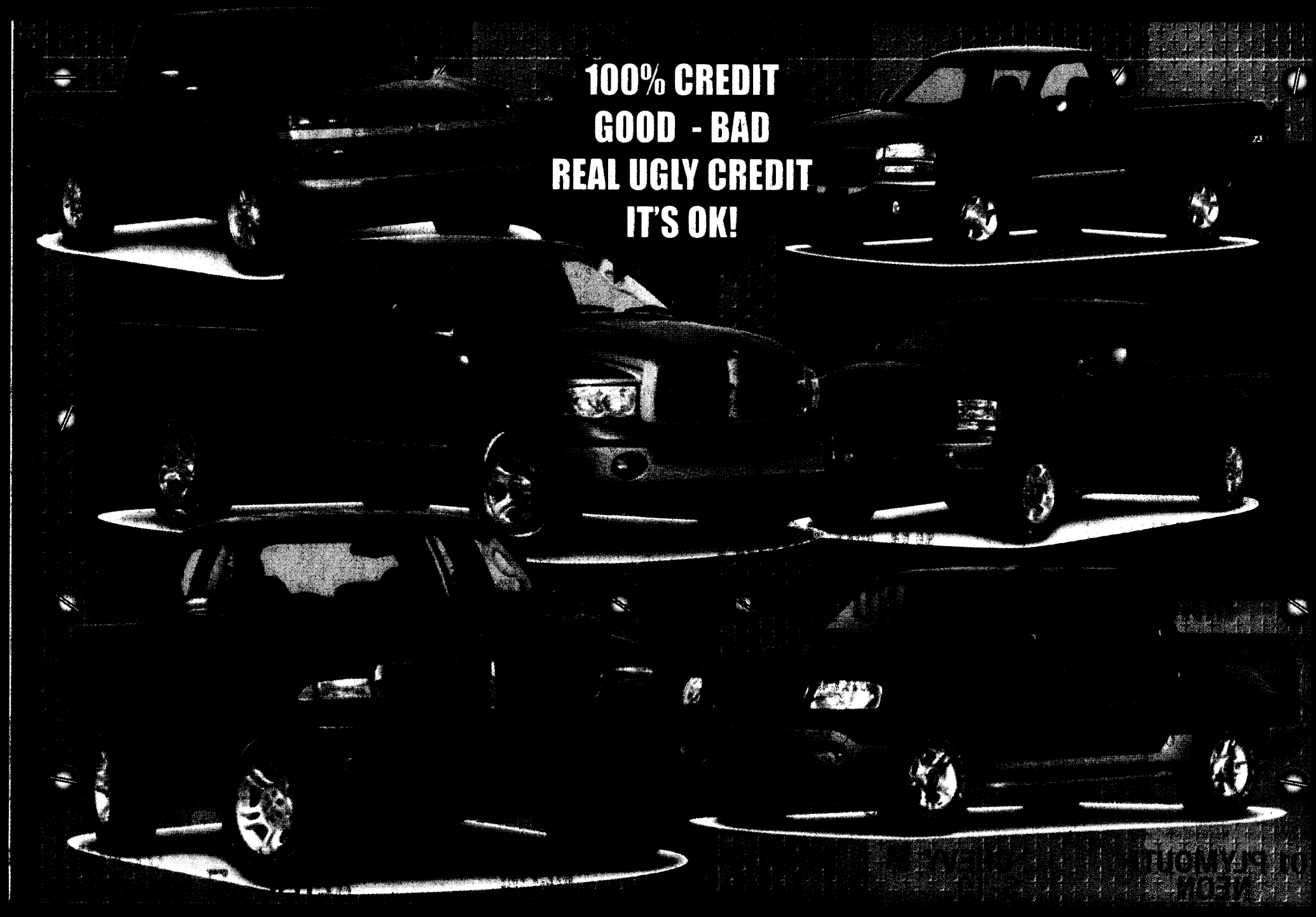

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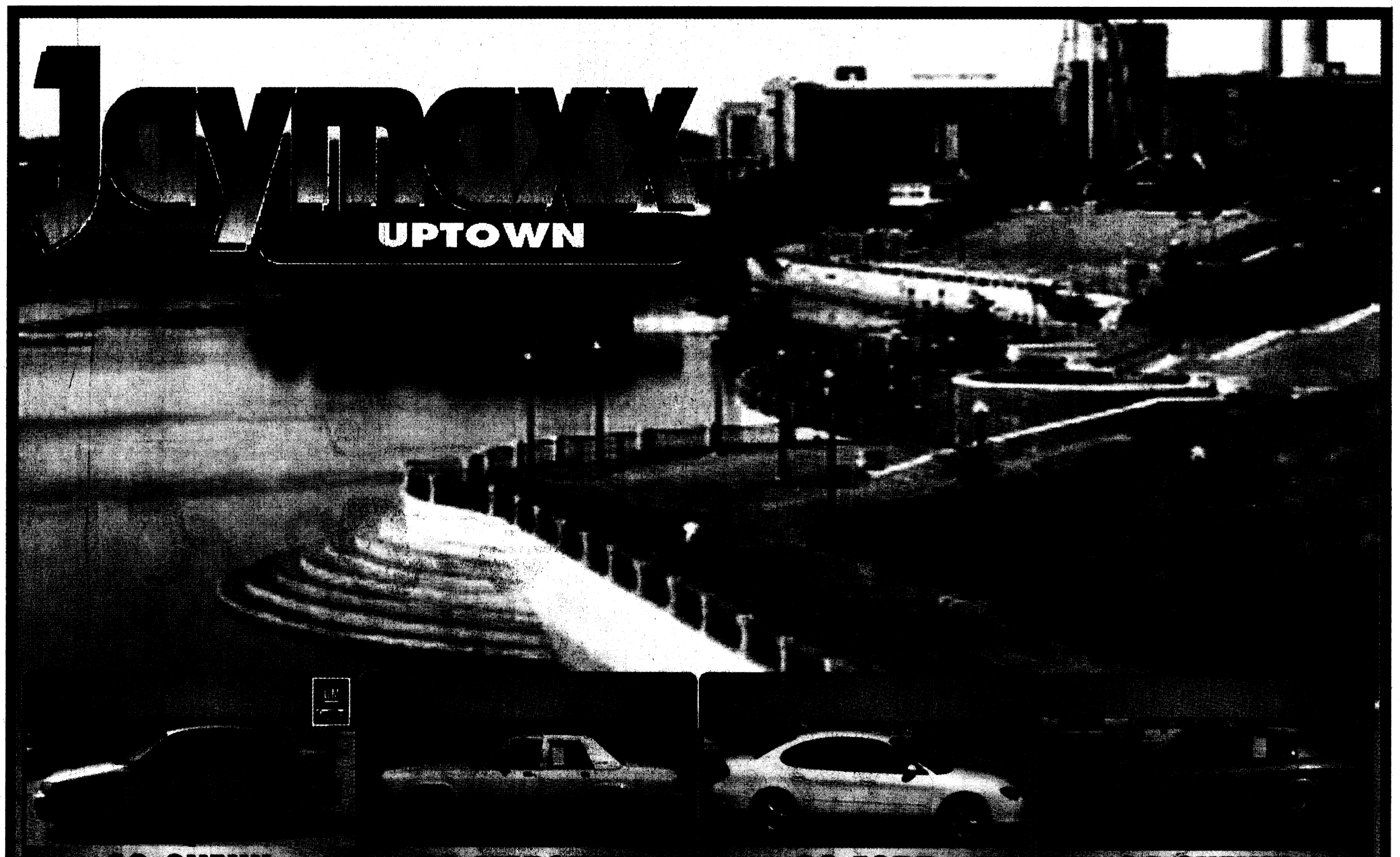

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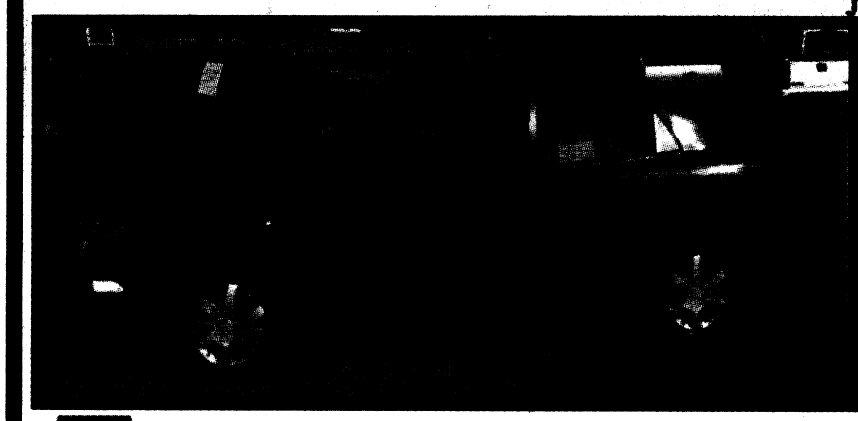

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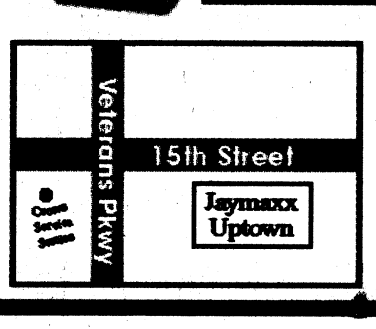

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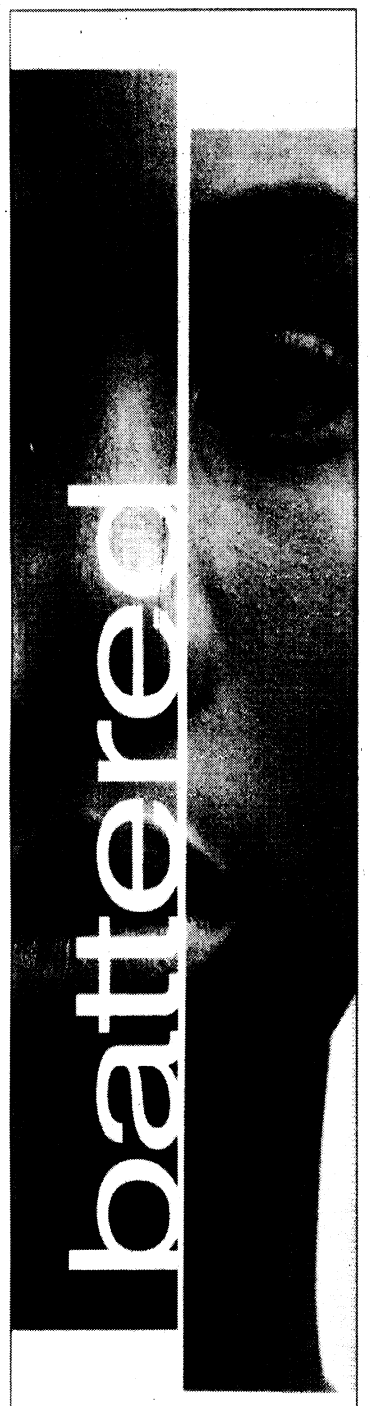

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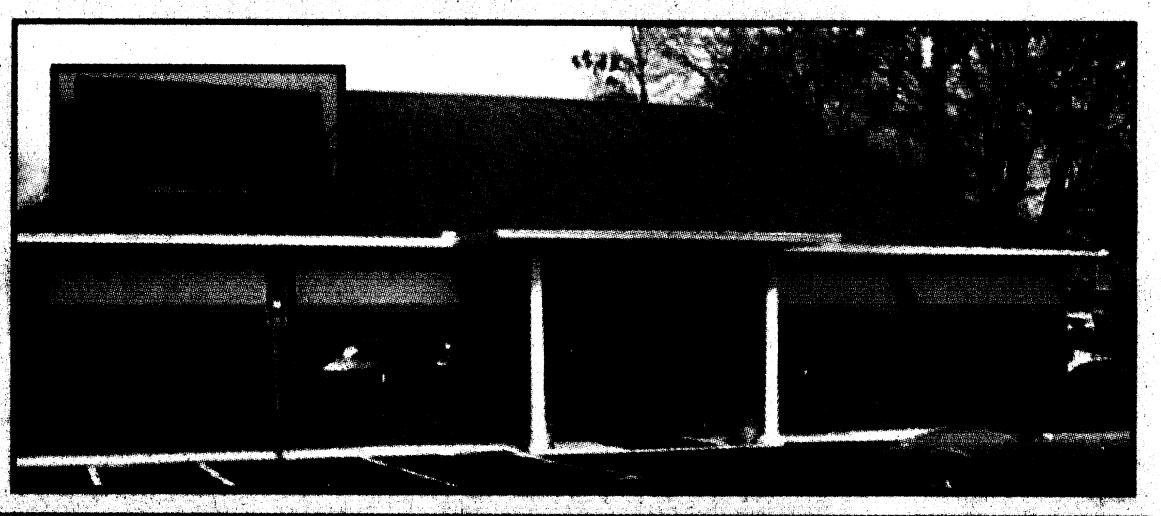

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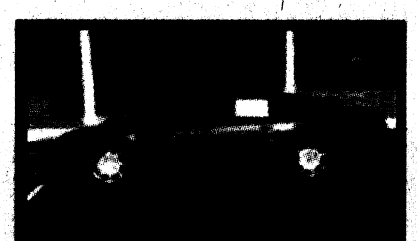

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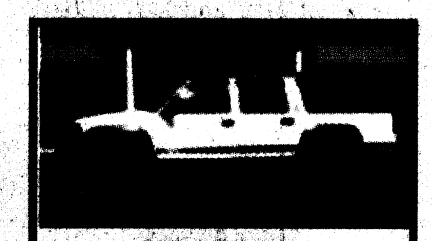

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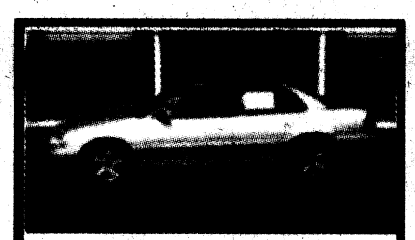

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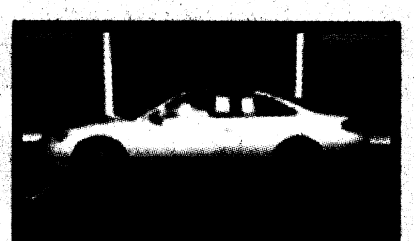

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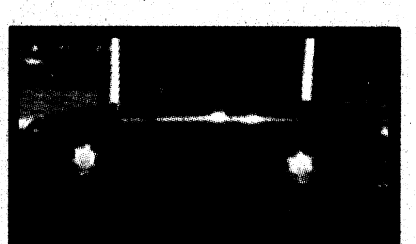

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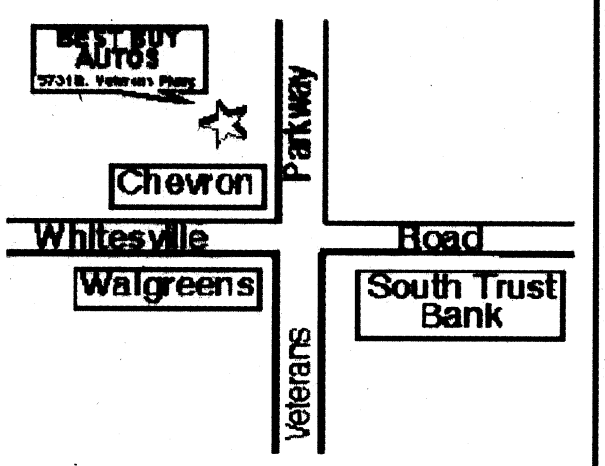

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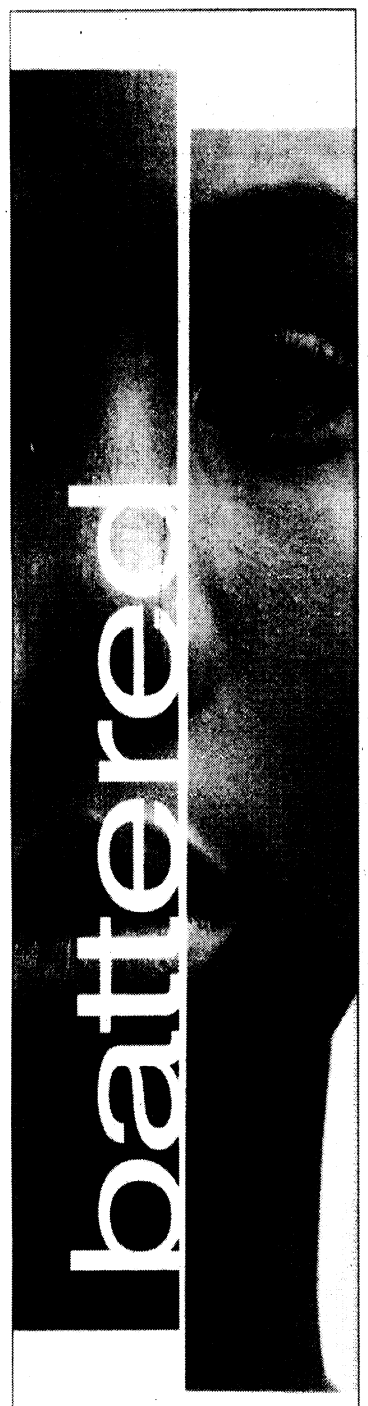

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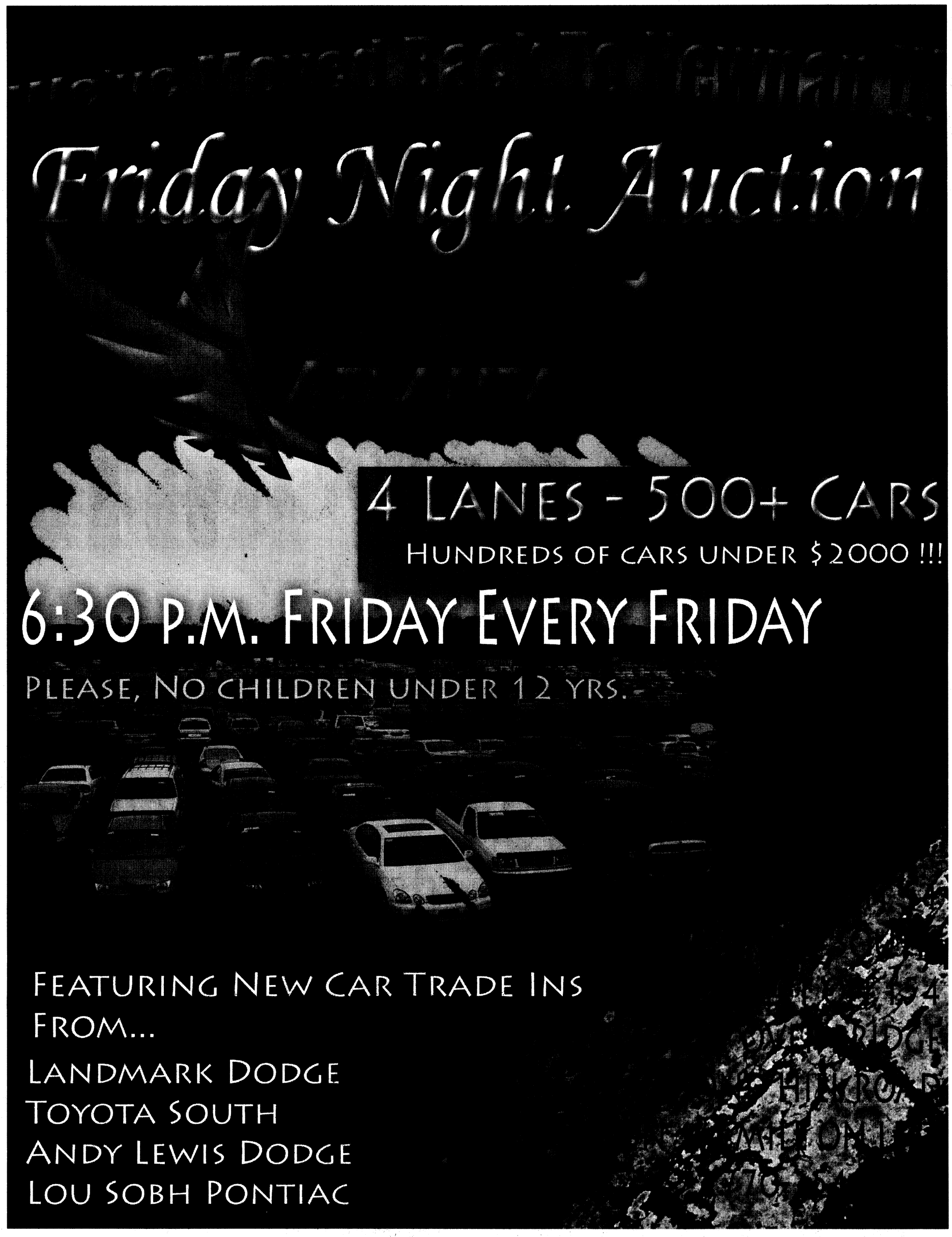

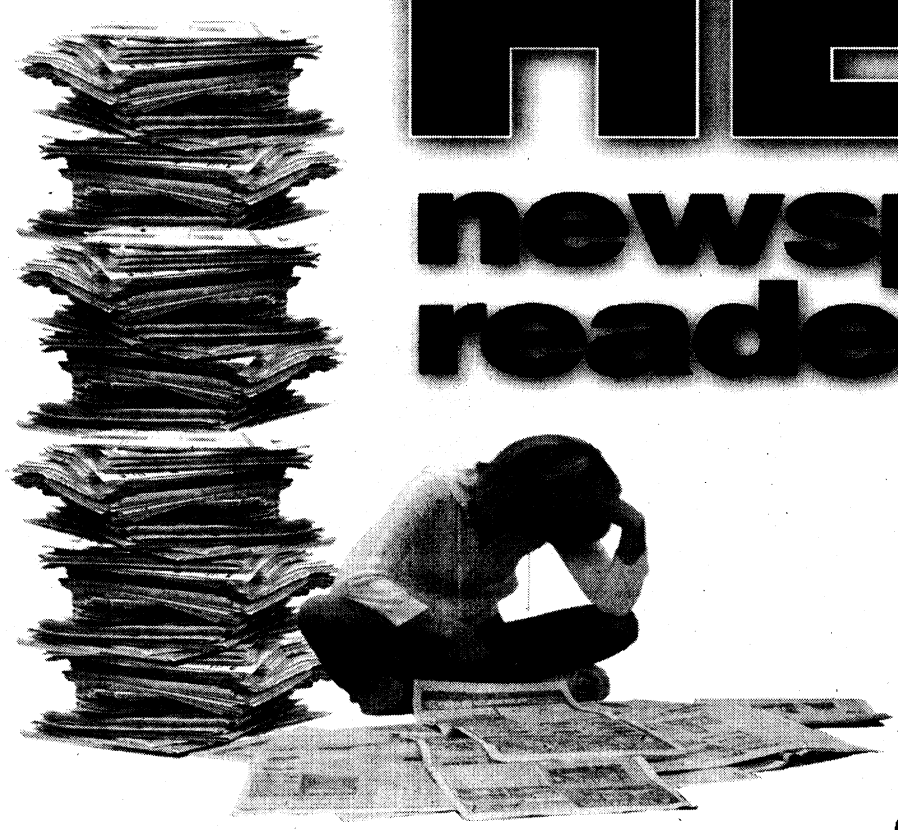

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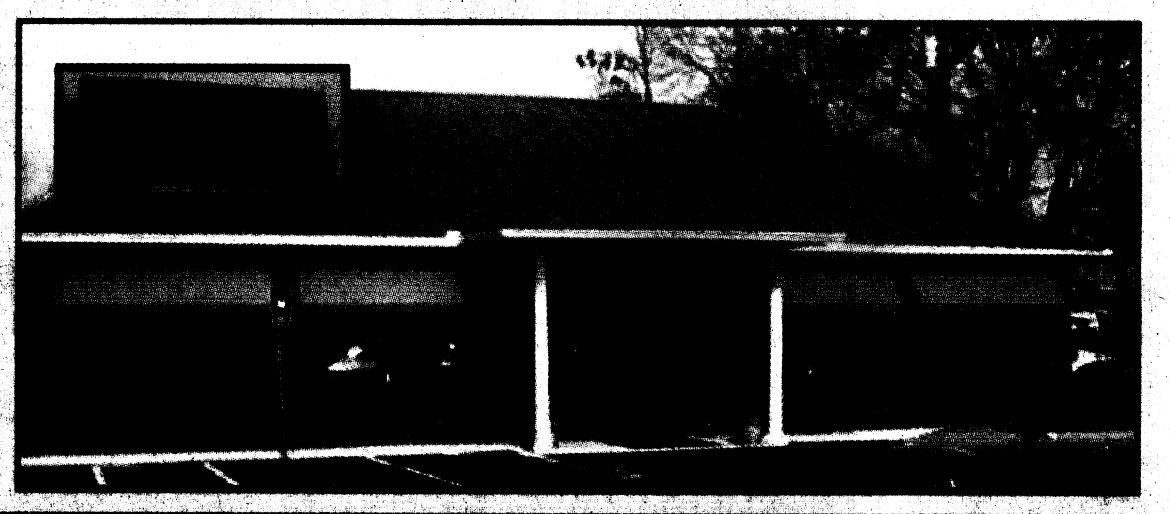

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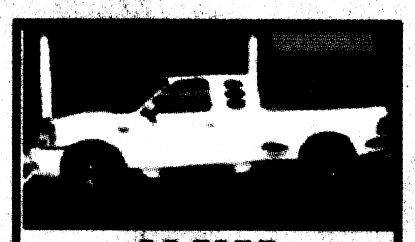

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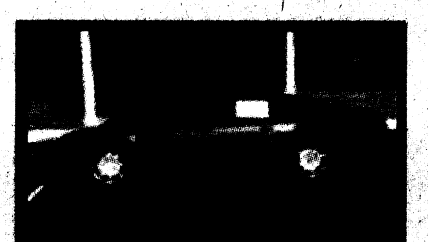

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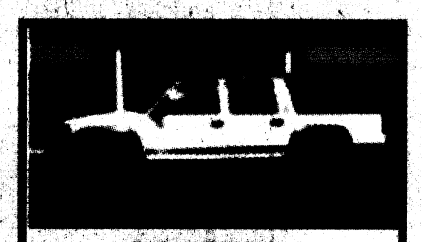

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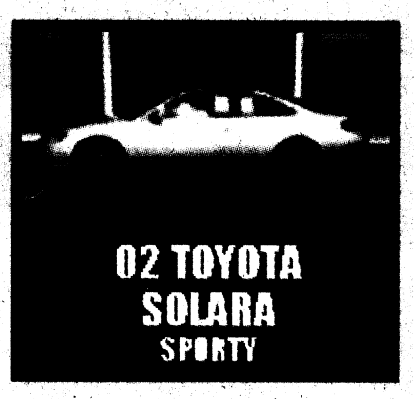

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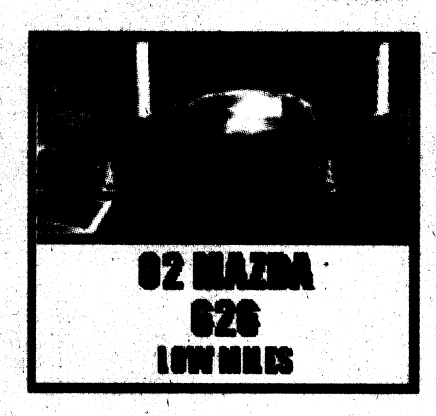

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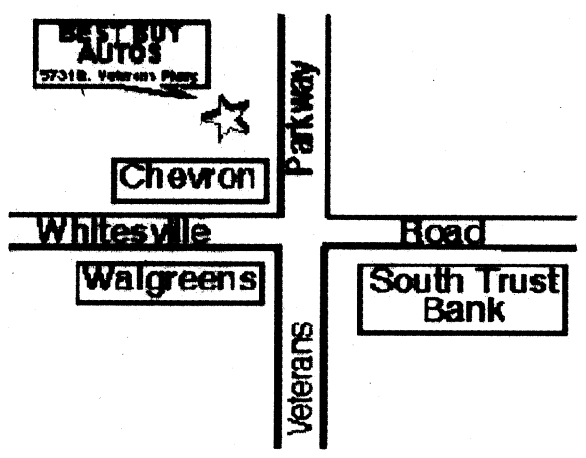

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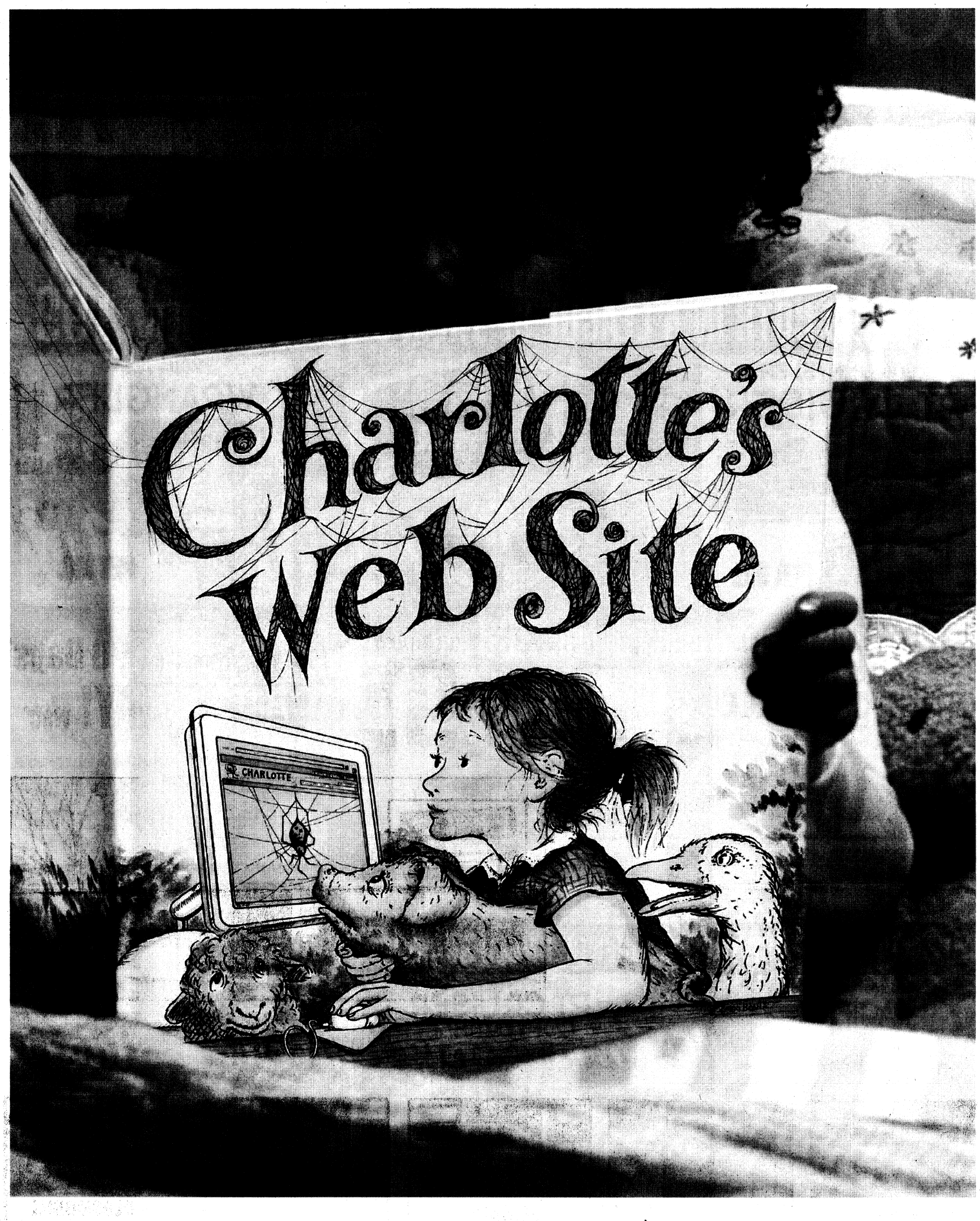

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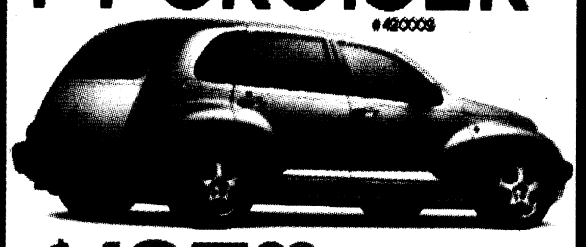
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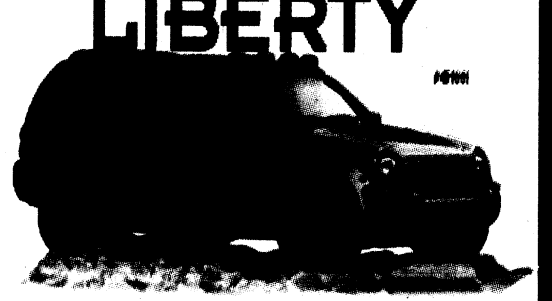
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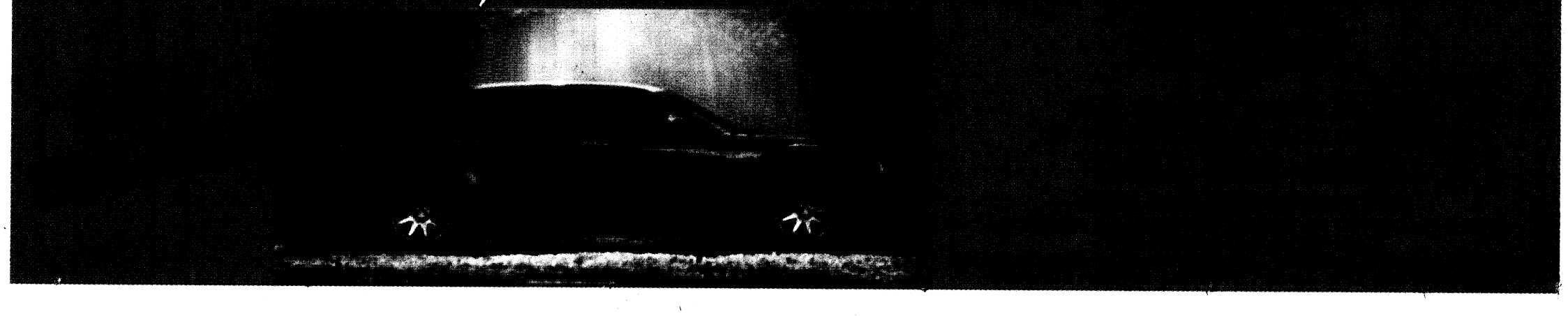

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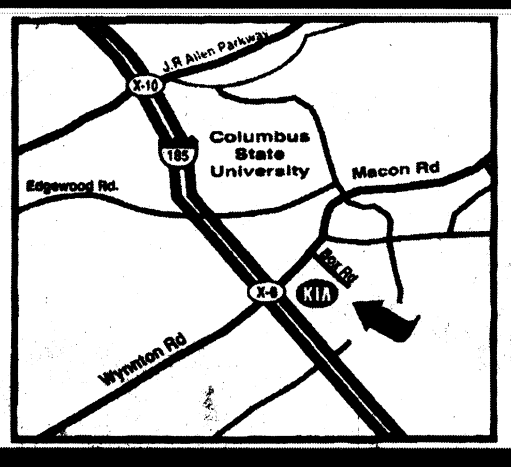

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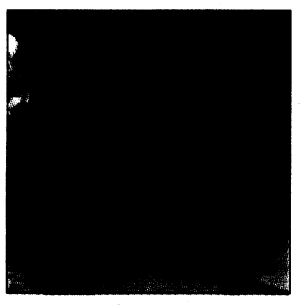

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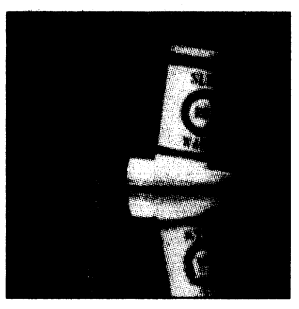

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Soldiers scammed off post

Post tax center protects troops from fraud

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Post taxpayers who choose not to use the Fort Benning Tax Center run the risk of becoming one of the many Soldiers who have been defrauded by commercial tax preparation firms in the local area.

Capt. Steven Collins, of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, said he urges Soldiers to use the Tax Center in lieu of off-post preparers.

Collins said even legitimate tax preparation agencies can charge from $200 to $500 for services the post center provides for free.

Collins said Soldiers have come to him and reported significant difficulties with local tax preparation agencies. He said the most common problem reported to him is difficulty getting copies of the tax return itself and a statement of charges from the preparation company.

But problems can be much more serious than paperwork issues, said Sgt. Maj. Keith Dragnett, Infantry Training Brigade training and operations sergeant major.

Dragnett said Soldiers have reported some tax preparation firms promised them astronomical returns, took their paperwork and then gave them the run-around for more than a month before they received even a partial return that actually ended up being a loan that accrued interest.

Dragnett said one company promised him a $10,000 return for the current year and offered to get him and his wife $40,000 by refiling their previous three years' returns.

According to the Internal Revenue Service's Web site, the majority of these over-inflated return promises are achieved through illegal methods, like claiming false dependents, exaggerating personal and business expenses and non-existent business losses, and claiming unauthorized credits.

The Web site advises those who hire a tax preparer to take the time to investigate the agency's history and credentials. It also tells users to beware of agencies that promise huge returns or base their fees on a percentage of the return.

The quickest way to get a legally obtained tax return is through electronic filing, according to the

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CLOSER LOOK

The Fort Benning Tax Center hours of operation are:

- Closed today
- Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Closed Easter Sunday.
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- The tax center is located in Building 880 on Ingersoll Avenue
- For more information about the tax center, call 545-4267.
- For more information about tax preparation fraud, visit www.irs.gov.

I-185 gate update



Lori Egan

Construction on I-185 continues and is on schedule, said Capt. Mindy Rosito, project officer for the access control point construction. I-185 is still scheduled to reopen Aug. 23 with five inbound lanes and two outbound lanes. There will be a visitor's center and an inspection lane for trucks once the construction is complete. Using an excavator, a worker is building up enough dirt to stabilize the equipment in order to place a concrete slab between the wing walls at the end of the box culvert. The box culvert, which will provide drainage, needed to be extended so the two outbound lanes can be built.

Former Benning officer charged

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Possession of child pornography. Fabricating evidence. Lying under oath on a sworn statement. Impeding an investigation.

Not what you'd expect to see on a rap sheet for an Army officer, but last month, the former commander of D Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, was found guilty of those and other charges in Fort Benning's courtroom.

Former Capt. Hector Fernandez-Garcia was sentenced to two years in confinement, to forfeit all his pay and allowances and was dismissed from the service.

Fernandez's case began almost two years ago, when he turned over the reins of D Co. to a new officer and moved to another assignment.

While cleaning up the file system on the government laptop computer turned over to him by Fernandez, the incoming commander discovered numerous files in the "recent" and "temporary Internet files" folders that contained pornographic titles.

The new commander turned the laptop over to the acting battalion commander at the time, who noticed the titles on the computer's Windows Media Player indicated that recent movies played on the computer were likely child pornographic

See **OFFICER,** A-4

Post officials spend ACOE money

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

Post officials looked through the wish lists and have made their decisions on how to spend the $500,000 Fort Benning received for winning the Army Communities of Excellence Chief of Staff Award in 2003.

The criteria for spending the money is that it will be used to improve quality of life, said Col. Rick Riera, garrison commander, and that's how the projects were decided upon.

Major subordinate commands and residents submitted many ideas on how to spend the money, including restoring Gowdy Field, fixing the swimming pool on Sand Hill and building a state-of-the-art physical fitness center on the track across from Infantry Hall.

But the projects that received the go ahead are:

• **Playground improvements in the housing areas, at Tot Town and at Santa Fe Child Development Center.** Playground safety in the housing areas was a major concern for the community mayors and residents last fall, which resulted in the removal of older, unsafe equipment. Upgrading the playgrounds on Fort Benning will cost approximately $300,000.

Kaye Elliott, director of Tot Town, said the playground equipment the center will get is more age-appropriate and will be safer for the children.

Another improvement Elliott said she was excited about was the addition of tricycle tracks around the play area.

"And the fence is going to be replaced with a Teflon-coated fence that is safer for the kids," she said.

The total cost of the improvements to Tot Town is $75,000.

Santa Fe Child Development Center will also get new playground equipment to replace its old, wooden equipment. The new equipment will consist of two age-appropriate modules, one for 6- to 24-month-old toddlers and an activity center for children who are 1 to 4 years old.

The cost of the Santa Fe improvements is almost $12,000.

• **Improvements to Santiago Gym.** More than $49,000 will be spent on both the outside and inside of the building. Landscaping the entrance, painting the interior (which is almost completed) and new equipment will be most of the improvements, said 1st Sgt. Tom

See **ACOE,** A-4

OPERATION GUARDIAN ANGEL

'Love you, stay safe'

Darsi Busler
Bayonet staff



"Love you." These were always the last two words you'd hear as you left the house or hung up the phone — at least they were at my best friend's house.

I remember the first time I went to his house. I was sitting at the kitchen table and heard him, his mom and his dad all say, "Love you," to his sister as she was rushing out the door.

I raised a cynical eye in amusement. *They didn't really say that, did they?* Well, yes, they did. There hasn't been a single time in the last 10 years when I haven't heard them say it in parting. Even if they were storming out of the house in mid-argument, no matter how angry they were at each other, they'd still remember to yell that over their shoulders.

This small sentiment took on an even greater meaning with an early morning visit three years ago. I only remember parts of it. "There's been an accident ... a car hit his motorcycle ... helmet cracked ... bike totaled ... hospital."

Seeing the terrified look in his father's eyes was one of the most visibly painful sights I've ever seen. He came within inches of losing his only son. Amazingly, my best friend walked away from that with just a small gash above his eye.

The one thing about that day that will stick with me the most is something else I saw that morning, the reason for all the love you's. No matter what happened, the family never left the important things unsaid. It wasn't just a feeling they were announcing, it was a way of saying, "I care about you. Take care of yourself. Be safe until I see you again."

Worrying about someone's safety is natural. With so many Soldiers entering combat zones around the world, friends and family are constantly worried about the security and safety of their own Soldiers. The concern, however, shouldn't end with redeployment.

Returning to a normal home life after spending so many months in war is difficult and takes time. The contrast in lifestyles may lead Soldiers to overindulge or have problems with relationships. These factors place them at higher risk for accidents and injuries.

To combat this increased risk, the U.S. Army Safety Center has created Operation Guardian Angel. The new campaign is an effort to keep every Soldier safe at home. It encourages friends and families to remind their Soldiers to practice safety throughout the readjustment period.

Anyone can be a guardian angel. It's easy — just do anything that will keep a Soldier safe. Take away someone's keys if they've been drinking. Remind bikers to wear a helmet next time they go for a ride. Let them know you care and appreciate them.

It can take as little as two words to let Soldiers know you care. Drive safe. Take care. Be smart. And in the words one family *never* forgets, two words that seem to say it all — love you.

For more information about Operation Guardian Angel, visit the U.S. Army Safety Center website at http://safety.army.mil.

Complete idiot's guide to driving

Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner
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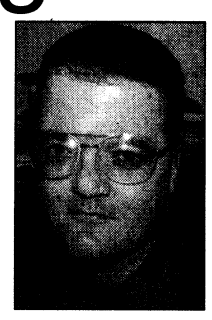


This week, I was asked to write about POV safety. My heart sank and I threw my best tantrum to get out of it, but it was no use. I was given a mission and told I must carry on.

What makes it difficult for me is POV safety is a serious issue and requires a different set of writing tools. I can't use jokes or poke fun at it. Surely, sarcasm has no place either. So, I tried research and came up with some interesting findings.

Traffic lights, it seems, have different meanings since I learned to drive, or so I thought. I did some checking with local authorities and discovered that when a traffic light turns red at an intersection it means "STOP!," not "Hey, if you don't mind, would you stop so those with the green light could go?"

A yellow light is a caution to let you know the light is about to turn red, not a warning to stomp on the gas. Green still means go, but consider making sure everyone traveling in the cross lane has a clear understanding of red before you take your foot off the brake.

All the auto manufacturers I contacted tell me turn signals come standard on all their models, as do brake lights. They haven't, however, figured a way to make them automatic, so we will have to continue to rely on drivers to make sure the lights work and are used correctly before tailgating and pulling out in front of traffic.

I also researched a rumor about Interstate 185. It seems the speed limit on Interstate 185 is still 55. Yep, in all lanes until you get out of the city limits, where 70 m.p.h. is the highest I have seen — at least between here and Atlanta. Oh, there are no exemptions for those with fast cars, pretty cars and especially not for those with pretty and fast cars.

And I learned those nifty red and white triangle signs posted at the end of on and off ramps with the letters Y-I-E-L-D on them are not just for decoration. According to the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety 2003 Driver's Manual, they mean yield. You must slow down to a reasonable speed for the conditions and, if necessary, stop so that you may yield the right of way to traffic on the road or in the intersection.

On a serious note — no really, I'm serious — for those drivers who don't like to buckle the kids or even themselves in a proper safety seat or seat belt, I want you to go to your refrigerator and get an egg. Hang that egg from a string a few inches below your rearview mirror. Now accelerate slowly and drive at a normal speed around the block. When you get back to your home, pull up to where you park and stop suddenly.

When you're done cleaning the egg off your windshield, go give your kids a hug and a kiss and promise yourself you will never let them, or you, ride unbuckled again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hospital employee shows good customer service

I am responding to your solicitation of information about service excellence in Bridgett Siter's column on March 19.

I would like to tell you about one of the operators who answers the phone when you call for appointments at Martin Army Community Hospital.

I can't remember his name, which embarrasses me since he always makes a point of introducing himself when you call.

If you are lucky enough to connect with this gentleman when you call in needing an appointment, you will be well taken care of.

Not only is he extremely good at fitting your appointment need into your time schedule, he is cheerful, positive and polite while doing so.

He will go the extra mile to make sure that you can see the doctor you need at the time that works best for you, which isn't always an easy task. His customers feel valued, important and "in good hands," which is how any enterprise wants its clients to feel!

I'm embarrassed to not remember his name, but anyone who has had contact with this man will know exactly who I'm talking about.

He is a shining customer service star at Martin Army Community Hospital, and I thank him!

— Laura Walker
via e-mail

The following letters to the editor are in response to Spc. Eliamar Castanon's March 26 commentary about single Soldiers in housing:

Resident not excited about new neighbors

As an individual who will soon be having single Soldiers in their living area, I would like to respond to Spc. Castanon's editorial.

She wondered where the welcome wagon is and why the hostility. Why her hostility? She came across open and angry.

We were not asked if we approved of moving the Soldiers to the housing areas, which is an **advantage** of being married or having children.

As a resident of the housing area, I personally feel that the single Soldiers are not as "settled down" as some of the married Soldiers. I know that there are exceptions to the rule, but some that I have spoken to do not realize that there is a quiet time and that they (the single Soldiers) cannot just do as they wish.

With three Soldiers per house, it will be like three different families living in the same apartment. With parking assigned to one vehicle per household, what will they do with the other two vehicles? Park in someone else's assigned spot as she wrote?

If there are no problems arising from the single Soldiers moving into housing, I would greatly welcome them to the housing area with an open smile and "can I help?"

But I will say this — if many problems arise, I will be there working against them.

— Name withheld upon request

Single Soldiers still need home, nice neighbors

I am married to a Soldier and was once upon a time a Single Soldier. I understand what you mean about coming home and feeling a part of something.

But I think what is traditionally thought of when you think of single Soldiers is "party, party, party" with no thought about who is around them.

That should not really bother you, and there are married people in quarters who do not respect one another.

It is something that is going to be an adjustment. But if you were my neighbor, I would invite you to tea ...

Respect has to be given from all parties, as well as earned.

— Missy Burmeister
via e-mail

VARIOUS VOICES

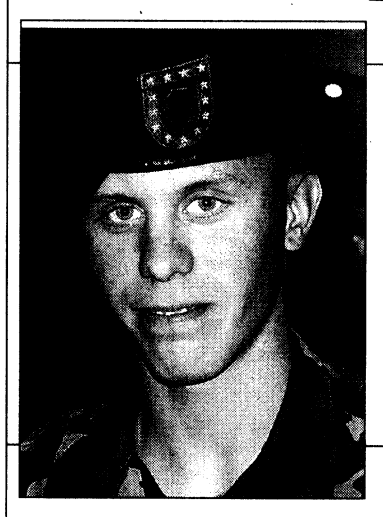
What unsafe or discourteous motorist behavior have you seen recently?



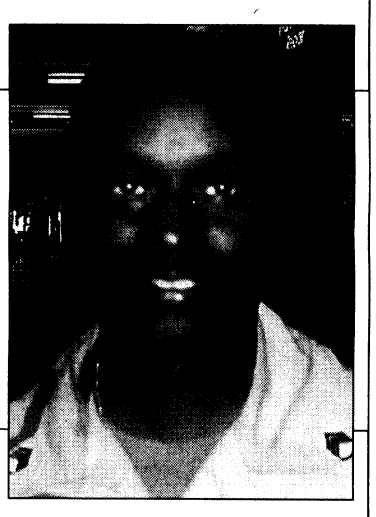
Spc. Jacob Palmatier, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment — "Drivers weaving in and out of traffic at high speeds."



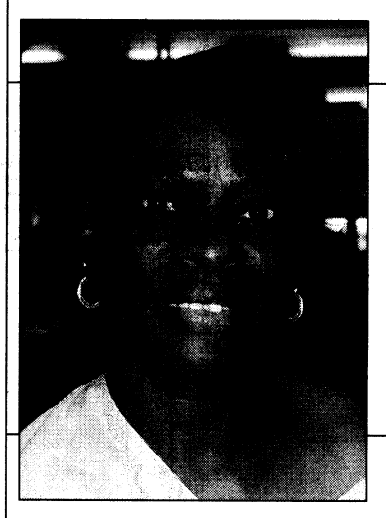
Lunita Newby, family member — "Speeding. Not giving pedestrians the right-of-way."



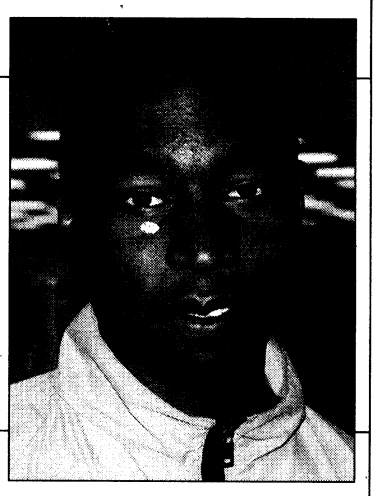
Pfc. Jonathan Floyd, 209th Military Police Detachment — "People in a hurry, not watching their surroundings, not using turn signals and not following traffic control devices."



Staff Sgt. Patrick Welch, 287th Transportation Company — "Drivers speeding up and cutting in front of people on I-185 when it merges into one lane."



Gemaniel Shorter, family member— "Changing lanes and cutting in front of you without a signal."



Pfc. Larry Berk, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment — "People cutting in front of me."

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Work begins



Lori Egan

Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, left; Brig. Gen. Randal Castro, commanding general, U.S. Army Engineer Division, Southeast Region; and Steve McKnight, chief executive officer, McKnight Construction Company; shovel the soil during the groundbreaking ceremony April 2 for the new multidenominational chapel that is going to be built across the street from Wynnsong Theater on Ingersoll Avenue. Once completed, the 22,057-square-foot facility will hold a religious education resource center, four offices, 12 classrooms, two multipurpose rooms, a nursery and an industrial-grade kitchen. Part of the same project is the 5,000-square-foot addition for The Infantry Center Chapel annex that will add two large and four divided classrooms and restrooms. The project is part of a $6 million contract scheduled for completion in October 2005.

OCS Hall of Fame inductees inspire, influence candidates

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Lt. Col. Kim Orlando was a man who led from the front, no matter where he was or what he was doing. And that's how he'll be remembered by the Soldiers he led from the 716th Military Police Battalion, 101st Airborne Division — two of whom he spilled blood with on the desert sands of Karbala, Iraq.

Orlando, the battalion's commander, and two of his Soldiers were killed in October when they confronted a group of armed men who were out after curfew and the Iraqis opened fire.

"He was a guy who was proficient in all things you would expect an officer to do, as well as the things that he expected his Soldiers to be able to do," said Lt. Col. Lennie Upshaw, a friend of Orlando's. "He was an out-front type of leader."

But Orlando's leadership and impact did not end with his death. Last week, his influence reached all the way to Fort Benning, where he was posthumously inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame April 2.

Forty-one officers were inducted during the ceremony held in Marshall Auditorium at Infantry Hall.

"Induction is the critical link between the past and present," said Lt. Col. Bradley Booth, commander, 3rd Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry Regiment. "(The officers chosen) will inspire these candidates as they are commissioned."

It is the stories and examples of these inductees that will inspire today's officers in training as they make their way into the Army, and in many cases, onto the frontlines of freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq, he said.

Young Soldiers like Senior Officer Candidates Alex Wymore and Adam Kaufman.

Kaufman was particularly touched by Orlando's story.

"I hadn't realized that he was killed in action, that he was a military policeman," said Kaufman, who will become an MP officer. "You don't usually think of MPs as being out there on the front lines. It made me stop and think about the seriousness of the branch I've been chosen for."

For Wymore, it was inspiring to think that, someday, it could be him or his fellow classmates crossing the stage.

"It just made me think about where we're all going to be in 30 years," he said, nodding at the inductees, most of whom began their service two or three decades ago. "People from our company could be back here in 30 years — I know I would be very grateful to."

The candidates' interaction with the Hall of Fame inductees went beyond the stage, though. The OCS students provided the inductees with tours of the OCS barracks and grounds, and some candidates even got the chance to sit down to dinner with them.



Danny Barker

Guest speaker Maj. Gen. William Cugno congratulates Jason Orlando, 10, for his father's posthumous induction at the ceremony April 2.

Senior Officer Candidate Sun Ryu said it was a great opportunity — not just to learn from those who walked before her, but also to enjoy the fellowship that only OCS grads can share.

"They were talking about their experiences as OCS candidates — spit shining the floors, eating with their elbows crooked at a 90-degree angle — it was physically tougher then," Ryu said, laughing at one inductee's harrowing tale of sneaking a pizza into the barracks.

"But even though there's that 30-year gap, (the inductees) are still my comrades, they still have so many of the same experiences that I do," she said. "There was a bond, even though we didn't know each other.

"You can't understand it unless you've actually been through OCS ... but wherever I go, if I see an OCS grad, I'll have some commonality with them," Ryu said. "It was just a really neat experience."

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3rd ID tests new 'unit of action' at NTC

Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — How can fewer tanks, fewer Bradleys and fewer howitzers add up to a more lethal unit?

That's what the Army's first "unit of action" set out to prove at the National Training Center March 26 to Saturday.

In the first field test of the new brigade structure, the 2nd UA of the 3rd Infantry Division is also training to return to Iraq. This time last year, many of the Soldiers were charging their armored vehicles victoriously into Baghdad as the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 3rd Inf. Div.

One difference between the BCT and the new unit of action is the addition of assets that previously belonged to the division. Field artillery, signal, chemical and engineer units that once supported the brigade are now permanently assigned to the UA. Capabilities such as counter-intelligence, human intelligence, and electronic warfare have been moved down to the UA.

"This organization has injected a lot more efficiencies with us and that makes us a lot more combat effective than what we were," said Col. Joseph DiSalvo, 2nd UA commander. "And we were pretty damn combat effective before the reorganization."

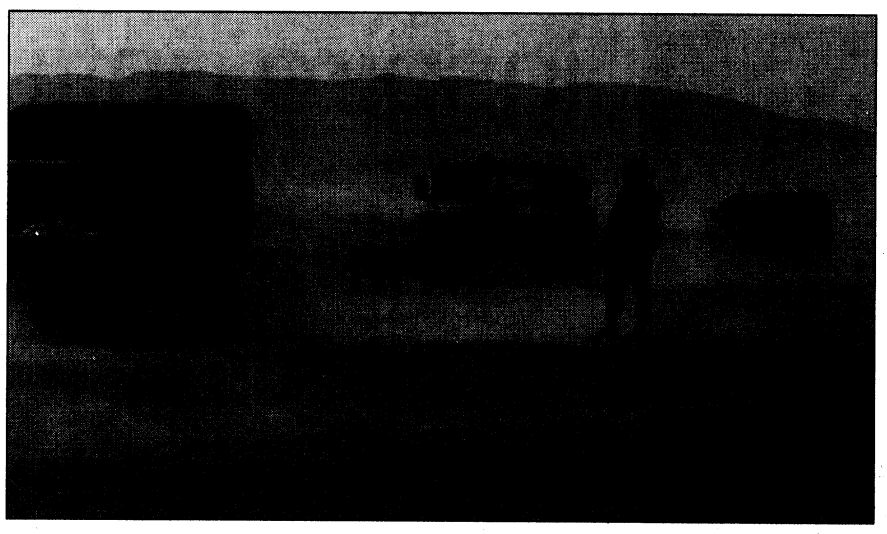
Restructuring as a UA brought about a significant change in task organization, DiSalvo said.

Instead of three maneuver battalions, now there will be only two in the UA. The UAs will be modular — each with one infantry battalion and one armored battalion.

As it restructured, the brigade lost a battalion of armor, and that means 44 fewer M-1 Abrams tanks. But a cavalry squadron was added to the UA, and will eventually become a reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition squadron, or RSTA. It will replace the brigade reconnaissance troop with more than three times the force.

The 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery is also permanently assigned, minus a battery of Paladins that used to support the BCT. The brigade also lost a battery of air defense artillery as it transitioned to a UA.

In the brigade support area, the 26th Forward Support Battalion and elements of the 10th Engineer Battalion are also now assigned to the UA. In the past, the FSB and engineers supported the brigade in combat, but now they're permanent UA assets.



Gary Sheftick

A convoy of 3rd Infantry Division vehicles pass Whale Mountain during the first field test of the Army's new "units of action" at the National Training Center.

"With people staying here and working here for an extended period of time, you get a good team, a really good team going," said Staff Sgt. Kirk Hill, a communications NCO with the 26th FSB. "Continuity-wise, I know how the other guy works and he knows how I work."

It all adds up to a more self-sufficient and cohesive team, according to a division operations officer. He said UA commanders should have more flexibility and the capability to maneuver elements faster.

A signal company and military intelligence company is also part of the UA. A four-person public affairs section will be part of the UA, and the headquarters will be beefed up by a total of 58 additional personnel.

DiSalvo said the indirect fires of the field artillery, combined with intelligence assets, make the UA more lethal.

"With these assets, there's a better chance we'll collect the information," DiSalvo said, adding that new equipment such as unmanned aerial vehicles, sensors and communications suites will be fielded with UAs in the future, to further improve combat effectiveness.

As for now, DiSalvo and the UA are focused on Iraq.

"This is part of our training for OIF-3," he said. "We can't squander it, we only get 14 days."

Army officials announced last month that a newly restructured 3rd Infantry Division would return to Iraq for the next rotation, possibly as early as November.

Officer: Sentenced to 2 years confinement, dismissal

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video clips.

There were hundreds of file names that indicated pornography, several along the lines of "preteen having sex."

Fort Benning's CID launched a full investigation.

At the time the investigation began, Fernandez was attending a child custody hearing in Germany concerning custody of his young daughter.

When he returned, a CID agent requested his personal laptop computer to undergo a search. Eventually, he consented. The agent obtained it from the Best Buy in Atlanta, where he had dropped it off for repairs.

There were a number of files on the hard drive Fernandez attempted to recover before investigators took possession, though, including full-length and digitally "cut" portions of conversations he had recorded between his wife and himself.

These shortened files had been used to fabricate a conversation he claimed occurred between his wife and him.

Fernandez had created the recording in an attempt to exonerate himself of the child pornography charges, taking bits and pieces of his wife's responses and combining them with various questions he later recorded that indicated she had placed the pornography on his computer to blackmail him.

Fernandez then had a transcript of the recording typed and submitted to the CID agent investigating his case and provided her with a compact disk containing the digital file he had created.

In the fabricated conversation, he included references to his government quarters in an attempt to show that his wife was responsible for the child pornography he knew would be found on his home computer.

Knowing that CID would contact his wife — especially after he pinned the blame on her — Fernandez asked her not to talk to Army officials. Adding to her fear was the fact that he had previously told her he had reported her to the State Department when she took their child to Germany without his permission.

Confident she would not cooperate with investigators, he then made a sworn statement, fully blaming his wife and claiming he had never seen, downloaded or viewed child pornography on his personal laptop, home computer or government laptop.

The very next day, Fernandez went back to CID to "clarify" his statement. He still blamed his wife and maintained he had nothing to do with getting the child pornography there, but indicated that he had known of the pornography and attempted to delete it because, knowing it was there, he "felt dirtied."

But as more and more evidence came to light — including his wife's testimony — it became clear that Fernandez was entirely responsible for the child pornography.

All in all, Fernandez knowingly possessed more than 150 images of children. Of these, 79 were determined to be of children identified through federal, state, and international law enforcement investigations. These 79 images were of nine child victims between 9 and 13 years old.

The children were identified by a "hash database fingerprint" — much like a DNA fingerprint — that allows computer forensic and law enforcement examiners to match known child victims with ongoing child pornography investigations, said Capt. Josh Shuey, lead trial counsel on the Fernandez case.

One girl depicted in several of Fernandez's photos was photographed biweekly by her stepfather in sexually explicit and degrading poses for more than two years, Shuey said. She was around 11 years old in the photos.

"There wasn't a question of age with these victims," he said. "They were clearly children — some of them identified child victims."

Unfortunately, Shuey said, Fernandez's case is not entirely rare.

"We've had several instances (of child pornography possession) on Fort Benning in the past few years, but that's pretty low compared to other posts," he said. "Generally, it's just possession — not distribution — but it's pretty substantial Armywide."

But who would think that sexually explicit pictures and films of children would be such a pervasive problem in either the military or civilian communities?

According to the Campaign Against Child Pornography Web site, these graphic materials are available through nearly every mode of communication from print to video to audio.

"The nature of the Internet means that the availability of child pornography is no longer limited by geographical boundaries, and adults with a sexual interest in children can discreetly communicate with others sharing that interest with ease and largely without consequences," the site reads.

And just by downloading these materials, people are contributing to the problem, Shuey said, by fueling demand and thus production.

"If adults want to engage in pornography, that's one thing — theoretically, no one's getting hurt," he said. "But with child pornography, a child has to be sexually exploited or abused in some way to produce it."

Because identifying child victims and, in turn, their perpetrators, can be next to impossible in many cases, law enforcement agencies are counting heavily on deterrents to stop child pornography.

"They're trying to drive down the demand for these materials by making the punishment for possession so severe, the demand dries up and production slows or stops," Shuey said.

For possession of child pornography alone, perpetrators can face up to 10 years in prison.

If you know of someone who possesses or distributes child pornography, call CID at 545-1726.

ACOE: Plans made

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Sparks, Headquarters Service Company, ITB.

The gym, which gets a lot of use from deploying and redeploying Reserve Soldiers, Sand Hill cadre and Soldiers, and civilians, is getting 16 new weight machines, Sparks said.

This is good because ITB is expecting to grow by seven companies this summer, he said, listing the new equipment available for use — twist left, twist right; high squat; V squat; super horizontal machine ...

Sparks said other improvements include a gazebo for a break area, new exercise mats and two new sets of dumbbells, which range from 5 to 50 pounds.

• **Landscaping for The Infantry Center Chapel.** Total landscaping, to include sitting areas, will cost $50,000 and complete the renovation of the chapel.

Chaplain (Col.) Joel Cocklin, U.S. Army Infantry Center chaplain, said the removal of the Bartlett pear trees is what will be most noticeable.

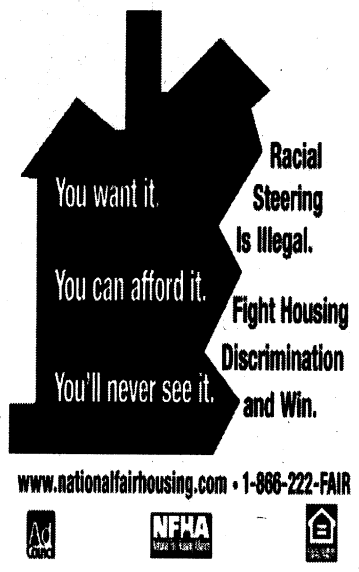
The trees overwhelmed the church, Cocklin said, and by clearing the area, the chapel will be the focal point — TIC Chapel is one of the Army's most prominent chapels and its architecture shouldn't be engulfed by the landscaping.

• **Updating 14 computers in Sayers Library.** It will cost $14,000 to improve the computers in the library, which was an Army Family Advocacy Program issue, Riera said.

The computers need to be updated because they don't have the required memory and speed to provide customers with access to the Internet, said John Cook, Sayers Library manager.

The ACOE money needs to be spent on projects that benefit the community, Riera said, and these projects will improve quality of life for post residents.

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Corregidor Room of the Fort Benning Officers' Club. All members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367 or 545-2201.



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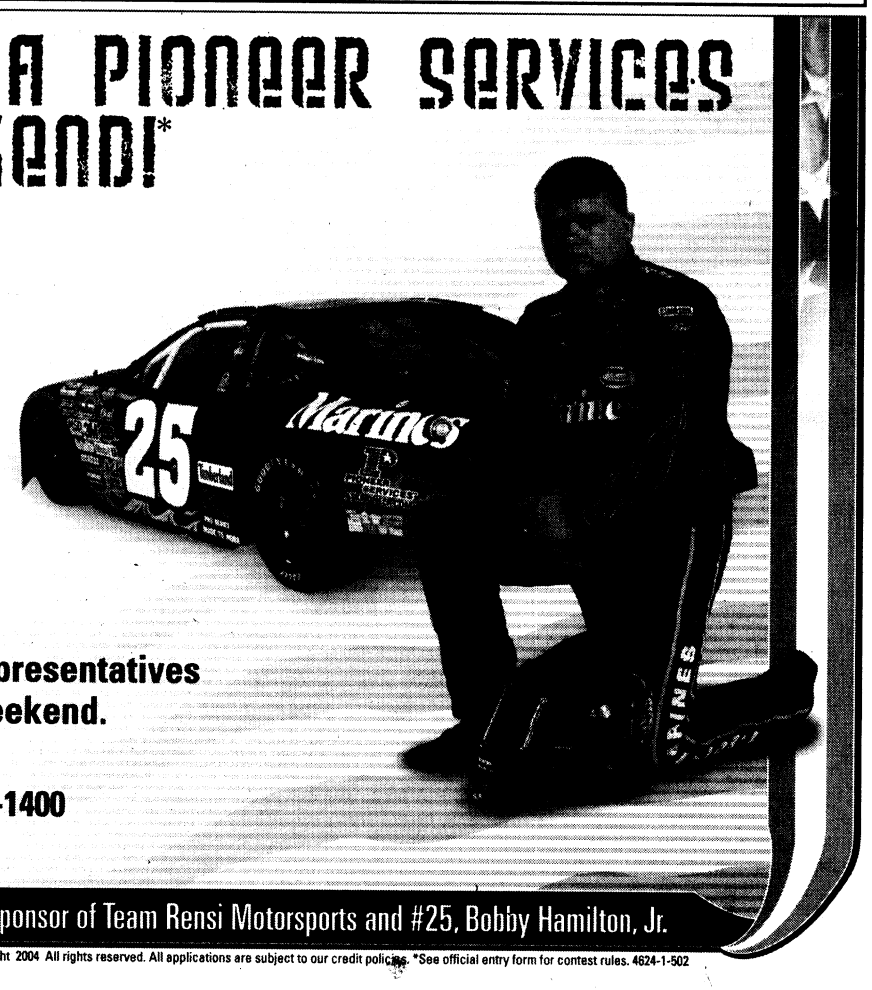

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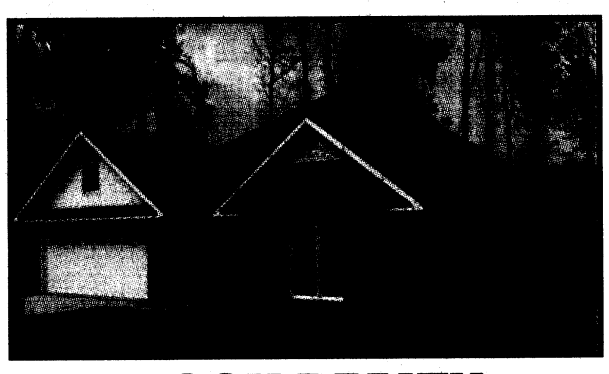

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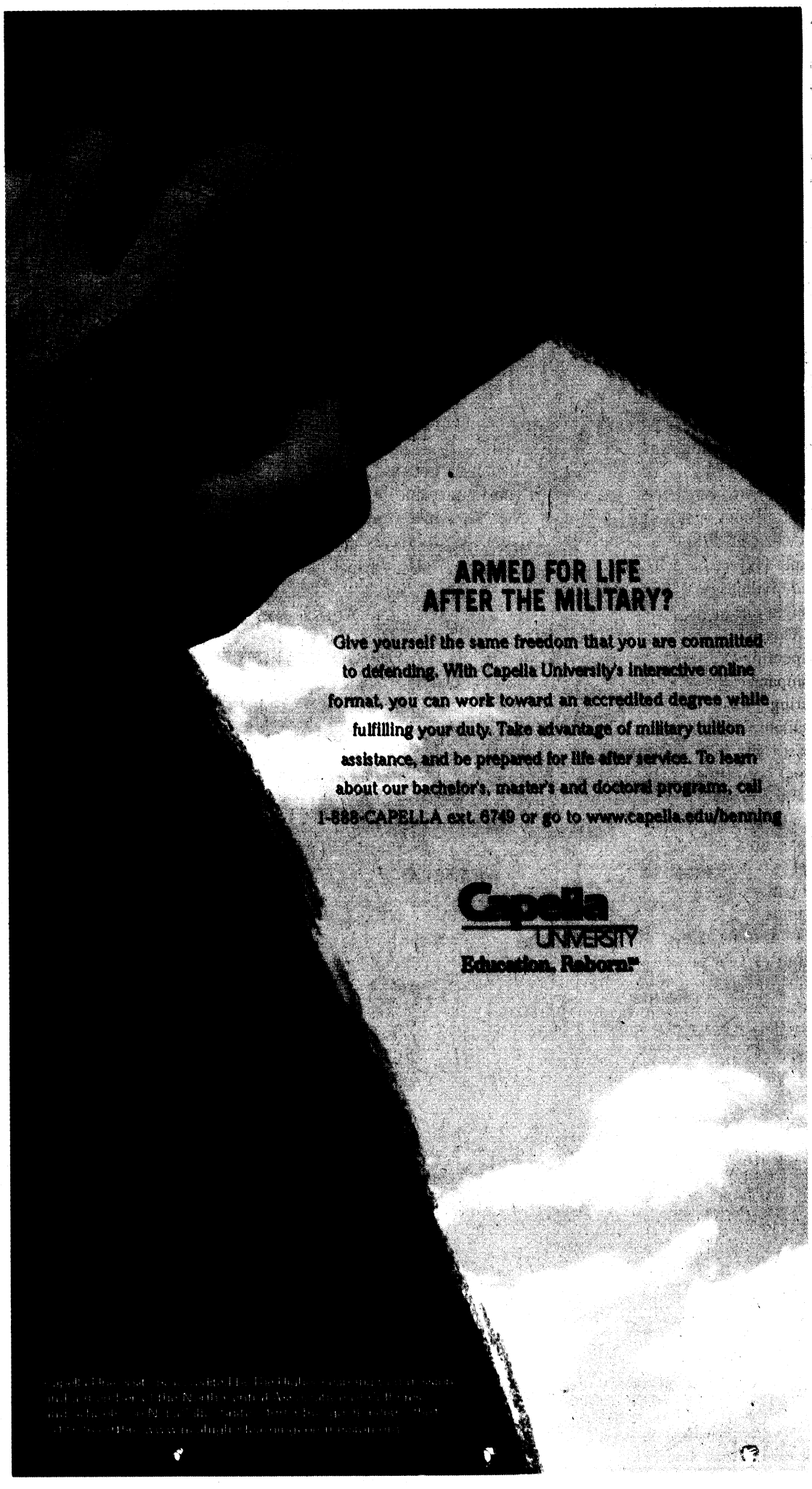


Helping hands thanked for hard work

Benning Red Cross volunteers recognized

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Red Cross Fort Benning station held its annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony Tuesday in the Lexington Room of the Officers' Club.

During the ceremony, the Red Cross recognized more than 200 volunteers who provided their services to help the community.

"A lot of these people are retired and give their time volunteering with the Red Cross," said Lorrie Pierre, Red Cross station manager. "This is our way of saying thank you for everything they do and letting them know that their work does not go unnoticed."

Col. Donald Bradshaw, MEDDAC commander, thanked the volunteers as a Soldier, a family member, a commander and, most importantly, as an American for all their contributions at Martin Army Community Hospital.

"Their portrayal of values are an example to all Americans," Bradshaw said. "The volunteerism and the support of one another demonstrates exceptional selfless service."

Special recognitions were presented to retired Col. Roy Brooks and Gene and Darla Gibbs.

Brooks received the Cynthia Wedel Hub Level II Award, which recognizes volunteers who have displayed superior and outstanding leadership to the Red Cross for a number of years. This award was presented to him for his work with the "care-mobile" at MACH.

The care-mobile transports people from the parking lot to the hospital and from the hospital back to their cars. Care-mobile drivers have transported 305,798 patients since July 2003.

"Brooks has been the first and only shuttle supervisor for six years," said Gene Gibbs, MACH volunteer coordinator, during the presentation of the award.

"From recruiting, scheduling and training more than 25 volunteer drivers, maintaining the shuttle and covering shifts, Brooks' dedication truly represents the spirit of American Red Cross volunteerism," he said.

Gibbs and his wife, Darla, received a national honor award with a special citation for exceptional volunteer services for volunteering more than 380 hours a month with the Red Cross.

Since the Gibbs arrived at Fort Benning in September 2002, they have become certified CPR and first-aid instructors, part of the Red Cross Speakers Bureau, helped brief hundreds of service members and family members on Red Cross services and are both trained armed forces emergency service case workers. They work not only during the weekdays, but also on weekends to help the Red Cross and the community, Pierre said.

"We do what we can, when we can," Darla said. "We've been blessed, so we feel obligated to give a little back."

"This certificate recognizes volunteers who demonstrate an exceptional interest in and responsibility for services on behalf of the American Red Cross," Pierre said.

The Gibbs said they will be leaving the Red Cross in July to do some traveling and catching up with their grandchildren.

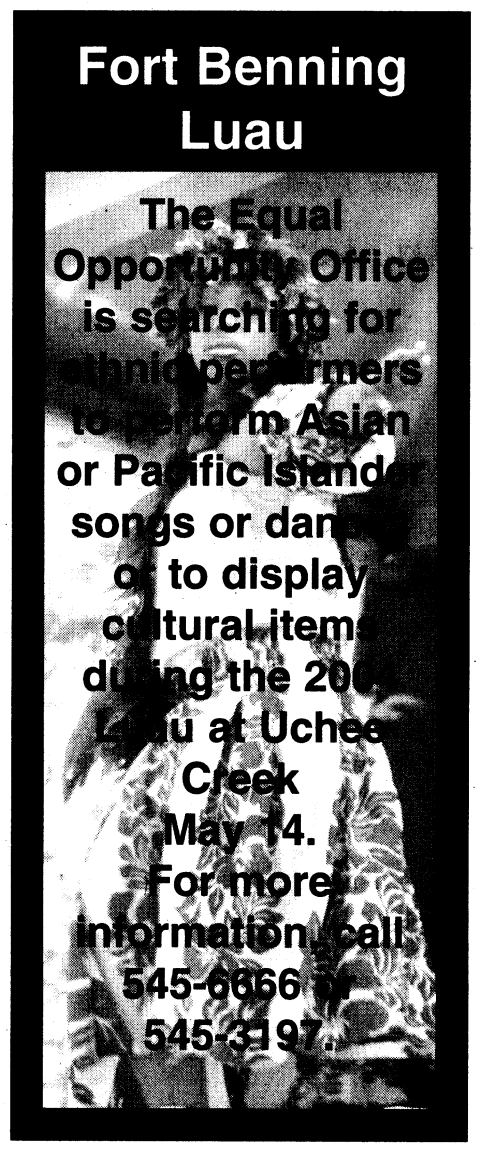
"Since their arrival, they've been full-time volunteers and committed themselves to learning policy, procedure and the history of the Red Cross. We will surely miss them once they are gone," Pierre said.

During the ceremony, the Red Cross also recognized Peggy Cornwell, Pauline Fabrigar and Michele Walton for their continuous support to the Red Cross.

In the year in review, Red Cross volunteers put in:

- 14,577 hours from July 2003 through February 2004,
- Visited 194 new mothers in 2003,
- Had an active youth program that put in 1,220.75 hours during a six-week period,
- Briefed 7,096 service and family members on Red Cross services during 73 briefings and orientations,
- Held three successful fund-raising events that raised a combined amount of $2,853,
- Held the annual free CPR training weekend March 20 with 69 participants.

For more information about volunteering with the Red Cross or to find out about its services, call 545-5194 or visit the Red Cross Station in Building 2626 at Soldiers' Plaza.



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1st Stryker unit proving value in Iraq, officials say

Vehicles hold up when put to test in OIF

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A year after conducting its Initial Operational Capabilities testing, the Army's first Stryker Brigade Combat Team is faring well in Iraq, according to senior Army procurement officials.

Members of the Pentagon press corps got an update Tuesday on successes of the Army's first fielded SBCT — 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, based in Fort Lewis, Wash. — and the Army's fielding plan for the remaining planned Stryker brigades.

"The 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division is performing extremely effectively in combat in Iraq," said Col. Nick Justice, acting assistant deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management for the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. "The SBCT has effectively used speed and situational understanding to kill and capture dozens of enemy fighters."

That speed and quietness of the wheeled Strykers, compared to armored track vehicles, has earned the unit a nickname among many Iraqis, Justice said. Iraqi citizens around Samarra gave the brigade Soldiers the nickname "Ghost Soldiers" as the Stryker vehicles arrive and deploy their infantrymen with little noise or warning.

Citing that no Soldiers have been killed due to rocket-propelled grenade or improvised explosive devise attacks while riding in a Stryker vehicle since the SBCT arrived in Iraq last fall, Justice said Army leaders are very pleased with its survivability in combat. The most serious injury due to an RPG or IED attack against a Stryker vehicle to date has been a broken ankle.

The brigade has suffered casualties in Iraq — among them, three Soldiers who were killed in a Stryker rollover when a roadway embankment gave way in December.

Strykers in Iraq are augmented with add-on slat armor that is proving effective against RPG attacks.

Despite the effectiveness of the slat armor against the current threat in Iraq, the Army is still pursuing the development of reactive armor.

"Slat armor is successful, but we don't want to be locked into it as there are other threats out there where reactive armor is needed," Justice said.

The Army plans on building enough Stryker add-on reactive armor kits to equip several brigades. Those brigade sets will be drawn from a pre-positioned site and used when a mission requires it, according to Army officials.

The first brigade set of reactive armor is scheduled to be fielded in March 2005, with another set ready the following year.

Stryker operations in Iraq have given Army procurement officials some lessons learned that will be implemented in the near future.

Among those lessons, there is a need for greater sensor range and greater reach-back communications capability. To address the sensor issue, the Army plans to make the sensor mast on the Stryker Reconnaissance Vehicle taller; and for the communications issue, replace the 44 near-term digital radios in the brigade with 53 satellite radio sets capable of operating in a joint environment over greater distances.

On the logistics side, the brigade is proving that having a common chassis for its combat vehicles means a smaller logistics tail. The brigade carries about 160 lines of spare parts, compared to an armored brigade that carries about 300 lines of parts, Justice said. Having a common family of vehicles within the brigade also means a common set of skill sets among brigade Soldiers to keep the vehicle maintained, he said.

Stating that a year of combat operations equates to about seven years of normal operational use of a combat vehicle, Justice said the operational readiness rate of the Stryker is about where he expected it to be — above 90 percent.

There are two variants and eight other configurations of the basic Stryker Infantry Carrier. The Mobile Gun System and the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Reconnaissance and Survey Vehicles have yet to be fielded due to several human engineering issues that are being worked, according to officials. Low-rate production of the MGS is expected to start late this summer, Justice said.

The Army's second SBCT — 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division — is currently undergoing it Initial Operational Capabilities evaluation. It is expected to be certified by the Department of Defense as operationally ready sometime this summer.

The next brigade to transform to a SBCT will be the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate), Fort Richardson, Alaska. The 172nd will start getting its Stryker vehicles in May, Justice said.

A February Defense Acquisition Board decision has funded the fourth Stryker brigade -- 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment (Light), Fort Polk, La.

DoD has recently directed the Army to include the remaining brigades for Stryker conversion — 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and the 56th Brigade of the 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Pennsylvania Army National Guard — in its budget planning process.

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Coalition vows to destroy militia

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials in Baghdad Wednesday vowed to defeat insurgents and restore order in Iraq after a third day of countrywide attacks against Iraqi and coalition forces.

Coalition Provisional Authority officials blamed outlaw Shiite Muslim cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and his "Mahdi army" militia for many of the recent attacks.

Iraqi officials have put out an arrest warrant on Sadr for his alleged role in the murder of a prominent Shiia cleric last year.

"We will attack to destroy the Mahdi army," Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the coalition's deputy operations director, vowed to reporters during a news conference.

U.S. and coalition counterattacks will be deliberate, precise and powerful, "and they will succeed," he said.

The insurgent attacks in Iraq, Kimmitt noted, represent a struggle between extremism and democracy.

The insurgents, he said, want to make Iraq into a country "where anarchy and chaos rule." He said U.S.-coalition and Iraqi security forces "are here to prevent that from happening."

According to a U.S. Central Command news release Wednesday, 12 U.S. Marines were killed April 6 near Ramadi during fighting against insurgent militia.

U.S. and coalition forces also have been fighting in and around Fallujah since April 4 in searches for the persons responsible for the March 31 killing and debasement of four American contractors.

Sadr, now under an arrest warrant for the alleged murder of an Iraqi cleric last year, has called upon Iraqis to rebel against the U.S.-led coalition. CPA officials said they believe Sadr seeks to disrupt the turnover of sovereignty from the coalition to an Iraqi government slated for June 30.

Dan Senor, chief CPA spokesman, said the coalition would be victorious against insurgents seeking to disrupt Iraqi reconstruction and the establishment of a democratic government. The insurgents, he said, want mob violence to dictate the political policies of a new Iraq.

"We will not tolerate that now, and we will not tolerate that after June 30," he said.

The majority of the Iraqi people, he said, want a new democratic government.

Troops: Lose money filing taxes off post

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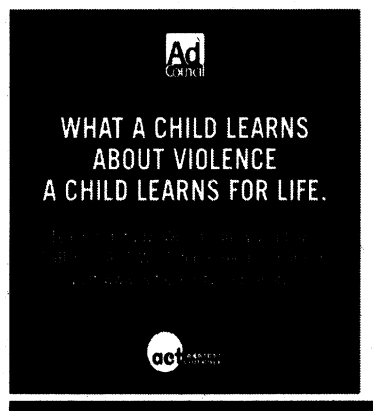
IRS Web site. Agencies that promise one- or two-day returns are actually loaning money to the taxpayer based on the projected return, and interest can accrue at rates of up to 100 percent.

The IRS holds the taxpayer responsible for anything done in his name by a preparer, whether or not the taxpayer was actually aware of the illegal actions.

The penalties imposed by the IRS, according to the agency's Web site, can be financially catastrophic and even if the return is filed legally, the interest accrued on tax return loans can often negate the value of the return.

Collins encourages Soldiers to use the legal, professional tax preparation services offered free of charge at the Tax Center to avoid the complications of financial stress, legal prosecution, audit or penalties that can arise from using a too-good-to-be-true tax preparation service off-post.

The tax center is closed today but will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The center will be closed on Sunday for Easter. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the center will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Thursday, the center will be open from 8:30 a.m. until midnight.



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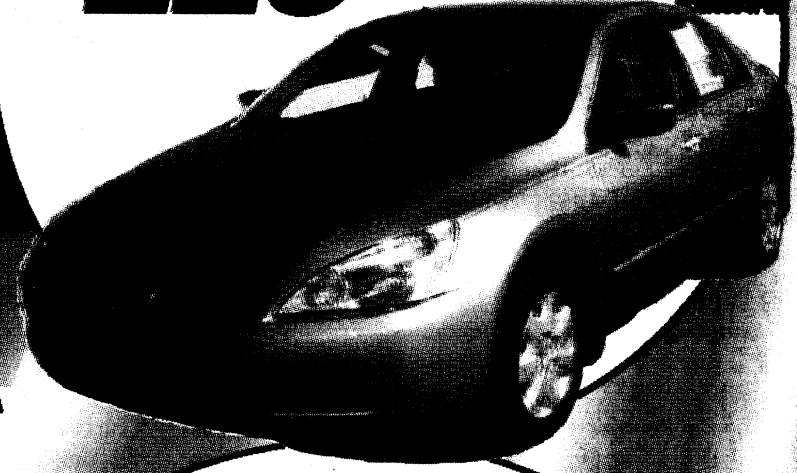

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Change to RCP retains trained NCOs

Melissa House
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A Military Personnel Message released March 16 extended the retention control point for staff sergeants from 20 to 22 years.

The message cited a need to retain experienced NCOs and support a recent 30,000-Soldier endstrength increase for the Army.

The increase will support the force structure changes associated with the new "units of action."

Since the end strength increase was not approved as a permanent change, it only affects those staff sergeants whose ETS is on or before Sept. 30, 2005. Soldiers in overstrength military occupational specialties 14R (Bradley linebacker crewman), 14S (Avenger crewman and 42L (administrative specialist) do not qualify for the increased retention control point.

Soldiers who have a retirement date approved for before Sept. 30 may request their retirement be withdrawn. Soldiers without a retirement date whose ETS is before Sept. 30 will have their ETS adjusted automatically by Human Resources Command..

Irma Mason, chief of the Personnel Actions and Services Division, said she has not had a lot of feedback so far on the new RCP, but for one Soldier who came in to her office, it was a good thing.

AROUND POST

PLDC graduation

Primary Leadership Development Course Class 5-04 graduates at 10 a.m. Thursday in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Troops to Teachers

The Georgia Troops to Teachers program manager will visit post from 10 to 11 a.m. April 20 in Building 4 Classroom 32 A. For more information, call 545-5725.

BNCOC graduation

Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course Class 3-04 graduates at 10 a.m. April 22 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

NCO/Soldier of the Year

The NCO/Soldier of the Year Awards Ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. April 20 in Classroom 6, Infantry Hall.

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Separating Soldiers

The Fort Benning Adjutant General office would like to help Soldiers separating from the military.

Separating Soldiers with an ETS can expect to have orders published between 60 and 90 days prior to their departure on transition leave, or their separation date, whichever is earlier. Separating Soldiers must see the Army Career and Alumni Program and attend a pre-separation briefing 90 to 120 days

This is mandatory. Upon regular ETS or separation, Soldiers may be eligible for the following benefits: dental treatment, unemployment compensation, Montgomery GI Bill, vocational rehabilitation and employment, disability compensation, home loans and health benefits.

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A B Co., 2nd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt., Soldier puts training into action by properly checking the "terrorist's" body for booby traps during a mock hostage rescue.

Test unit fields new basic battle skills

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

One of the two new pilot basic training programs that launched on Fort Benning earlier this year conducted its final field training exercise this week.

B Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, left for it's end-of-cycle FTX Sunday and will wrap up more than 100 hours of field training today with an 8.5-mile road march, said 1st Sgt. James Connor, company first sergeant.

"The unit is the pilot for the 'alternate' program of instruction, which extends the normal FTX time total from three days to 10 days and, over the span of the course, incorporates new Soldier tasks and battle drills.

The "immersion" POI pilot, A Co., 1st Bn., 38th Inf. Regt., graduated April 1, said Sgt. Kimberlyn Burns, regiment personnel staff. That POI extended the FTX total to 23 days and included more skills and drills over the course than both the current POI and the alternate one.

Soldiers who trained under the alternate POI learned skills regular basic trainees missed out on. Additional training included extensive familiarization with heavier arms and focus on the M-249 squad automatic weapon, as well as tasks identified from the Army's "lessons learned" from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, said Capt. Christopher Colster, company commander.

Focusing on improvised explosive device recognition and reactions, convoy operations, hostage situations, reactions to ambush while mounted, urban operations and media affairs training, among other subjects taught, is intended to prepare these Soldiers for the possibility of deployment to Iraq shortly after their graduation, he said.

The Soldiers graduating April 15 are better prepared and have increased survivability in combat operations than their regular basic training counterparts, Connor said, but he still isn't completely comfortable with putting any of them on a plane for an imminent danger zone.

Connor said that, while the new POIs add more than 30 individual tasks and nine new battle drills to the standard POI, the current training period of nine weeks is maintained. The additional training is possible because, under the new POI, the training week is extended from five to six and a half days a week.



A trainee conducts urban entry drill Monday.

The basic trainees of B Co., 2nd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt., said they have gotten far superior training than their battle buddies who conducted training under the regular POI, but are in disagreement as to whether the course is long enough.

Pfc. James Burnett said tasks like checkpoint training and the IED instruction have sufficiently prepared him for the possibility of deployment to a combat zone, but said he thinks the course should be extended a few weeks to further reinforce training.

By postponing what he considers "unnecessary" training like media affairs, Army history and briefings on Army policies and programs, Pfc. Jarvis Byers said the course could be shorter and more tactically efficient.

Colster recommended the course be extended because, even after nine weeks of training, young Soldiers still aren't fully prepared and comfortable with combat skills that could be called to action within weeks of graduation.

He also expressed concern for the well-being of drill sergeants who, under the regular POI, worked excessive hours and endured the relentless emotional cycles of phase training and the physical challenges of constant intense training and are now being tapped for further sacrifices of time and rest under the advanced POIs.

"You can only have Soldiers so long at the level of intensity we're constantly working at before it not only begins to wear on the Soldiers, but the cadre, as well," said Connor.

Under the new POI, training has been extended to Saturdays and half-days on Sundays, in addition to the regular training conducted Monday through Friday.

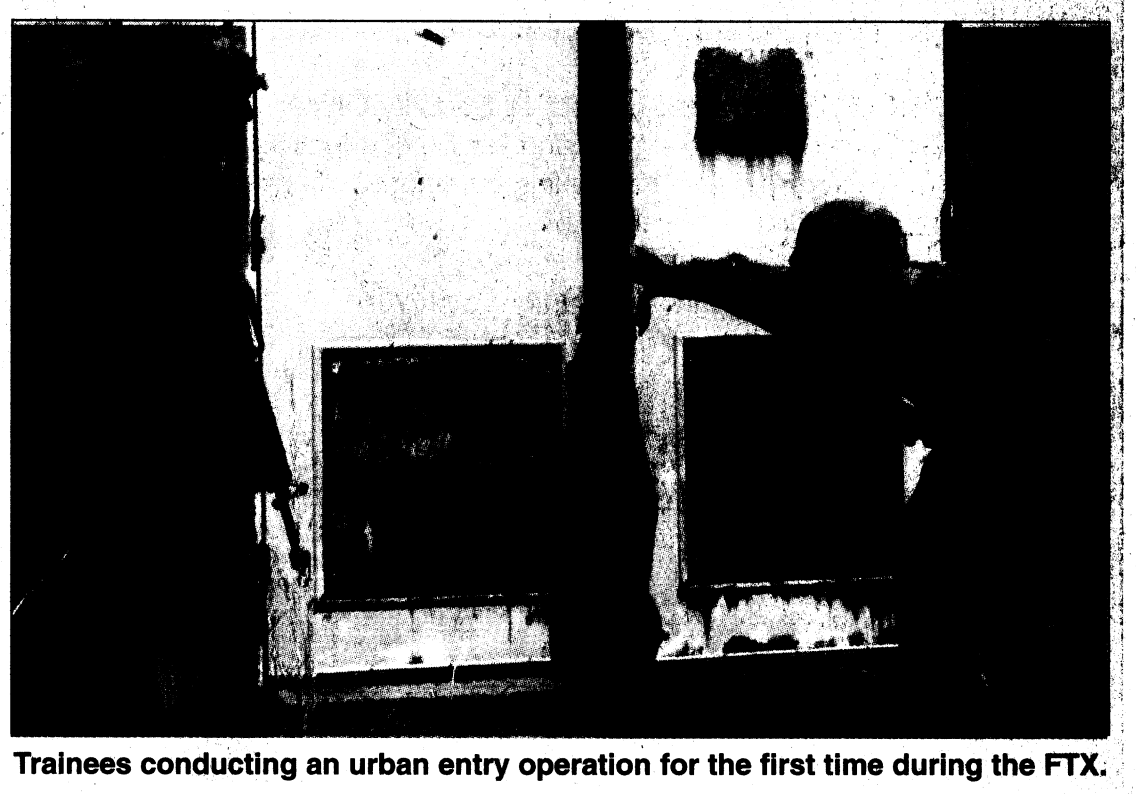
Connor predicted drill sergeants enduring three-year assignments may not be able to maintain the operational tempo called for by the new POIs.

But both Connor and Colster agreed the Army is moving in the right direction by implementing changes in the training of new troops.

Colster said he provides weekly after-action reviews to his chain of command and hopes Task Force Soldier, the think tank responsible for developing the new POIs, and the Army will continue to modify the new system until it overcomes drawbacks.



Trainees practice squad movement around obstacles on the way to their objective Monday afternoon during a tactical rescue mission.



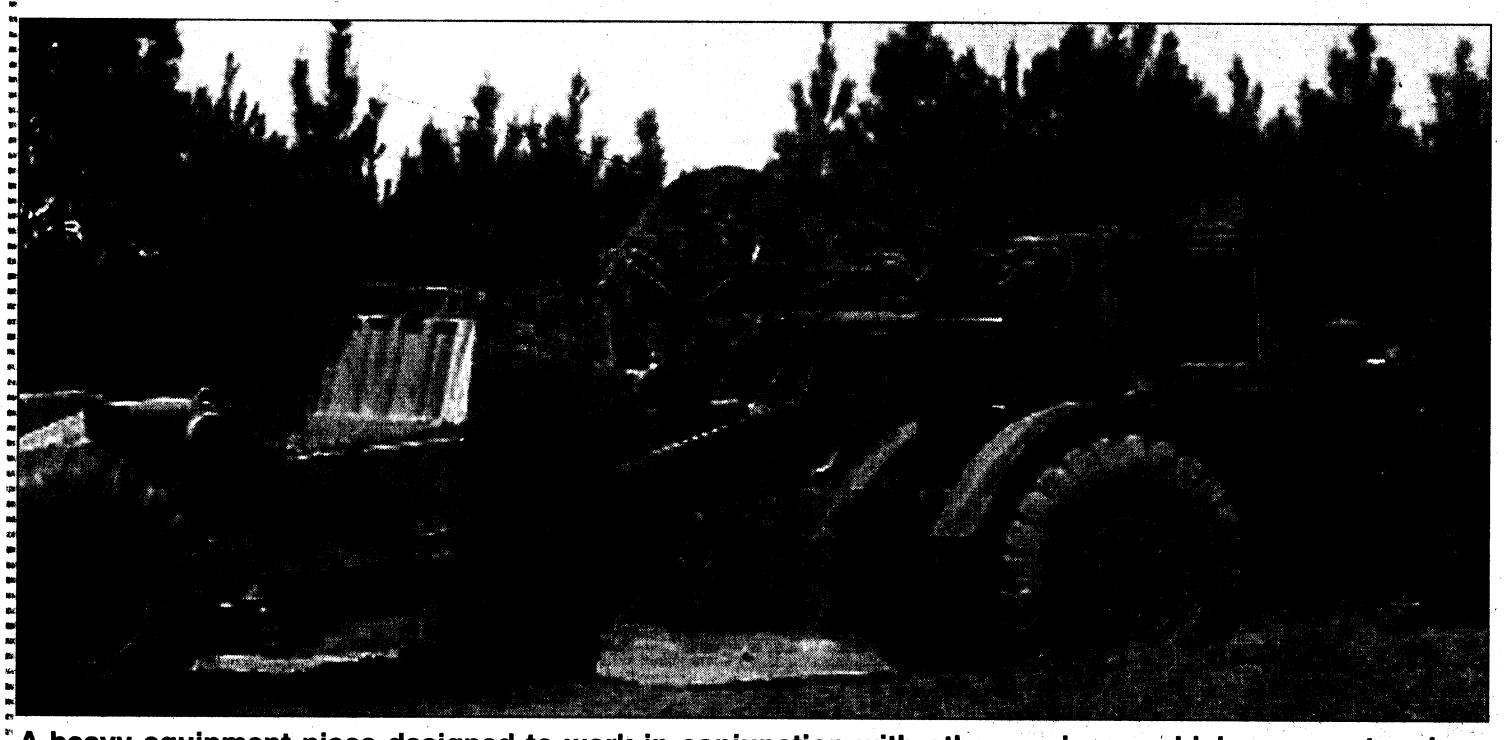
Trainees conducting an urban entry operation for the first time during the FTX.

Reserve unit shows cadets real deal



Photos by Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Sgt. 1st Class Jim Collins describes the engineer mission and fields questions from JROTC cadets from Russell County High School Saturday.



A heavy equipment piece designed to work in conjunction with other engineer vehicles excavates deep trenches and moves tons of dirt within minutes as part of the demonstration Saturday afternoon.

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Soldiers of the 718th Engineer Company, a reserve unit based at Fort Benning, spent Saturday afternoon demonstrating their skills for local Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets as part of a partnership with local U.S. Army Recruiting Command officials.

The cadets, members of the Russell County High School JROTC Warrior Battalion, were broken up into two groups and rotated through two locations.

At one location — an area across from the Ivy Road physical training field on Kelley Hill — the cadets were greeted by the company commander, Capt. Ronald Hughes. They received a slide-show briefing on the background and mission of the unit, then moved outside, where they observed 718th Soldiers in action using various pieces of engineering equipment and were briefed on the different missions of an engineer company — in both a garrison and combat environment.

After the demonstrations were complete, the cadets were allowed to sit in some of the vehicles and had a question-and-answer session with the Soldiers.

At the other location, the unit's motorpool on Kelley Hill, the cadets were familiarized with the unit's maintenance facilities.

After both groups cycled through both locations, the group rallied for chow back at the motorpool, courtesy of the 718th.

Hughes said the unit was approached by local recruiters to spend Saturday with the cadets in an effort to supplement other recruiting tactics in the area.

Sgt. 1st Class Scott Sickels, the supervisor at the Victory Drive recruiting station, said the partnership with the 718th goes a long way to show prospective recruits and their often concerned parents there is more to the Army than infantry Soldiers and tanks.

Sickels, who has been a recruiter for five years, said the program exposes cadets to both sides of the Army — the active-duty branch and the Reserves — and shows them that the Army isn't only about jumping out of planes and shooting the enemy.

The cadets, Sickels said, are often concerned about deploying, given the current situations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He said he tells them he can't guarantee they won't deploy and tries to explain the differences in military jobs, the needs of the Army and deployment possibilities in both the active-duty component and the Reserves.

Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Peoples, the operations sergeant for the 718th, said it is important to make time for the JROTC cadets even though the unit has a tight training schedule, because the unit's efforts are directly rewarded by helping to ensure it is fully manned. Peoples said he hopes to get five of the cadets to commit to serve with the unit upon graduation from high school.

The senior Army instructor with the Russell County High School JROTC Warrior Battalion, retired Lt. Col. Lee Washington, said the JROTC program and the demonstrations with units like the 718th give local youth options they may not have been aware of.

He said many of the students don't have college scholarships and the Army opens doors to educational funds that may not have been available through any other means.

The program is positive, Hughes said, for both the unit and cadets, because it gives the unit and the Reserves exposure to potential recruits and provides options and insights into jobs local youth may not have been aware of.

Hughes said he hopes there were a few aspiring young engineers whose minds were made up Saturday after seeing the unit in action.

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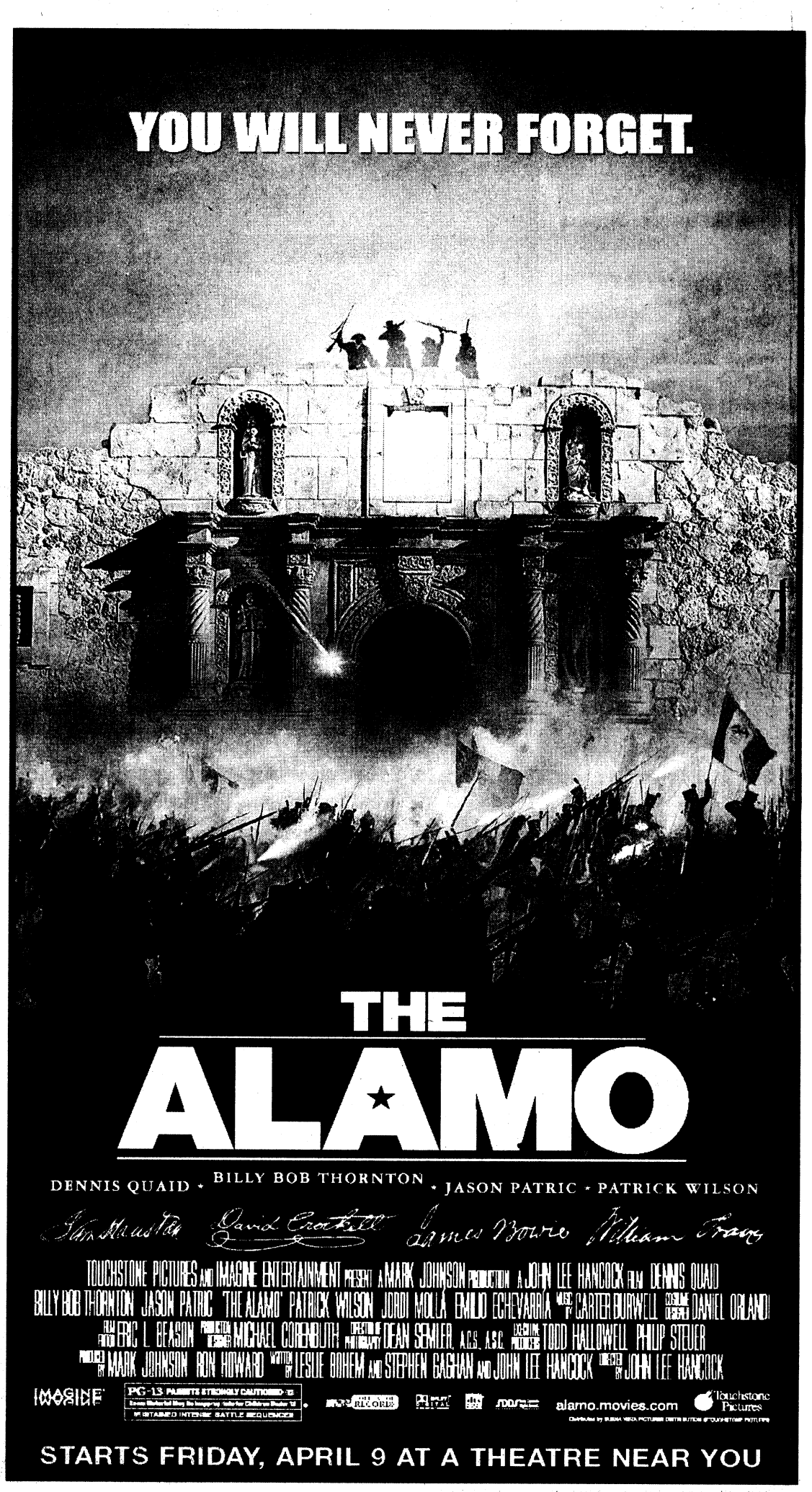

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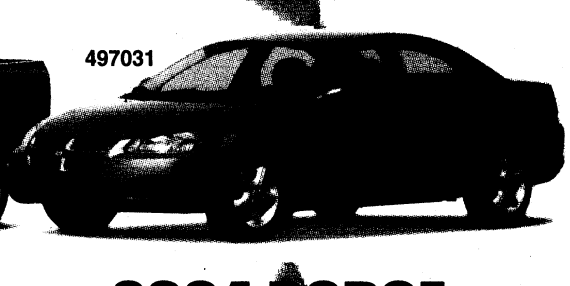

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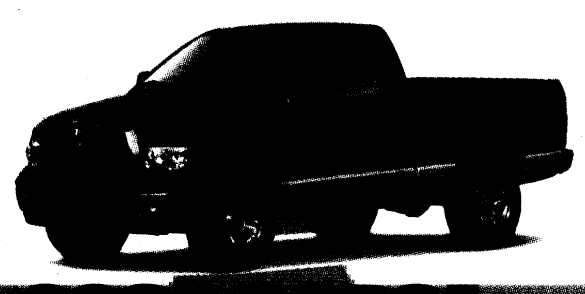

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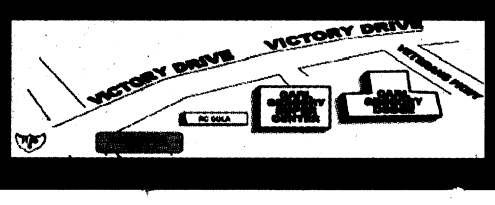

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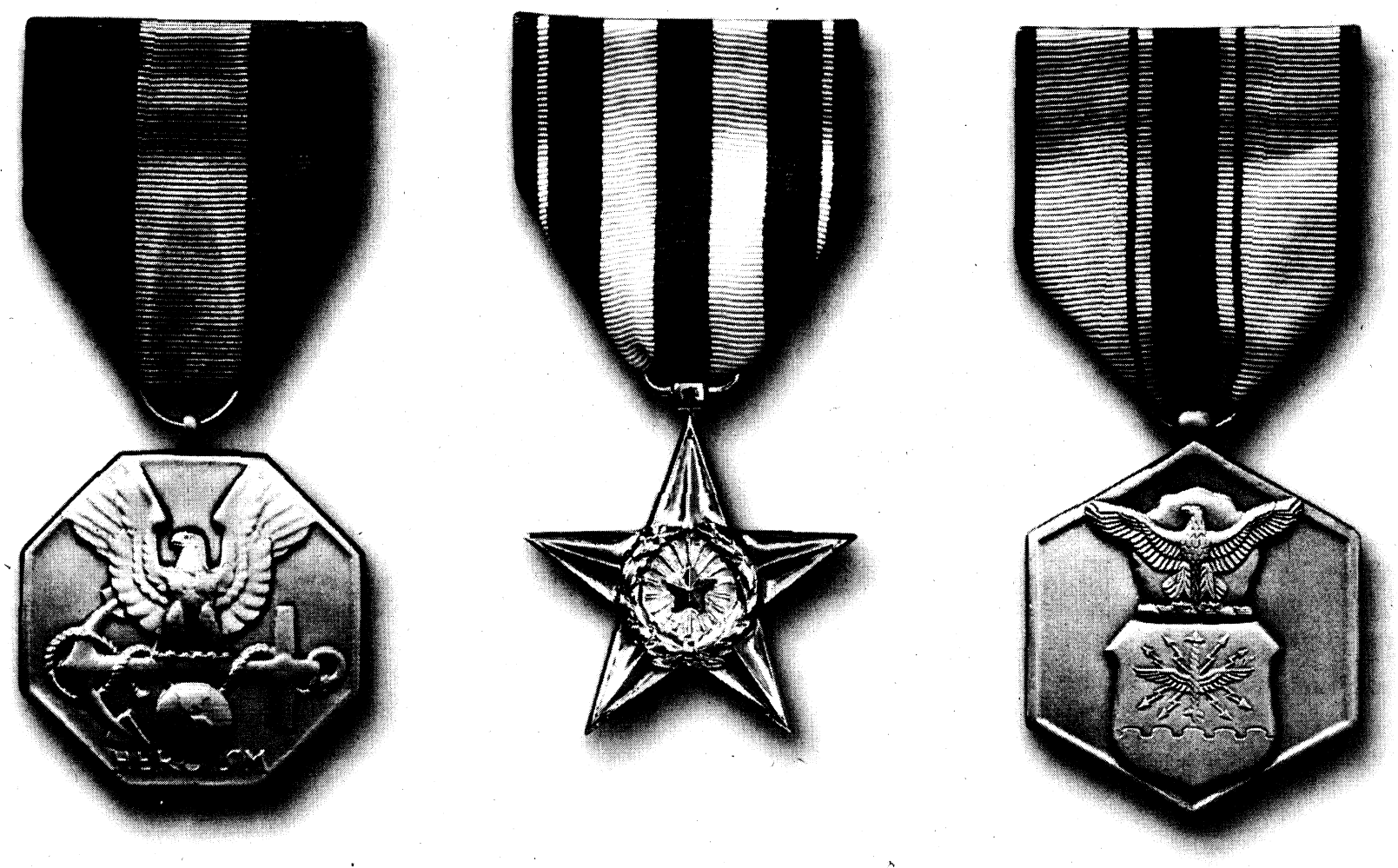

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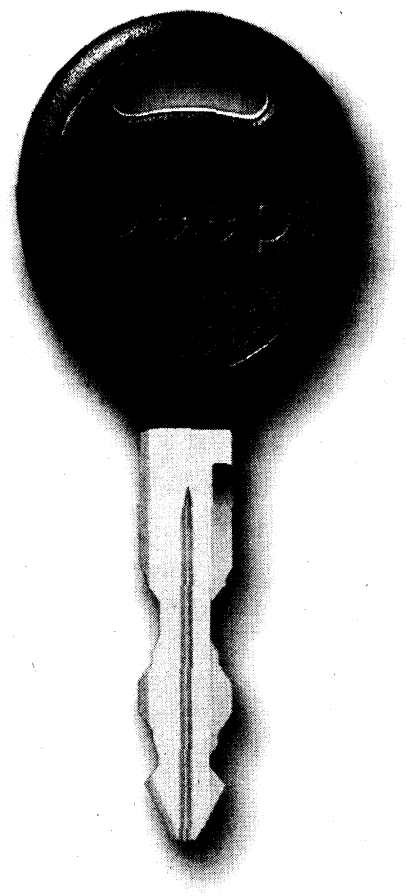

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Soldiers learn basics of explosives

IEDs killing troops in Middle East

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

In operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, American Soldiers have come across a new and deadly weapon used by militants — the IED.

IEDs, or improvised explosive devices, are designed to maim, harrass or kill the enemy. These devices are created using various chemicals or military components in combustible combinations.

"IEDs are a major concern for our Soldiers deployed in the Middle East," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Sawhill, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, an IED instructor at Landmine Warfare on Sand Hill. "A lot of the Soldiers don't know what they are, or what they look like, so that is a real danger for them."

IEDs come in all shapes and sizes. They can come in something as small as a soda can or as large as a mortar round.

"IEDs are only limited by a person's imagination and the materials readily available to them," Sawhill said. "All that is required in them is some type of explosive, an initiator and something to set it off. Anything that emits a signal can be used to set off the IEDs. Cell phones, pagers and garage-door openers are very common."

Basic trainees are learning how to identify IEDs, but are learning another important lesson, as well.

"Situational awareness is very important," Sawhill said. "When I'm teaching about these IEDs, I try to tell Soldiers to look for anything that is out of place and to report it."

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> **Maj. Michael McNally**
> Ranger Training Brigade Operations officer

Soldiers from E Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, learned exactly what Sawhill was talking about when he showed them different items to look for during landmine warfare training.

The Soldiers saw a telephone outlet on the side of a wood display.

The only problem — there were wires hanging from it, no telephone wire connecting to it and there was a box behind it.

"Something as simple as a fake phone outlet is something that can get Soldiers," Sawhill said. "Many times, they aren't aware of their surroundings, and that puts them in a position where they can be hurt or potentially killed."

The Soldiers also saw a pile of garbage. But in the pile was a trash bag with a wired-up mortar round in it.

"You just never know where the enemy is going to put these," Sawhill said.

The Ranger Training Brigade is also training its Soldiers on the hazards of IEDs.

"It's something we knew about before, because we experienced a little of it in Korea and Vietnam," said Maj. Michael McNally, brigade operations officer. "In today's urban warfare, they are a lot more common. They're about as common as an American Soldier carrying an M-16 rifle."

Ranger students learn to focus on principles like situational awareness, and not the specifics.

"If the enemy is not effective in the way he builds IEDs, he has to change," McNally said. "As soon as we figure out how to suppress one IED, another one comes out.

"The enemy's goal is to harass and injure Soldiers so they'll leave the country," he said.

IEDs are becoming more frequent in the Middle East and Soldiers are learning the steps to avoid them.

"All Soldiers deployed in the Middle East are encountering IEDs," McNally said. "It's not just the infantrymen and Rangers who come across IEDs, it's also the mail clerks, the cooks and the ammunition specialists. No Soldier is immune to the danger of them, and all need to be aware of their surroundings. And if they happen to come across something they believe is an IED, they need to get out of there and report it. It's important to know enough and respond to it correctly."

'Can Do' Battalion completes team leader course

PLDC basics put to use in field environment

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, recently completed the first Dragon Team Leader Course.

The course, which lasted nine days, took knowledge and skills learned in the Primary Leadership Development Course and put those to use in a field environment.

"PLDC is a lot of classroom work, and this course made it all hands-on," said Sgt. Brian Benson, C Company, 317th Engineer Battalion — one of two engineers to complete the course with 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt. "You had to go out there and actually do what it said in the manual. You weren't talking about how to do the steps; you were performing them firsthand."

It's something for the junior leaders, who aren't required to attend PLDC until they're ready for BNCOC, to train on, so they can train their Soldiers, said Maj. Ed House, battalion operations officer.

"We're getting ready for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3 and we need all of our Soldiers prepared, especially in their marksmanship skills and their close-quarter combat skills."

The 20 Soldiers who completed the course faced a variety of tasks, including a 12-mile road march in three hours, expert qualification on the M-16 A2 rifle, day and night land navigation, day and night stress-fire ranges and battle drills.

"Our job as instructors was to not only challenge the Soldiers mentally, but also physically," said Staff Sgt. Reynaldo Ayala, an instructor from A Co., 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt. "We wanted to see how well they would react when put in a pressure situation, and for the most part, everyone did well with what they were put in."

Benson said there were a lot of stressful situations in the course, but he couldn't allow himself to get distracted from what his mission was.

"That's what they're trying to do — get you distracted from doing your job," he said. "But all I did was concentrate on the task at hand and ensure that I could perform it to standard, to the best of my ability."

Instructors noticed Soldiers were not sure what to expect at the beginning of the course.

"They were a little apprehensive at the beginning," Ayala said. "But as the course went on, the Soldiers became more confident in what they were doing and started to enjoy the training. Some of them seemed to have too much fun with the training."

Soldiers not only performed well in the stressful situations, they also performed them in minimal time and with minimal sleep.

"While going through this course, everything had to be performed with no errors, to standard, and with minimal sleep, because that's what happens in a combat zone," Benson said. "The instructors didn't care about the lack of sleep we got. They just wanted us to get the job done. That's exactly what we would have to do in a field environment."

The course also met the pre-requisites for the Expert Infantrymen's Badge.

"Many of our Soldiers don't have the badge, and this was a great way for them to meet all standards needed prior to starting the requirements for the badge," House said.

At the graduation ceremony, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Howard, battalion command sergeant major, said the Soldiers are now better prepared than they would have been if they had only gone to PLDC.

"This course provided them with a multitude of challenges," he said. "They had a limited time to prepare for the situations thrown at them in this course, and I believe they did an excellent job performing to standard.

"The Soldiers will now be a lot better in their marksmanship, land navigation, and other skills they learned. Now, it's their job to go back, as team leaders, and teach their Soldiers the same standards they learned."

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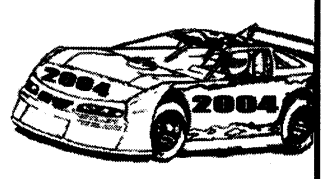



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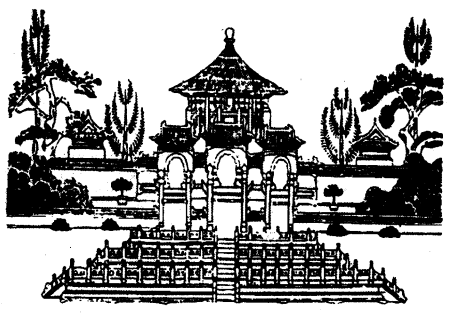

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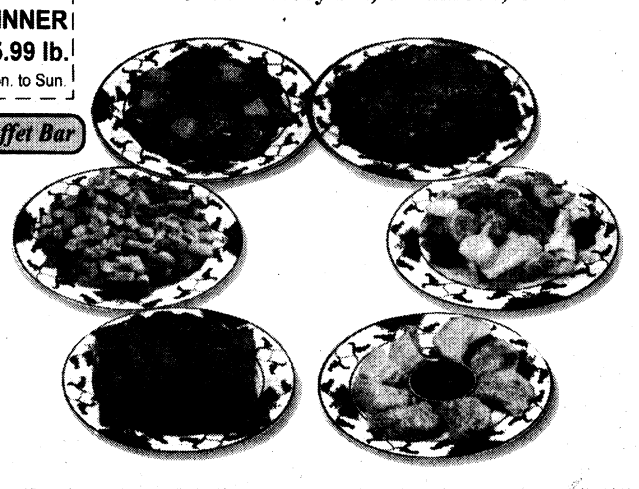

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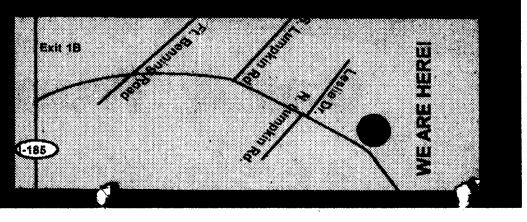



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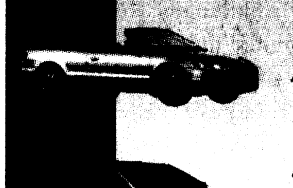

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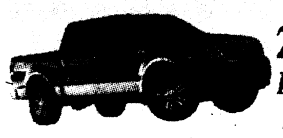

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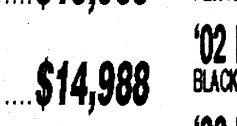

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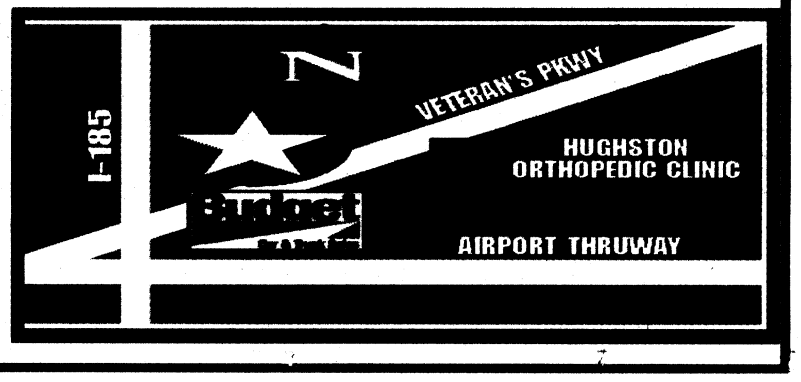
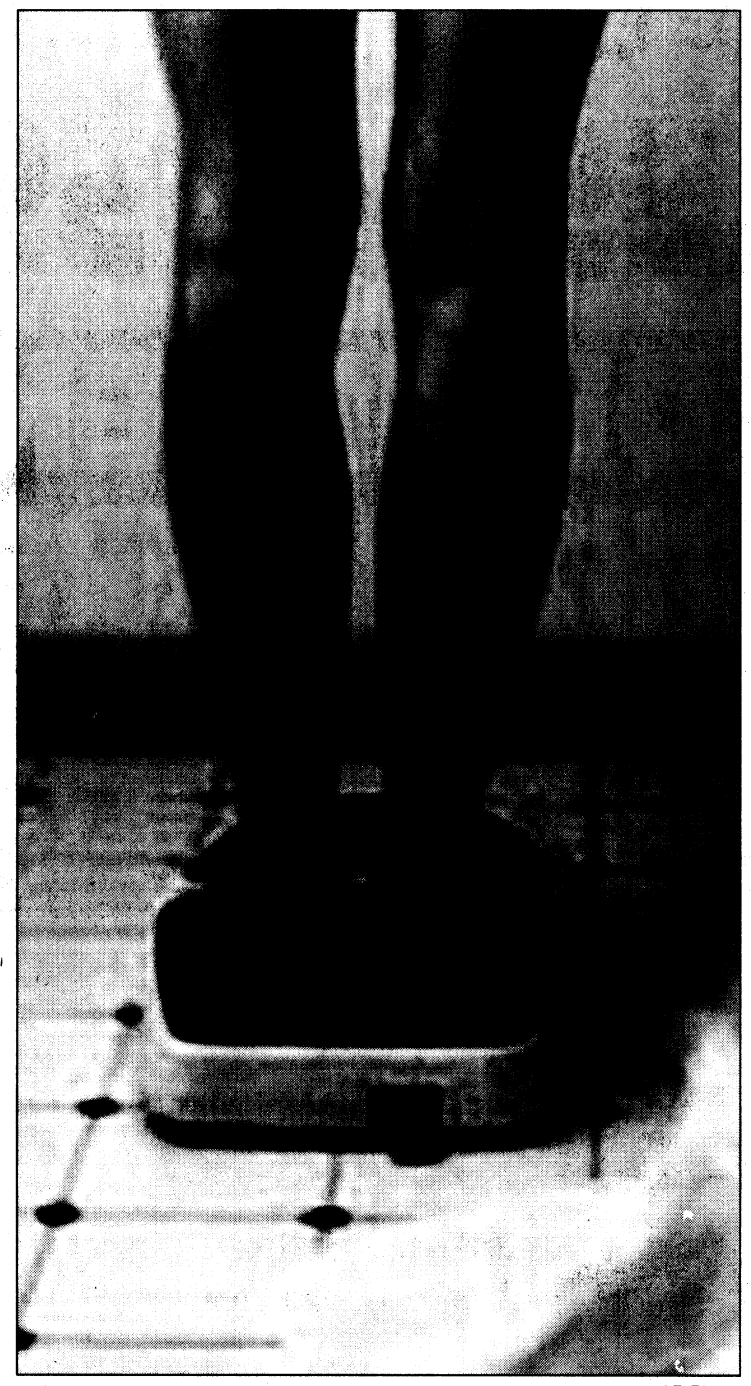


STARVING FOR PERFECTION

Eating disorders are sign of deeper, underlying problems

Anorexia, bulimia affect Soldiers too

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor



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Abigail's* parents were fat. Unhealthy, even. Her mother had a stroke, and her father had developed diabetes and was about to have triple bypass surgery.

She watched them struggling just to get out of the car or climb a flight of stairs, and she saw this as her own future.

"I decided to exercise and eat healthfully," she said, recalling the day she first started down the path to anorexia nervosa eight years ago. "Although I wasn't dieting, I lost 12 pounds. I thought I was eating plenty ... "

As the next few years passed, she would periodically lose her appetite and drop a few pounds. But once the weight was gone, she didn't want it back.

"I felt powerful for being able to lose weight," she said. "It's something most people want but never achieve."

About two years ago, though, it became more than a mild change in eating habits.

"At a particularly low point in my life when I was feeling miserable and out of control, I made an active decision to see how much weight I could lose," she said. "My body was the only area of my life where I felt completely in control."

In the midst of fear and desperation to feel good about herself, Abigail turned to food restriction and exercise. She ate alone, when she ate at all — she wouldn't even chew a piece of gum for fear of the five calories she would consume.

Later that year, she was admitted to the hospital with only 95 pounds to her 67-inch frame. She met with an eating disorder treatment therapist and a nutritionist. She joined a support group.

But she wasn't recovering. When she was released, she quickly shed more than half the weight she had gained during her treatment.

"I was absolutely terrified to give it up ... " she said. "I knew all I had to do was put food in my mouth — hardly a challenge for most people — and yet I couldn't fathom how that would become OK for me."

Eventually, it did become OK. Abigail found her recovery through a second bout in a support group and the realization that her anorexia was a choice she had made and a choice she could unmake.

But for so many people — people in this community — that revelation seems out of reach.

An eating disorder is a coping strategy that an individual uses to deal with deeper problems, which are too painful or difficult to address directly, according to the National Eating Disorder Information Center.

There are three primary types of eating disorders, according to the Parenting Teens Web site:

• Anorexia nervosa is characterized by an intense drive for thinness, intense fear of gaining weight or becoming fat or a considerable misperception of body size and shape.

Anorexia ranks as the third most common chronic illness among teen-age girls in the United States. Girls and women account for 90 to 95 percent of individuals who suffer from anorexia.

• Bulimia nervosa is characterized by episodes of binge eating followed by some form of purging or restricting. The purging usually takes the form of self-induced vomiting, but it can also consist of excessive exercise, fasting or abuse of laxatives.

It occurs in as many as 2 percent of all adolescents and young adults.

• Binge eating is the consumption of unusually large amounts of food in a brief time period.

Studies suggest that 25 to 50 percent of obese individuals eat in binges.

And although it is difficult to judge exactly how many servicemen and women are suffering from eating disorders, it is known that members of the military community have a higher rate of eating disorders than their civilian counterparts, said Jennifer Rogers, a dietitian at BAMC.

In fact, "for bulimia, numbers appear about 15 percent higher for military personnel."

And Fort Benning is no stranger to eating disorders.

The post's Chaplain Family Life Center deals with the issue somewhat regularly, said Chaplain (Maj.) Stephen Hawkins, chief of CFLC.

Eating disorders are complex, Hawkins said, and usually mask a deeper, underlying problem.

"There are two main trains of thought with an eating disorder," Hawkins said. "It's primarily an issue of power and control. And there's the issue of family dynamics and structure — the individual is still searching for that family balance."

The common thread, Hawkins said, is that most people suffering from eating disorders are searching for something.

"For whatever reason, their needs are being met through choosing an eating disorder," he said. "It's serving a purpose for them."

The question is what is that purpose, he said. Be it acceptance, unconditional love, feeling valued or popular or esteemed — eating disorders fulfill some need that is otherwise not met.

Whatever lies beneath the surface, many disorders are triggered by things we are bombarded with every day, Hawkins said.

"Where wouldn't people get the idea (that it's so important to be thin)?" Hawkins said, pointing to television, movies, music, books, magazines, even parents.

"It's a powerful message and comes from every direction — life is for the thin, svelte and beautiful. In order to have the life worth living, you have to be good ... you have to be perfect," he said.

For some, though, it isn't just about being perfect — it's about being merely "good enough."

Being heavier than one's peers, struggling to shed weight after a baby, maybe even failing a tape test — these situations can all lead to the negative self-image associated with eating disorders or borderline eating disorders.

Borderline disorders are evident in people who constantly complain about their appearance, think about food obsessively, constantly count calories or severely monitor their intake daily, said 1st Lt. Paula Wedel of Nutrition Care at Martin Army Community Hospital.

"Often, individuals use food to cope with personal situations or various societal pressures — both seen in overeating and in severely restrictive eating," she said.

The impact of these eating habits — whether borderline or full-blown — can be detrimental to an individual's health.

"Short-term impacts could include fatigue, irritability, etc.," Wedel said. "Long-term consequences ... include poor hair and nail texture and strength, growth failure in children, swelling, apathy, skin lesions, diarrhea, anemia, tissue wastage, hypothermia, hypotension, amenorrhea (loss of monthly period), reduced digestion, increase in sleep, slow heart beat, weakened immune system and ability to fight infection, slowed metabolism and many other problems."

So how can all this be avoided?

Well, it's not easy, Hawkins said, but the most important thing is not to ignore the problem. Whether it's you, your child or another loved one, take action.

"Hope is not a method," he said.

If it's your child, think prevention, Hawkins said.

"Children are getting messages from so many other sources, parents have to control the messages *they* send in their homes," he said. "Teach them to question the messages they're getting (outside the home).

"When you see a message that acceptance is about what you are on the outside as opposed to who you are inside, use it to start a dialogue — 'Can you buy that? Is that really what we believe?'"

Another important lesson is to be aware of the messages you send as a parent, Hawkins said.

"Double-check the message you're sending — are you saying derogatory things about something external, someone else's physical appearance?" he said. "Because it's not fair to judge — that's not where our value is."

If it can't be prevented, seek counseling for your child — look for help at the CFLC or at MACH's Behavioral Health.

Meanwhile, although adults are legally able to resist treatment or therapy, be supportive and encourage recovery.

"A healthy way to deal with these problems is to seek out mental health or other professionals who will help the individual figure out the root of their problems and work through that," Wedel said.

Individuals looking to lose weight in a healthy way can always seek help at MACH's Nutrition Care.

"Dietitians are a great resource," Wedel said. "Every post Soldiers go to has nutrition professionals who work to assist them with sorting out the facts myths from myths that are out there."

To schedule an appointment at Fort Benning, call 544-CARE.

**Abigail is a recovered anorexic who shared her story on a recovery Web site.*

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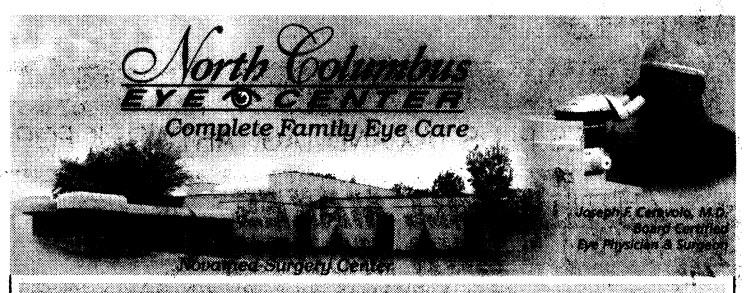

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COMMUNITY

Post kids bring light to cancer patients



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

DeeDee Dumas, 4, enjoys the "happy hat" volunteers from CYS' middle school and teen center brought to her March 31. The 4-year-old is diagnosed with leukemia. Her happy hat was one of more than 150 hats made by the volunteers in an effort to bring smiles to the faces of cancer patients on the pediatric oncology wing at Columbus Medical Center.

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

When the five young volunteers arrived on the fifth floor of the Columbus Medical Center March 31, the first thing the little girl sitting on the one of the hospital beds said to them was, "I don't feel good."

DeeDee Dumas is only 4 years old and has been diagnosed with leukemia. She was visiting the outpatient wing of the medical center's pediatric oncology unit for one of her weekly appointments to receive medications, when a group of volunteers from Fort Benning's Child and Youth Services stopped by with a small gift for her.

The five pre-teens carried a large, blue box filled with more than 150 handmade "happy hats."

The group, along with the help of other volunteers from CYS programs like 4H, Teen Supreme and Smart Moves, spent two months sewing the hats before bringing them to the hospital to distribute to young cancer patients who lose their hair as a side effect of their chemotherapy treatments.

Volunteer Kelsey Glenn, a sixth-grader, said she helped make and distribute the hats so she could see smiles on the kids' faces.

The project coordinator, Lori Graves of CYS, said she got the idea while taking part in a teen forum in Colorado and decided to bring it home to the Fort Benning community.

She said programs like the happy hats project are important for relations between the military and civilian communities.

"It builds a partnership — a friendship," Graves said.

Debby Dodge, the outpatient pediatric oncology nurse, agreed and said the patients enjoy having other kids visit them.

Dodge said she feels it is important for the volunteers, as well, because they learn to develop empathy and to appreciate the value of giving to others.

Natasha Duvaln volunteered "to make sick kids happy" and said she truly enjoyed the volunteer experience.

While there were only two patients in the seven-bed outpatient ward of the oncology unit, Dodge said the rest of the hats will be put to good use on the center's inpatient

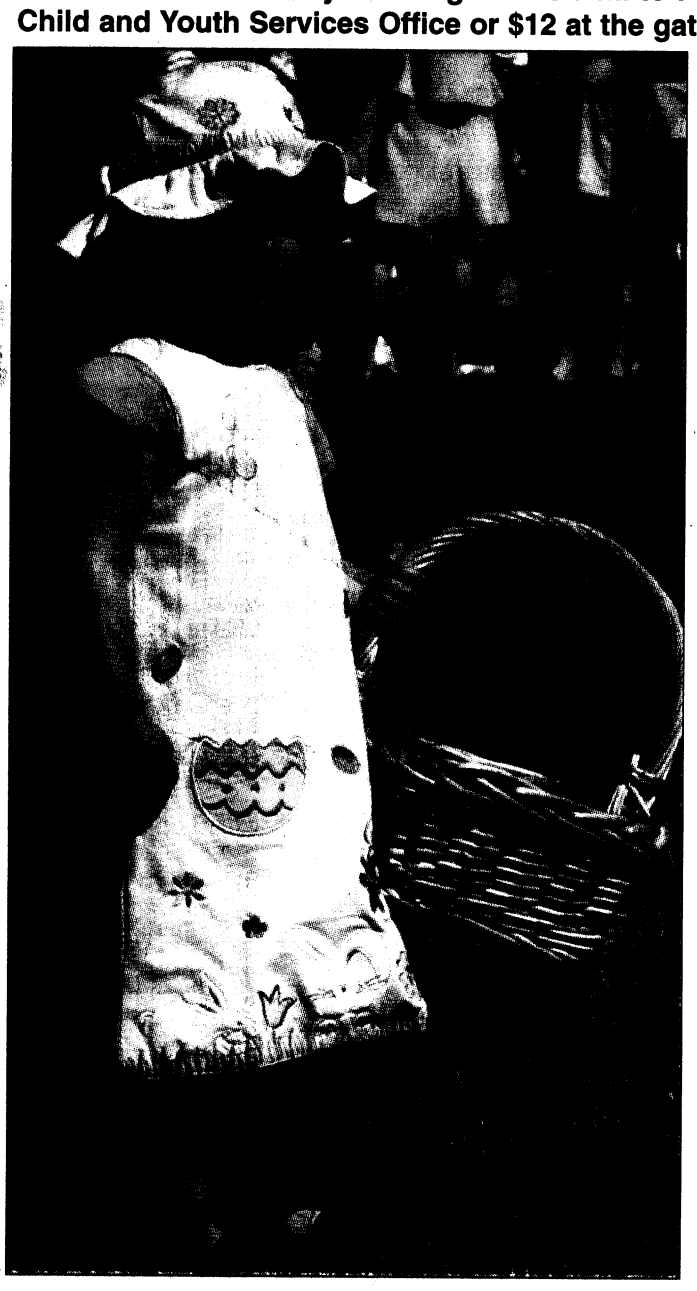
See **HATS,** B-3

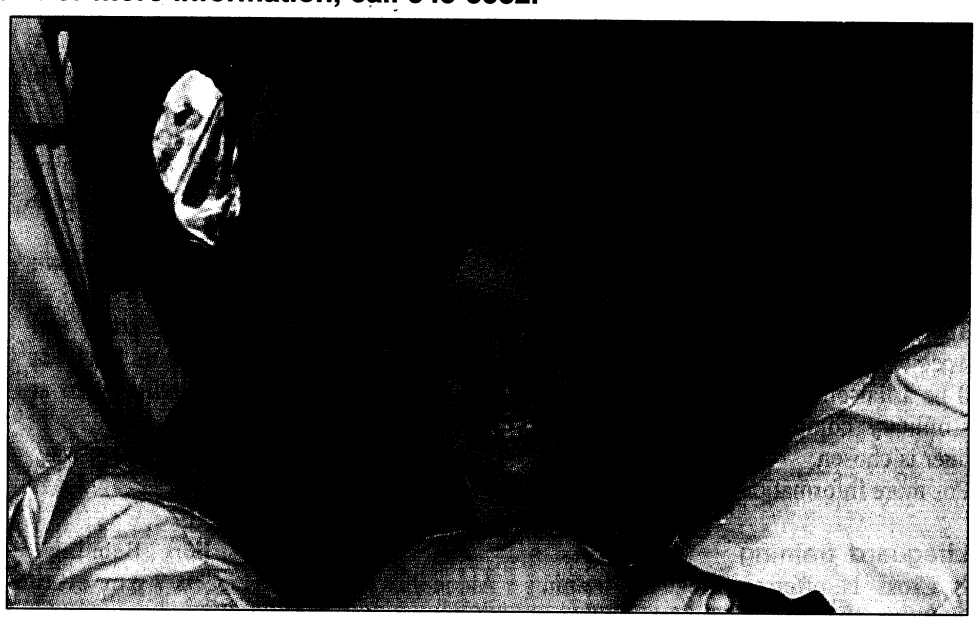
Spring has sprung on Benning



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Lissette Gonzalez, 4 years old, and Gavin Hart, 2, enjoy a ride at the Spring Carnival Tuesday afternoon. The carnival, located on Wetherby Field, will be in town until midnight Saturday. There will also be a Flea Market Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Carnival ride wristbands are $10 at the Child and Youth Services Office or $12 at the gate. For more information, call 545-3582.





Fort Benning's Easter Eggstravaganza drew a large crowd Saturday at Riverside, home of the commanding general.

LEFT: Maddie Carson, 2, surveys the field after the Easter egg hunt.

ABOVE: William George, 3, left, and his brothers Duncan, 7, and Michael, 9, tackle the slide inside the caterpillar.

RIGHT: Emani Pickett, 7, tries to stay on the "mechanical" bull ride. The bull was controlled by Soldiers pulling ropes at each corner.



Photos by Melissa House

Get Outta Here

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Sick of sitting around in that barracks room looking at the walls? Need to get the family out of the house or just take a break? We've got the answer for you. 'Get Outta Here' will appear in The Bayonet *each week to highlight recreation and leisure venues right here in the tricommunity. If you would like to suggest a hot spot for the column, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367.*

Bad news, folks. The weatherman says it's gonna be a wet weekend — thunderstorms and lightning. And on a three-day at that.

Now, I don't know about you, but I've been waiting for this mini-break, and I don't intend to spend the whole time cooped up in my house, staring out my rain-streaked windows.

No, I think I'd rather go out and have a little fun of the old-fashioned variety. I think I'd rather travel back in time to my childhood, when *everything* was exciting and entertaining, when it didn't cost a fortune to amuse myself ... when I was easy to please.

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What's that you say? What's so great about yet another Columbus movie theater?

Well, this is no ordinary movie theater, my friend. The Hollywood Connection is actually home to Columbus' only full-blown amusement center (that I know of, that is).

Putt your way through 18 holes of miniature golf at the Caddyshack Golf Course. Cough up quarters to more than 100 games, including interactive video games (think auto racing, skiing and combat "simulators" — i.e. games you can actually fit into). Lace up a pair of roller skates and make a fool of yourself for the first time in years in the Xanadu Skate Center. Got kids? No problem! Send them off on their own adventure in the amusement area, complete with a mini ferris wheel, carousel, swings, train and a softplay maze. Ooh, and the little bumper cars you only wish you could fit into.

All of this under one roof. And the price tag won't knock you (or your bank account) out. The whole place works on a points system. You buy a certain point package — say, the 60-point package (which comes with 30 free points for a grand total of 90 points) for $20. One round of mini-golf will eat up 18 points, a daytime skate will cost you 14 points and games knock off a few points a piece.

So for $20, you and a friend can go 18 holes, fall victim to gravity in the skating rink and still have enough left over for a classic game of Ski-ball.

So unless you plan to grow webbed feet this weekend, hop in your car and make your way to the Hollywood Connection, located off Bradley Park Drive.

ASK THE JUDGE

Capt. Steven J. Collins
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: Can you explain some of the tax myths I need to be aware of during the filing season?

A: Having a working knowledge of the tax code is imperative before a taxpayer decides to file his or her taxes. The tax system is full of myths, and if you are relying on advice from misinformed sources you could be exposing yourself to an audit. Outlined below are 10 common myths we have seen at the tax center this year.

No. 1 — I was told I could deduct the purchase and dry cleaning of my BDUs.

Wrong. BDUs are deductible only if local installation regulations prohibit their off-duty wear. Fort Benning does not prohibit off-duty wear, so they are not deductible.

No. 2 — Can I deduct haircuts?

No. Haircuts are not ordinary business expenses and not deductible.

No. 3 — I do not have my W-2. Can I use my December LES?

No. You must file your taxes with a Form W-2. If you have not received your W-2, it can be accessed on dfas.mil.

No. 4 — I attended eArmyU last year and received tuition assistance. Can I claim an education credit?

If you incurred any qualified expenses above and beyond your tuition assistance, an educational credit may be claimed. Qualified expenses are defined as tuition and mandatory fees paid by the taxpayer to an accredited educational institution eligible to participate in the federal student loan program.

No. 5 — Can I get a full credit for the child and dependent care expenses I incurred last year?

No. The credit is based on a percentage of your expenses. Another thing to remember is that the maximum credit is $3,000 for one child or dependent and $6,000 if two or more are involved.

No.6 — Can I claim gymnastics and karate class expenses as child and dependent care expenses?

No. Recreational after school programs or other extra-curricular activities do not qualify for the credit.

No. 7 — Last year my refund was bigger. Why am I paying more in taxes this year?

The hard and fast rule here is the more money you make, the more you are going to pay in taxes. Most people receive an annual pay raise, so there is going to be an increase in tax liability. An additional consideration to increase the likelihood of a refund is to increase the amount of exemptions on your Form W-4. This will increase the amount of salary withheld from your paycheck every pay period. The more money withheld usually means a bigger refund at the end of the year. Withholding exemptions may be changed on dfas.mil.

No. 8 — Can I deduct the cost of improvements made to my main home?

In most cases no, but if you are selling the home the cost of the improvements can be added to the basis (cost) of the home when it is time to sell.

No. 9 — I attended IOBC last year. Can I deduct my out of pocket expenses as educational expenses?

No. Attending required Army schools do not count as qualified tuition and expenses.

No. 10 — Can I deduct moving expenses resulting directly from a PCS move?

Any expenses above and beyond what the Army reimburses you for is deductible. Mileage reimbursement to your new residence along with lodging is deductible, but meals are not. Pre-move house hunting trips are not deductible.

The tax code is very complicated and there are always exceptions to the rules for special circumstances. If you would like more information, please contact your tax preparer or call the IRS tax help number at 1-800-829-1040. A tax representative is available to help you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also access the IRS web site at http://www.irs.gov.

If you would like further assistance regarding your taxes, call the Fort Benning Installation Tax Center at 545-4267 or come by Building 880 to speak with a tax advisor. The tax center is open for business until April 15. Hours of operation are today and Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The tax center will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday the center will be open 8:30 a.m. to midnight.

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Albert Michael Ruiz IV — born March 27 to Tryeone and 1st Lt. Albert Ruiz III.

Herbert Charles Bryant II— born March 29 to Jamie and Staff Sgt. Herbert Bryant.

Noah Peyton Theriault — born March 29 to Rachel and Chief Warrant Officer David Theriault

Noah Michael Kennedy — born March 30 to Amy and Sgt. Michael Kennedy Jr.

Girls

Natalie Anne Frank — born March 26 to Capt. Jennifer and Dr. Benjamin Frank.

Jaylen Ashley Coleman — born March 28 to Lauren and Airman 1st Class Andrew Coleman.

Sakira Ariana Hallingquest — born March 28 to Renee and Sgt. Walter Hallingquest.

Claire Frances O'Brien — born March 30 to Serenity and Capt. John O'Brien IV.

Averie Rose Schultz — born March 30 to Michele and Capt. Robert Schultz.

Aniya Jayla White — born March 30 to Pfc. Deidra and Spc. James White.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Tax Center open on Saturdays — The Fort Benning Tax Center will be open for business from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. Saturday.

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For more information, call the Tax Center at 545-4267.

Medical Department Activity clinics canceled — The Fort Benning Medical Department Activity Family Practice and Pediatrics Clinic will not offer evening or Saturday clinics through Saturday.

For more information, call 544-2273.

Youth Services carnival — The Youth Services annual Spring Carnival will be held through Saturday at Wetherby Field.

Hours of operation are 5 p.m. to midnight today and 1 p.m. to midnight Saturday. All-you-can-ride wristbands are available today and Saturday for $12 at the gate.

For more information, call CYS at 545-3582.

Yard sale and flea market — The Officers' Spouses' Club is sponsoring a yard sale and flea market from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at Wetherby Field.

For more information, call Sandy Risberg at 682-9585.

Thrift Shop new hours — The Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop will have new operating hours beginning Tuesday.

The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 687-483

ESC meeting — The Enlisted Spouses' Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the ESC Clubhouse, Building 241, next to the Infantry Museum.

All enlisted spouses are invited.

For more information, call the ESC voicemail at (334) 373-0347.

New home-school activities — There are new activities for home-school families. They are:

• Computer lab, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays; fifth grade and younger from 1 to 2 p.m., sixth grade and older, 2 to 3 p.m.

• Swimming activity at Briant Wells, Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Swimmers must pass swim test to participate.

• Youth Services Gym, Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

All participants must be registered with Child and Youth Services to use these services.

For more information, call the Central Registration Office at 545-2079 or Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

Mother of the Year contest — The Main Mall Post Exchange is holding Fort Benning's first Mother of the Year contest. Participants must be a military dependent — active-duty or retired — to submit a letter about why your mother or spouse should be chosen. Turn in letters at the Main PX drop box at the front of the store from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through May 3.

The letters will be judged May 4 to 5. The winning mother will be notified no later than 8 p.m. May 6 and will be awarded at 11 a.m. May 8 in front of the Main PX entrance.

The letter of submission must include: author's name, telephone number, address and relationship to the mother, the mother's name and 100 words or less about why this mother should be chosen.

The winner of the contest will participate in special events throughout the year and will be a liaison between the Main PX and the military community until next year's winner is chosen.

For more information, call 687-0385.

Lifeguard training — The American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 17-18 and April 24-25.

Classes are $125 and are held at Briant Wells Indoor Pool and American Red Cross Office.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative has mailed out surveys to current family housing residents.

The surveys cover how well on-post housing needs are being met.

The results of the survey will assist RCI in providing the services and facilities that are important to military families.

The cut-off for receiving responses is June 25.

Family housing residents are encouraged to fill out and return their surveys.

For more information, call Lillian Salazar at 545-0667.

ACS Food Locker — Eligible personnel (active duty, retiree families and widowers of deceased Army personnel) who wish to use the Army Community Services Food Locker should visit the ACS Center, Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. After completing an application, signed by of either a unit first sergeant or commander (active-duty personnel).

The client will be directed to the Food Locker, where they can select a two-day supply of food items from stock.

ARC Summer Youth Program — The Fort Benning Red Cross is gearing up for its Summer Youth Volunteer Program for children, ages 13 to 18. This program will run 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday between June 7 and July 16, with volunteer hours available from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Youth will have the opportunity to volunteer at Martin Army Community Hospital, the Veterinary Clinic, Sayers Library and many other places.

Youth packages are now available and ready to be picked up.

There will be a parent question and answer session from 6:30 to 8 p.m. May 4 at the Red Cross Office in Building 2626 at Soldiers' Plaza.

Applications are due no later than May 21.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The AA meetings support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

■ **Monday:** cheeseburger, tater tots, veggie sticks, fruit, milk

■ **Tuesday:** sloppy joe, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, fruit, milk

■ **Wednesday:** pizza, seasoned corn, green beans, milk, apple cobbler

■ **Thursday:** spaghetti, tossed salad, English peas, fresh roll, fruit, milk

■ **Friday:** chicken nuggets, macaroni salad, broccoli, garlic bread, fruit, milk

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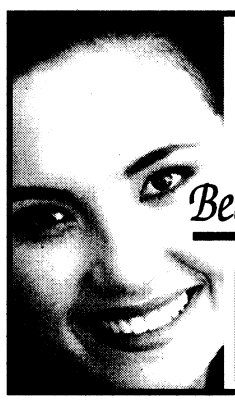
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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Shaking babies can cause lifelong disabilities

Continuous crying not an excuse

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

"My baby wouldn't stop crying. I just couldn't take it any more."

It's the number one reason parents, guardians and caregivers give for shaking infants and toddlers to the point of injury.

Shaken baby syndrome is caused by vigorous shaking of an infant or young child by the arms, legs, chest or shoulders, according to a Department of Research and Program Services article by Dr. Susan Palmer.

And it's not an isolated occurrence.

An estimated 50,000 cases occur each year in the United States, Palmer said.

"Shaken baby syndrome usually occurs when a parent or other caregiver shakes a baby because of anger or frustration, often because the baby would not stop crying," said Rebecca Welch, Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program manager.

Although shaken baby syndrome is a serious form of child abuse, Welch said, parents are often unaware of the injuries that shaking can cause.

A baby's head and neck are especially vulnerable to injury because the head is so large and the neck muscles are still weak, Palmer said.

In addition, a baby's brain and blood vessels are very fragile and easily damaged by whiplash motions, such as shaking, jerking and jolting.

Forceful shaking can result in brain damage leading to mental retardation, speech and learning disabilities, paralysis, seizures, hearing loss and even death, she said.

It can also cause bleeding around the brain and eyes, resulting in blindness.

Once a child has been shaken, the potential damage can't be undone. But it can become more serious if the child does not receive medical attention.

"If your baby's brain is damaged or bleeding inside from severe shaking, it will only get worse without treatment," Welch said. "Getting medical care right away may save your child's life and prevent serious health problems from developing.

"Don't let embarrassment, guilt or fear get in the way of your child's health or life," she said.

Even if a child is treated immediately following the incident, though, fewer than 10 to 15 percent of shaken babies are believed to recover completely, Palmer said.

The remaining victims exhibit a variety of disabilities, including partial or complete blindness, hearing impairments, seizure disorders, cerebral palsy, sucking and swallowing disorders, developmental disabilities, autism, cognitive impairments and behavior problems.

The most important thing is never to shake a baby in the first place, Welch said.

"Taking care of an infant can be challenging, especially when an end to the crying seems nowhere in sight," she said. "If you have tried to calm your crying child but nothing seems to work, it's important to stay in control of your temper.

"Remember, it's never OK to shake, throw or hit your child."

Instead, Welch said, if you feel as though you could lose control, stop and go through the following check list:

- Take a deep breath and count to 10.
- Take time out and let your baby cry alone.
- Call someone close to you for emotional support.
- Call your pediatrician. There may be a medical reason your child is crying.

CLOSER LOOK

If your child will not stop crying and you feel as though you might lose control:

- STOP
- Take a deep breath and count to 10,
- Take time out and let your baby cry alone.
- Call someone close to you for emotional support.
- Call your pediatrician. There may be a medical reason your child is crying.
- For more information about shaken baby syndrome or child abuse prevention, call Welch at 545-7517.

Training available for baby sitters through Red Cross

Required class pays off for young sitters

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Baby-sitting is one of the easiest ways teen-agers have to make money. With summer vacation right around the corner, many students are looking for kids to watch.

The Fort Benning American Red Station Office is preparing the future baby-sitting force with baby-sitting certification classes once a month. The next class is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 17 at the Red Cross Office in Soldiers Plaza.

"Fort Benning requires baby-sitters to have this certification to baby-sit on post," said Lorrie Pierre, Red Cross station manager. "The class will prepare the baby-sitters to handle any situation that may arise while they are watching a child."

The baby-sitting class is part of the many services the Red Cross offers the community, said Michele Walton, Red Cross health and safety director.

The class is for kids from 11 to 15 years old and costs $32. Once the student has gone through the class he or she is a certified baby-sitter and does not need to go through another class again, Walton said.

During the class, kids learn:

- Basic child care for all ages, beginning with newborns
- How to change a diaper — both cloth and disposable
- How to carry a baby
- How to bottle feed
- The steps of CPR (however, they are not CPR certified)
- First aid
- What they need from the parents before they are left alone with the child.

During the three years the Red Cross has offered the baby-sitter certification class, it has certified 221 baby-sitters, Walton said.

However, the Red Cross does not provide parents with a list of kids that are certified for baby-sitting.

"I learned stuff I didn't even know about during the class," said Rebeca Riera, who took the class last fall.

"The instructor was really fun," Riera said. "He taught us how to keep the kids entertained and how to handle different situations."

"Some of the kids ask us what is the going rate is for baby-sitting, but we leave that up to their discretion," Walton said.

Knowing that a baby-sitter has gone through this class should assure the parents that the baby-sitter is prepared to act responsibly in any situation, Pierre said.

"I don't think that anyone is ready to handle everything — not even a parent — but the class is definitely a verification that you're prepared if something happens," Walton said.

After the kids have completed the all-day class, they will receive a certificate that states they have completed the Red Cross Baby-sitter's Certification Class and the Baby-sitter Training Handbook.

"We want kids to attend the class because it's mandatory, it's educational and it reassures the parents that they are leaving their child with someone responsible," Pierre said.

The Red Cross offers 10 seats per class.

For more information, call 545-5194 or visit the Red Cross Station at Soldiers Plaza in Building 2626 or e-mail at redcross@benning.army.mil.

Mower tune-up time

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Empty the fuel tank, disconnect the spark plug wire and tune up your mower.

Clean the mower. Use a screw driver or putty knife to clear the under carriage of grass and debris and wipe the entire mower down.

Sharpen or replace the blade. Have the blade professionally sharpened or replaced if there are large nicks or dings. Refer to the owner's manual for additional information on maintaining the cutting blade.

Change the oil. Clean the oil fill area, remove the dipstick and place a catch can under the mower. Depending on manufacturer recommendations, either tip the mower on its side to allow the old oil to drain from the oil fill tube or remove the oil drain plug located under the deck. Allow the oil to drain completely and if necessary, replace the drain plug. Refill the engine with oil.

Change the spark plug. Before installing the new plug, be sure to check its gap (refer to the owner's manual). Once you have checked the plug for proper gap, screw it in tight with your fingers. Then give it a turn more with a socket.

Replace the air filter. Check the owner's manual to see which type of filter the mower requires.

There are generally two types of filters: paper or foam. If the mower requires a foam filter, be sure to saturate the foam filter with fresh engine oil, wrap it in a clean rag and then squeeze out the excess oil before installing.

Lubricate moving parts. Spray all linkages, cables and wheel areas with WD-40. Do not use oil because oil will retain dirt and clog the area.

When the tune-up is completed, replace the spark plug wire and fill the gas tank with fresh fuel. Your mower is now ready for the mowing season.

Hats: Bring joy to sick youngsters

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pediatric oncology wing.

The hats, which come in a kaleidoscope of colors or are adorned with popular cartoon icons like SpongeBob SquarePants, will be sure to bring smiles to the faces of children who, at too young an age, are facing the fight of a lifetime, Dodge said.

The inpatient pediatric oncology wing age span runs the gamut, from infants to teen-agers battling juvenile cancers.

According to the National Cancer Institute's Web site, cancer in children is relatively rare with a rate of about 3.8 to 4.8 out of 100,000 children afflicted.

Dumas is one of that small percentage, but her grandmother, Carla Dumas, said she has great hopes for the preschooler's battle.

"(DeeDee) holds up well. She's got a fighting spirit," Carla said.

The survival rate for children DeeDee's age who are diagnosed with leukemia is 80 percent.

Eleven-year-old Edward Scott, the only young man present to distribute the happy hats, said he thought it would be a nice thing to do and decided to go ahead and take part.

It's mission accomplished for Scott and the rest of the CYS volunteers — one lavender happy hat alone transformed misery into a smile on a 4-year-old's face.

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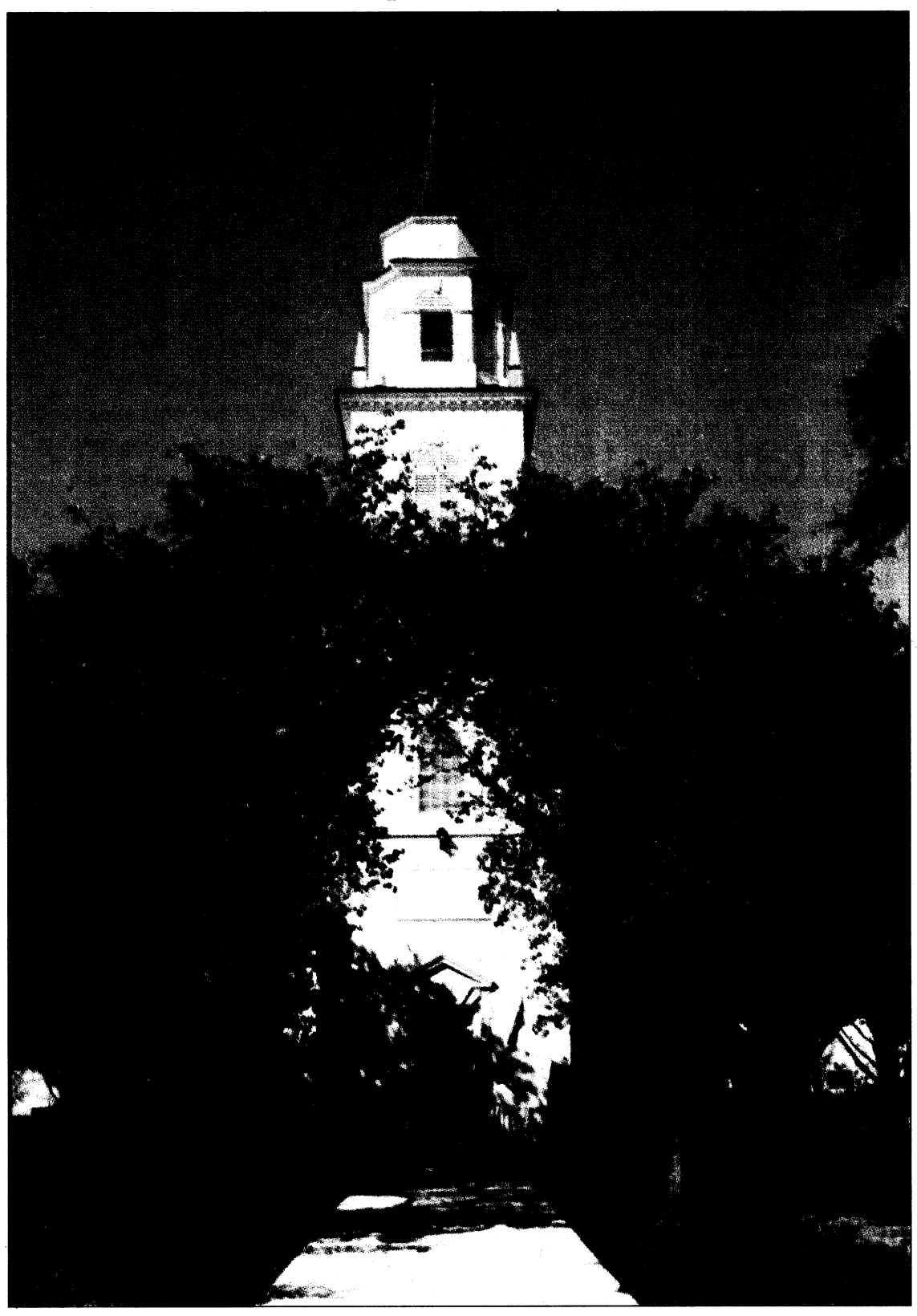
TIC Chapel celebrates 70th anniversary



Sgt. Kim Dooley

The Infantry Center Chapel celebrated its 70th anniversary on Palm Sunday.

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It was a morning like many others for retired Master Sgt. Sam Garrett and his wife, Sarah. The couple rose early, headed to their "church home" and got to work cooking for a brood of more than 125 of their fellow parishioners.

But it was also a special day — a day that marked the decades of impact The Infantry Center Chapel has had on the lives of those in the Fort Benning and surrounding communities.

The chapel celebrated its 70th anniversary on Palm Sunday and recommitted itself to continuing its good works.

"This chapel means so much to so many people," said retired Col. Wallace Veaudry, parish president, during his remarks at the service.

Something the Garretts can attest to.

The couple, who has attended the chapel for 22 years — long after Sam retired from the Army in 1971 — found something special at TIC Chapel.

"This chapel has a deep meaning for all of us," Sarah said. "So many people have been touched by this ministry — it serves people."

And it also gives people an opportunity to serve Christ, she said.

The Garretts found their niche in the church kitchen, where they've headed up the food and decorations committees for going on 15 years.

Aside from service, TIC Chapel offers a place where Christians of every Protestant denomination can join to worship together, Sarah said.

"We all feel very comfortable here," she said, pointing to Holy Communion as an example of the open-to-all services. "If you want to go to the altar, you go to the altar, or you can stay in your seat, and they have grape juice and wine — it's all covered."

Sam, meanwhile, enjoys the camaraderie he feels with his fellow Christians.

"It means an awful lot to me to come here," he said. "The Christian atmosphere, the fellowship with the other retirees ... ."

And perhaps more important than that is the opportunity to influence the lives of young Soldiers, he said — young Soldiers new to the Army, away from home for the first time, maybe alone.

"I admire the young Soldiers of today; they're doing such a great job," said Sam, who spent 27 years in food service before he retired as the NCOIC of the Martin Army Community Hospital mess hall.

"Through the chapel, we've had them into our home for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners," he said. "And sometimes we take them up to a cabin we have out at the lake, let them have a good time."

The church, home to Soldiers, retirees and civilians from the tricommunity, is also home to decades of Fort Benning history.

Its legacy is unique, said Chaplain (Capt.) Patrick Basal, project officer for the celebration, because most infantry Soldiers will end up at Fort Benning three to four times in their careers. And each time they return, they "plug back into the same chapel family."

> "You see the same faces come and go over the years. We send people literally out to the four corners of the world ... They leave here and, hopefully, they take what they've learned here and they become a light into the world."
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> **Chaplain (Capt.) Patrick Basal**
> The Infantry Center Chapel 70th anniversary celebration project officer

"You see the same faces come and go over the years," he said. And those Soldiers and their families take with them something special when they leave.

"We send people literally out to the four corners of the world — they go from here all over the place," Basal said. "They leave here and, hopefully, they take what they've learned here and they become a light into the world."

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God does what it takes to get our attention

Chaplain (Col.) Joel Cocklin
USAIC Chaplains' Office

How far do you want God to go in getting your attention? If God has to choose between your eternal safety and your earthly comfort, which do you hope he chooses?

What if he moved you from your home and familiar surroundings? Like he did Abraham. What if he called you out of retirement? Like he did Moses. What if he refused to take "no" for your answer? Like he did Jeremiah. What if you could not find anywhere to get away from him? Remember Jonah? How about a promotion like David's or a demotion like Samson's?

God does what it takes to get our attention. That's a major theme in the Bible and the culminating message of Easter. The relentless pursuit of God. God on the hunt. God in the search to bring each person into the right relationship with him. God doing whatever it takes: Allowing us to stray until we come to our senses, shaking the bushes for lost sheep, sweeping the house to find the last coin, cupping hand to mouth to shouting into the canyon or mud wrestling with us Jacobs.

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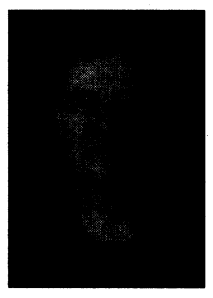
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It's really a simple story. God made us, we rejected God, and God will not give up until he wins us back. Easter is all about God going to extremes to get our attention to win us back.

Natural disasters, words of prophets and event schedules were not impressive enough for us humans to understand the extent of God's love for us.

Even the brutal execution of his son was not even as much as a speed-bump in the road of everyday living. It took the ultimate, God raising the shredded body of Jesus from the grave, to get our attention!

If God would let this injustice, resulting in a massacre, happen to his son to pay for all the sins you and I will ever commit, he must really want us back badly. Has he gotten your attention?

Be sure to worship God this Easter season — at the place of your choice — the God who got our attention by resurrecting Jesus and promising eternal hope to us.

Holy Week Services

Catholic
Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. today, Regimental Chapel**
Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. Saturday, Regimental Chapel**
Easter Mass, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sightseeing Road Chapel

Spanish Catholic Mass
Spanish Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. today, TIC Chapel**
Spanish Mass, 12:15 p.m. Sunday, TIC Chapel

Protestant
Good Friday Service, 7 to 8 p.m. today, Soldiers' Chapel
Sand Hill Easter Sunrise Service, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Kanell Field
Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. Sunday, Doughboy Stadium
Easter Worship Service, 10 a.m. Sunday (only one service), TIC Chapel
For more information, call the USAIC Chaplains' office at 545-2288 or 545-2289.

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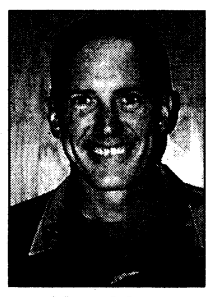
Hook up, make up and move on

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Last week I wrote about my unbelievable failure on the last jump, the last day of Jumpmaster School. I mean nobody fails jumpmaster school on the last jump! But I did. Have you ever done things that you thought you'd never do? Have you experienced the sting of failure — failing to live up to your own expectations, much less family, friends or even God's? If so, you're not alone. In fact, the club you are a part of doesn't just include me, it includes some pretty heroic figures of the faith like Moses, King David, even Jesus' disciple, Peter.

Interestingly though, each of their failures wasn't final. What did they know about the secrets to "failing forward?" How did they make stepping stones out of their stumbling blocks — and how can you, too? To make sure failure isn't fatal, just like them, you've got to:

No. 1 — Hook up. You've got to get connected to God! Why get connected?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Well, in any connection, that is where the power is. I went to put my boat in the water this past weekend at Lake Oliver. The only trouble was that when I turned the key, instead of racing on the water, I was sitting dead in the water. I had no power. My terminal was disconnected from the power source. The first thing we have to do in order to fail forward is to connect, or reconnect in a close, vibrant, real relationship with the God who loves us ... then we've got the power to do the next thing which is ...

No. 2 — Make up. In order to turn stumbling blocks into stepping stones we've got to do a U-turn from what we have done wrong, and start doing what we know is right. The Bible talks about "repentance." Whether it's with God we've failed, a wife we've failed, or a child we've failed, it's about being sorry enough, not just to say it, but sorry enough to do a U-turn and act right instead of wrong. Once we've repented and gotten things straight with God, others, or even ourselves, then it's time to ...

No. 3 — Move on. You must take decisive action! It's been said the number one thing that keeps you from being all God wants you to be, is your past. I remember in the Special Forces "Q" Course, one of the things I was taught in patrolling was that if you were caught in a "L-shaped ambush" you had to "move on and move out" — whatever you do, don't stay in the kill zone! Spiritually, it's the same, once you've hooked up in relationship with God, once you've made up with God, then it's time to move on!

You have to take decisive action to get from where you are to where you want to be.

Want more coaching, then feel free to join me Sundays at Chapel NeXt, which is our new, postwide contemporary service at 11 a.m. Sundays at Kelley Hill. It's open to everyone, just like The Chaplain Family Life Center, Building 2606, Soldiers' Plaza, Dixie Road, 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
Monday- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, Classroom 2, Building 3305

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3951
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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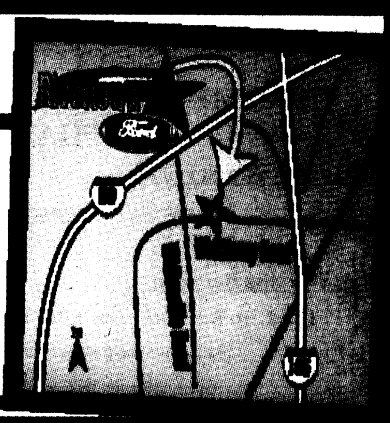

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SPORTS

Hammer Week boosts Marne morale

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Soldiers from 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, participated in athletic events, otherwise known as the "Hammer Cup" as part of "Hammer Week."

The week, which was designed to boost troop morale, brought out the best "Rock of the Marne" Soldiers in different events.

"This competition is the best against the best," said Sgt. Michael Moody, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment. "If you want to truly call yourself the best, then you have to prove it against the other Soldiers from the other units."

The competition consisted of many different events, including soccer, softball, tug-o-war, volleyball, a 5-kilometer run, flag football, 4x400-meter relay, super Army Physical Fitness Test, basketball, stretcher relay and team bench press.

Throughout the competition, 1st Bn. 10th Field Artillery Regiment, "Rock Support," made their presence felt in every event.

"We came into the competition feeling pretty confident we could win the whole thing," said Staff Sgt. Anthony Davis, 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt. "We knew all we had to do was come together as a team in all of our events and we would be fine."

Units received five points for first-place finishes, three points for second-place and one point for third place.

The "Rock Support" team placed in all but three events on their way to win the title.

But, it wasn't until after the last event, the stretcher relay, that they discovered they won the entire competition.

Going into the event, 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt., was ahead of 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., "Speed and Power," by two points.

"We knew we had to come through big in the stretcher relay," Davis said. "As long as we were ahead of 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, then we had it won. But if they passed us, they could end up tying us or winning. And we just couldn't let that happen."

Although under pressure, 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt., took first place in the stretcher relay, only one second ahead of 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt.

The "Speed and Power" team put themselves in position to win the "Hammer Cup" with a key victory in flag football.

With the game tied at seven with less than a minute to play, the "Speed and Power" team intercepted the 317th Engineer Battalion team's pass on their 20-yard line.

Two plays later, 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., scored as time ran out, giving their team the much needed victory.

"It proves that if you never quit, anything can happen," Moody said. "We did make mistakes, but we didn't get down on ourselves. We continued to fight hard on every play and it showed when we pulled out the victory."

The "Hammer Cup" a way for the Soldiers from the different units to compete against each other, but it was a way to build their morale and unity as they get ready for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3.

"This whole week has allowed us to build as a team," Davis said. "We've been able to get out of our work schedule and just enjoy spending time together. When we deploy, I know we will be a better unit because of this week. We have really strengthened our bonds as a unit and we are going to be so much better because of it."



1st Lt. Reuben Trant, 1st Bn., 30th Inf. Regt., puts his full effort into his pull-ups during the Super APFT.



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Spc. Dashawn Benjamin, 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., right, jumps for the ball during the football finals.

Hammer Cup Standings

	Soft Ball	Stret-cher	Tug-o-War	Volley ball	5K	Flag F-ball	4x400	Super APFT	Bask etball	Bench	Soc-cer	Total
1/10	1	5	X	5	5	X	3	X	3	1	5	28
2/69	5	3	1	X	1	5	5	1	X	3	X	24
1/30	X	X	3	X	3	X	1	5	5	X	1	18
317th	X	X	5	1	X	3	X	3	1	5	X	18
203rd	X	1	X	3	X	1	X	X	X	X	3	8
1/15	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	3

Tour de Georgia features best cyclist in world

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

It's the Dodge Tour de Georgia, sports fans, and it's coming to town April 21.

That's right. World class, professional cycling right here in River City.

Forget that namby-pamby NASCAR stuff. I'm talking real racing. A peloton (French, it means "platoon") of more than a hundred internationally ranked cyclists racing across miles of Georgia roads, potholes and all, averaging more than 26 m.p.h. Sprints across finish lines have been clocked in excess of 45. Descents down mountains are expected to be even faster.

The cycling world's most recognized professional, Lance Armstrong, will be there, leading a U.S. Postal Service – Berry Floors team. Fellow Texan Bobby Julich's new team, Denmark's Team CSC, has accepted an invitation.

A USA Cycling developmental team guided by former Tour de France stage winner Jonathan Vaughters will also compete.

Teams representing Domina Vacanze, Jelly Belly, Ofoto/Lombardi Sports, Webcor Builders and Georgia-based Jittery Joe's Coffee are just some of the other teams expected to compete.

The Tour de Georgia is no ordinary ride. It's the longest multi-day stage race in North America sanctioned by the Union Cycliste Internationale and will cover 641 miles, ridden in seven stages over six days. Cycling's elite from more than 15 countries will be vying for more than $100,000 in cash and prizes.

Chris Horner, riding for Team Saturn, won last year's inaugural Tour de Georgia, blazing across 613 miles in 23:01:36. Another American, Fred Rodriguez, riding for Vini Caldirola Sidermec, was seven seconds behind for second place. A mere 13 seconds separated first and third place after a week of racing.

Horner will be there to defend his title, wearing the colors of his new team, Webcor Builders.

The Tour de Georgia starts in Macon on Tuesday with an 85-mile loop from Macon to Milledgeville and back.

Wednesday's 115-mile stage 2 starts in Thomaston and ends in Columbus.

The riders will face an unusual double stage day on Thursday. First, a 72-mile eye-opener in the morning between Carrollton and Rome. Then stage 4, a 21-mile individual time trial in the afternoon.

After racing the 128 miles from Dalton to Dahlonega Friday for Stage 5, the race will span another 128 miles, from Athens to Hiawassee/Young Harris on Saturday.

The Athens to Hiawassee/Young Harris leg, Stage 6, features a mountaintop finish on Brasstown Bald.

The race will wrap with Stage 7, an 80-mile stage from Dawsonville to Alpharetta, just north of Atlanta. Stage 7 is a circuit race, ridden in laps, and giving fans multiple opportunities to experience professional cycling at its best.

By the time they reach the finish line in Alpharetta on April 25, the teams will have covered 641 miles and climbed nearly 50,000 feet.

Scattered across the tour's route are 11 sprint zones and 11 "King of the Mountain" climbs. Bonus primes (say "preems") in the form of points, time, money or prizes will be awarded to the winners of these intermediate sprints and climbs.

In a stage race like the Tour, the fastest cyclist at the end of each stage is the stage winner. The overall winner of the Tour is the cyclist with the fastest composite time for all seven stages.

At the end of each stage the overall leader, the best sprinter and the best climber (the "King of the Mountain") are awarded special jerseys. It's a tradition started at the Tour de France, when race organizers started awarding a yellow jersey to the race leader to help reporters and spectators spot him, no matter where he was riding in the peloton.

And since this is the Tour de Georgia after all, the leader's jerseys are not only distinctive colors, they're adorned with peaches.

Eight riders will make up each Tour de Georgia team, unlike the Tour de France teams of nine. Should a rider crash, become ill or for whatever reason is unable to finish a stage, there are no substitutions and the team rides on. With the tougher, mountainous stages late in the race, maintaining a full team roster will be critical.

Lance Armstrong has said that it's not about everyone on a team trying to cross a finish line first. It's about one rider with a team backing him up and helping him win.

And he should know. He's won the Tour de France five times with the help of his U.S. Postal Service – Berry Floor teammates. In the hundred year history of the Tour de France only five men have won the race five times, and Armstrong is one of only two to have won consecutively.

Each team has a leader, the other riders are "domestiques." They are never far from the team leader, protecting him from winds and jostling from other riders. To conserve his strength, they will ride in front of him so he can draft, or "get pulled" in their slipstream. If another team attacks, breaking away from the peloton, the domestiques will use this drafting technique to help their leader bridge the gap to the breakaway.

Domestiques shuttle from the leader to their support vehicle and back carrying food, water and clothing.

If the leader's bicycle has a flat tire or other mechanical problem, one of the domestiques will trade out one of his tires, or even his bicycle, to minimize the leader's time loss.

The individual time trial is the only stage where cyclists ride alone, racing only against the clock. The cyclists will start, one at a time at one minute intervals, riding bicycles modified specifically for what has been called "the race of truth."

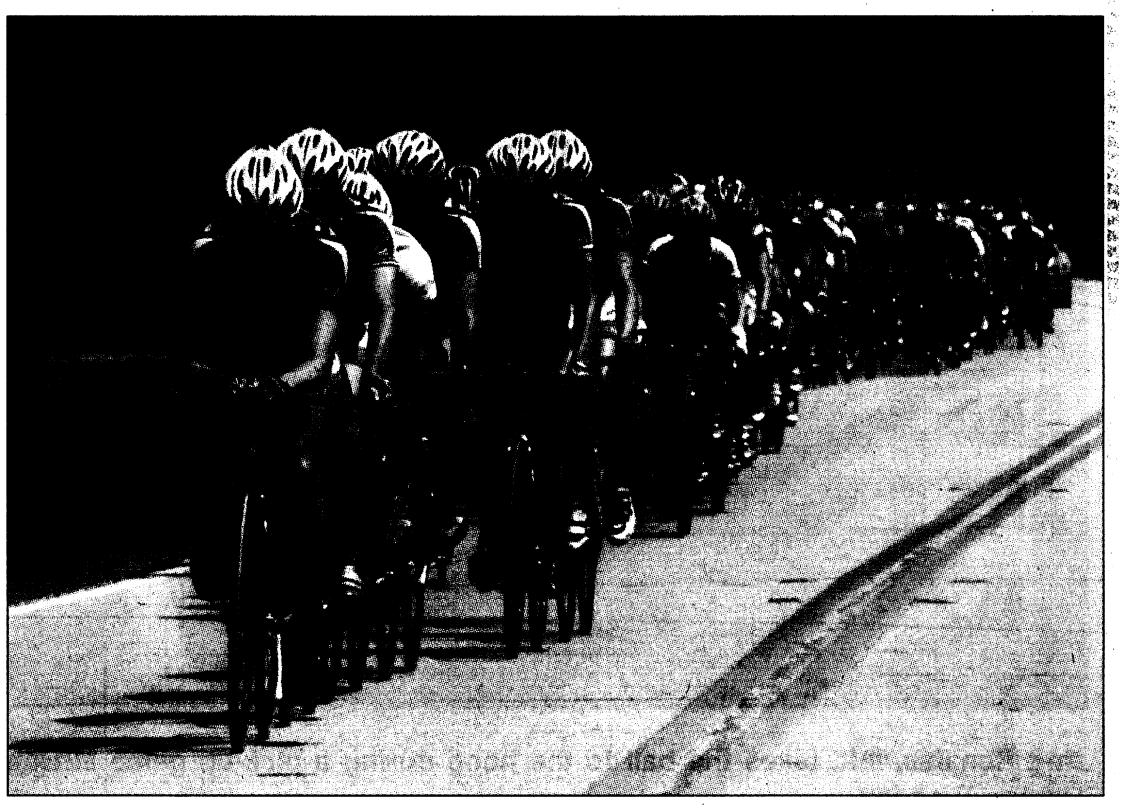
It's not just about cycling, either.

The Georgia Cancer Coalition is the Tour de Georgia's official beneficiary. The GCC raises funds and actively promotes cancer education, prevention, early detection and treatment.

Recreational cyclists may book a "Tour of the Tour" vacation through Atlanta-based Discover Adventures and ride the actual race routes for themselves.

A portion of the Discover Adventures "Tour of the Tour" will benefit the Georgia Cancer Coalition.

For more information, go to www.tourdegeorgia.org.



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Team Navigators lead the pack of 140 racers during the 124-mile race between Macon and Columbus during last year's Tour de Georgia.

Three Soldiers make dreams reality

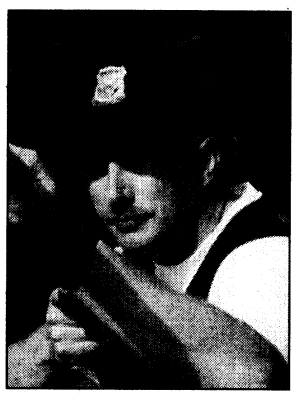
Paula J. Randall Pagán
Army Marksmanship Unit

Three Soldiers of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit are doing what very few people get to do in their lifetime; they are living out their wildest dreams.

USAMU shotgun shooters Sgts. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson, Shawn C. Dulohery and Todd Graves made the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team and will represent the United States at the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, in August.

Erickson, 43, who also represented the U.S. in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics, will compete in both Trap and Double Trap. Dulohery, 38, and Graves, 41, shot their way on to the Men's Skeet Team.

Graves is a four-time Olympian who won the Bronze Medal in Skeet in the 2000 Olympics. Dulohery, a former Skeet World Champion, will be competing in his first Olympics.


Erickson


Dulohery

"The highest level that an athlete can achieve is the Olympics," Dulohery said. "Being an Olympian is an honor, knowing that I will represent not only myself, but the country and the flag as well."

USA Shooting conducted its final Olympic Shotgun selection match March 17 to 27 at Hook Range, and filled the nine slots on the U.S. Olympic Shotgun Team.

The Soldiers said experience in shooting these types of matches with shooters who are the best in the world is what gave them the edge in the selection matches, as well as being able to compete here at Fort Benning.

"Being able to train with the top shooters in the country on a daily basis at the world-class facility the Army has here at Fort Benning is what gave me the advantage," Dulohery said.

"Having been there before, I was able to block out distractions and just perform to my best abilities," Erickson said. "If you are a competitor and want to win, you will always be anxious, but I knew that my experience and maturity could carry me through."

"I was not very confident going into the final matches," Graves said. "But since I was able to handle the pressure, somehow I was able to pull it off."

Dulohery said he was confident and relaxed going into the match.

"After the first day and posting a low score of 93 (out of 100), I knew I needed a change for the next two days," Dulohery said. "Shooting a 99 the second day gave me confidence going into the final day."

All the Soldiers agreed their biggest challenge in Athens will be staying focused and blocking out all of the distractions.

They said the key to winning is remembering that the Olympic competition will be no different than any of the other world-level matches throughout the year — In the Olympics they will be competing against the same people they compete against at the other matches around the world.

The three shotgun shooters credited the Army with making their Olympic dreams a reality.

The Soldiers also attributed their success to their families for all the support they provide to the athletes year after year.

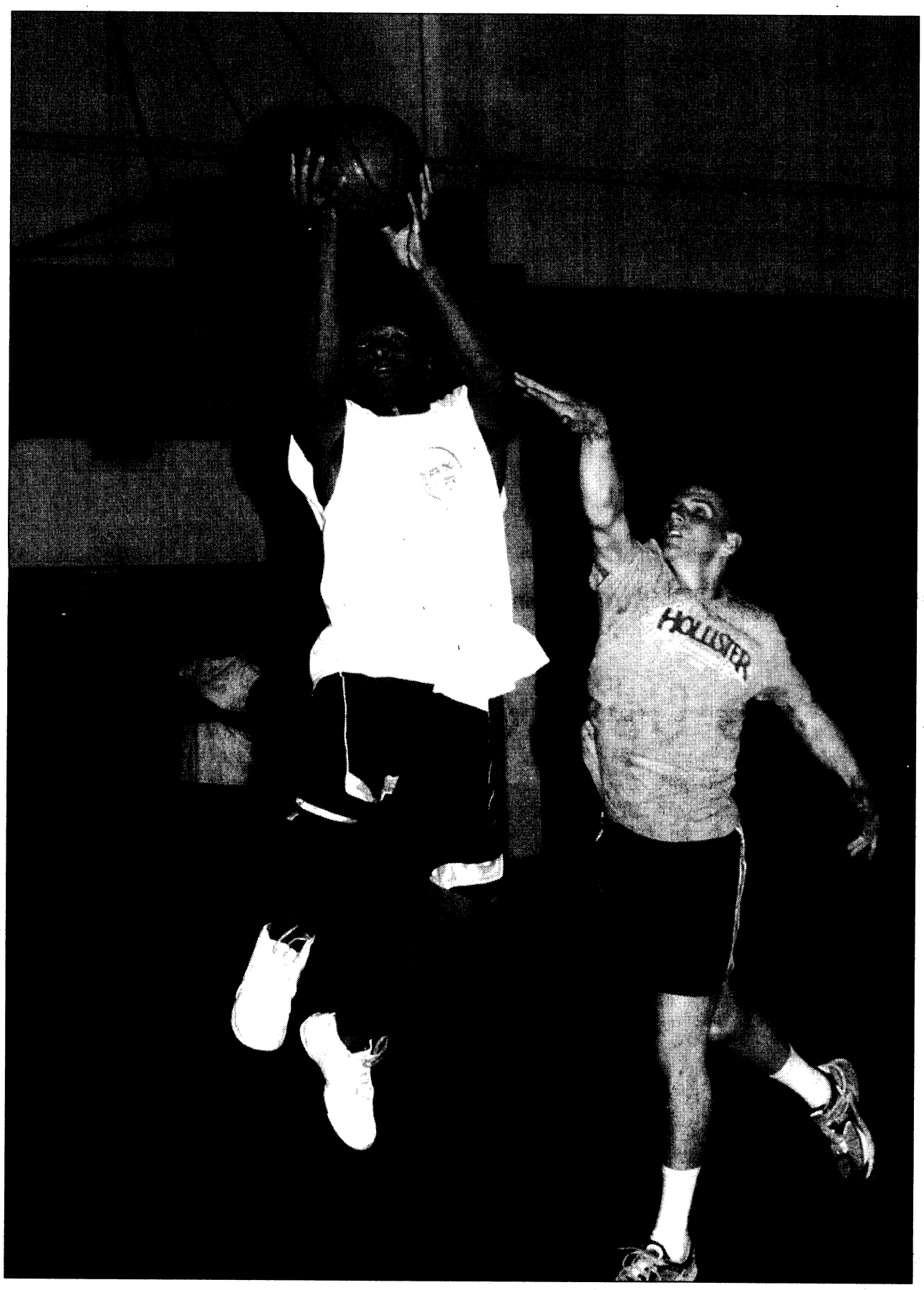
"Without the Army and the Army Marksmanship Unit, I would not be an Olympian," Erickson said.

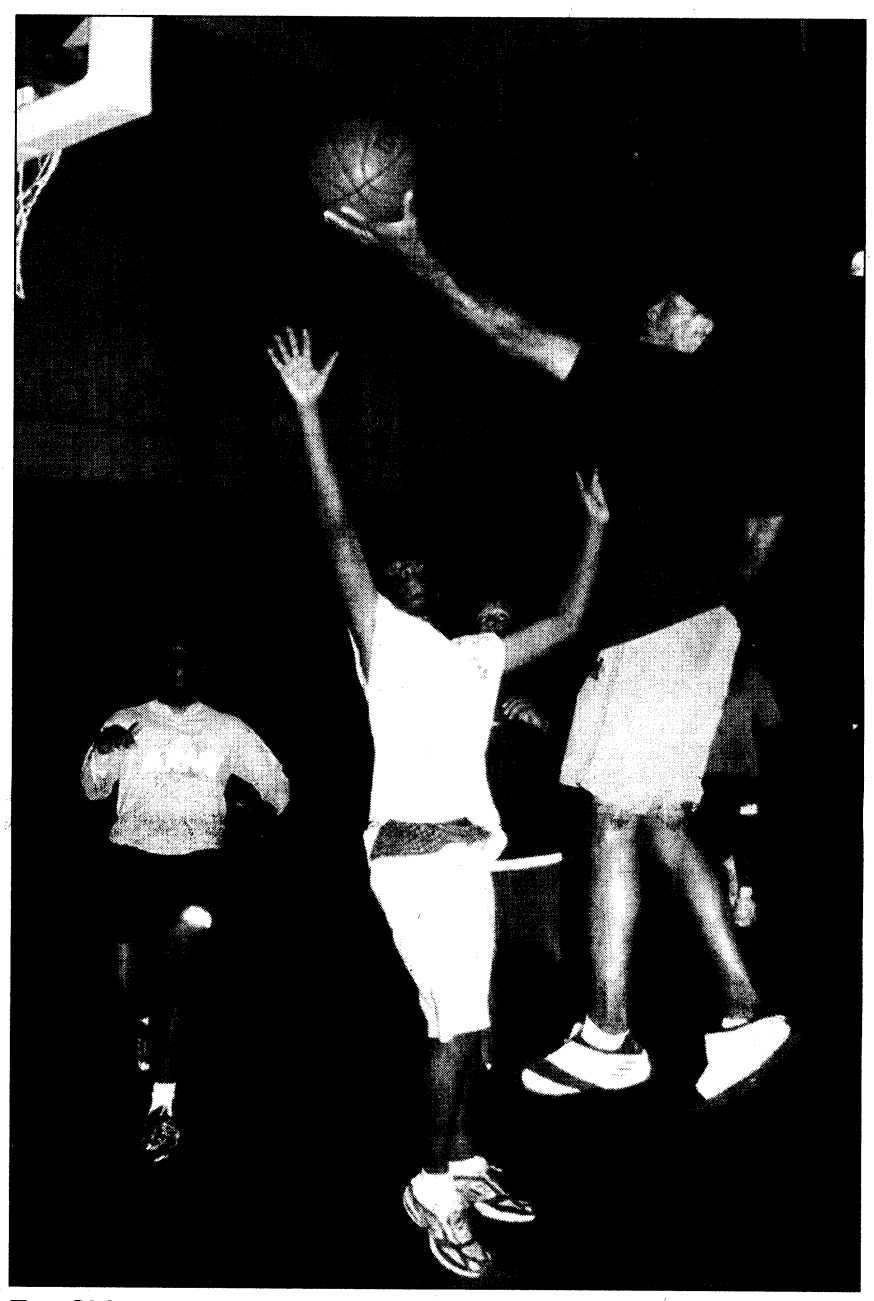
"They are the ultimate sponsor and support system," Dulohery added. "The Army gives me the best facilities, personnel, support staff and teammates."

"I owe everything to the Army and the unit," Graves said. "I could not have done it without them — and my wife for making me work hard."

USA Shooting's rifle, pistol and running target final Olympic selection matches will be May 20 to June 3 at Fort Benning, where shooters will vie for the remaining 16 slots on the 2004 Olympic Shooting Team.

Santiago Fitness Center hoop madness





Zac Shipp, right, lays up a shot against T.J. Tubbs Tuesday.

Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Rod Renales, left, takes the ball to the hoop during a pick-up game at Santiago Fitness Center, Tuesday.

Soldiers, civilians hoop it up

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Every afternoon around 5:30 p.m., Santiago Fitness Center fills up with Soldiers and family members who want to play basketball.

The games, which are played to 11, are 5-on-5 and offer a competitive atmosphere.

"We have fun playing pick-up games," Adrian McLaurin. It offers us a chance to continue to play basketball against quality competition even in the off-season. Plus, not to mention, it's a lot of fun."

Although the games are very competitive, everyone ends up going home knowing they gave it their all.

Santiago Fitness Center, which is located on Sand Hill, is open Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sundays and holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 544-9486 or 544-9595.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Army Ten-Miler Pre-Qualifier — There will be three pre-qualifier races for individuals wanting to qualify for the the Fort Benning for the Army Ten-Miler team.

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Race dates are April 24, May 15 and June 19.

Races will begin in front of the Santiago Fitness Center, and are open to all active-duty military.

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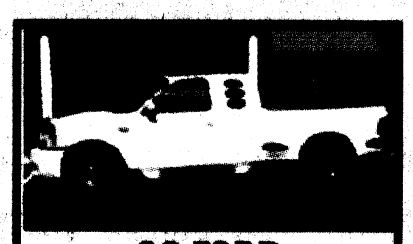

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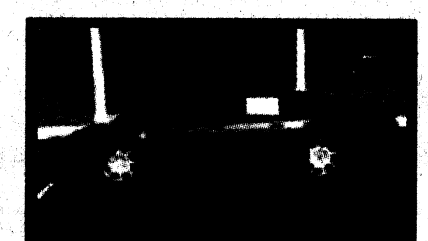

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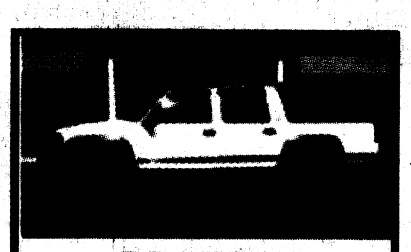

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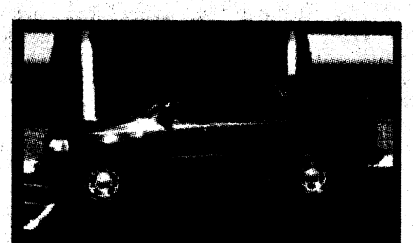

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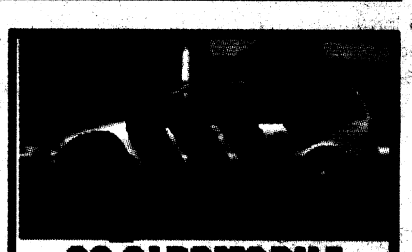

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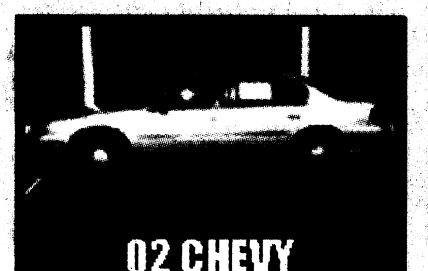

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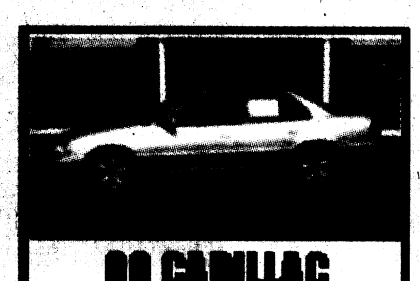

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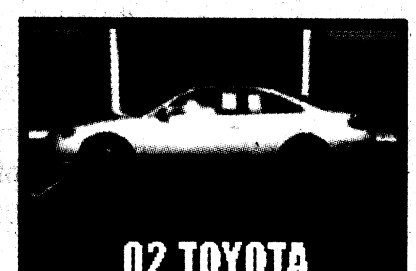

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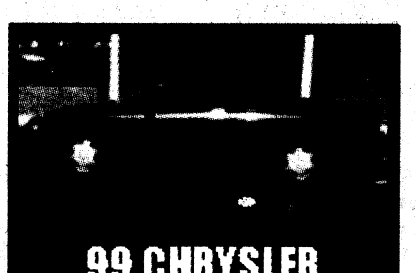

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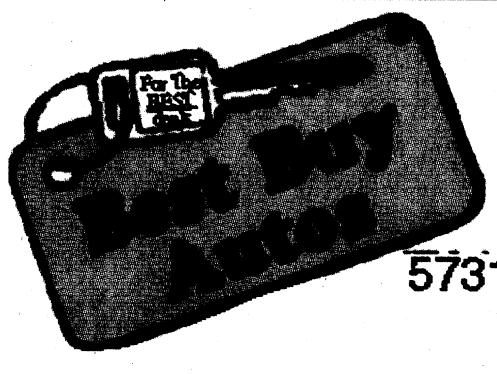

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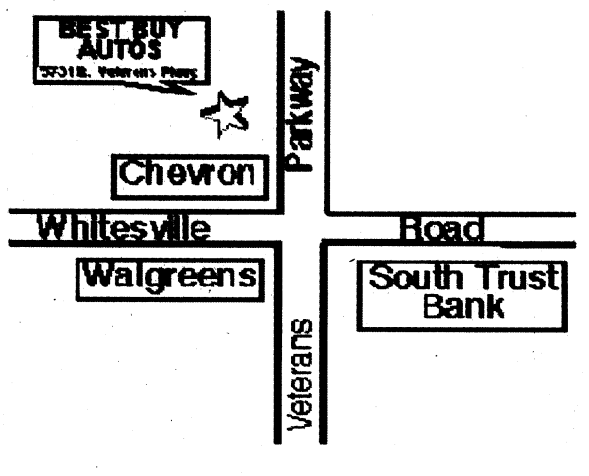

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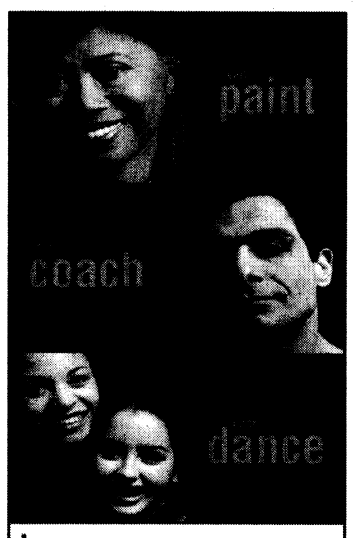

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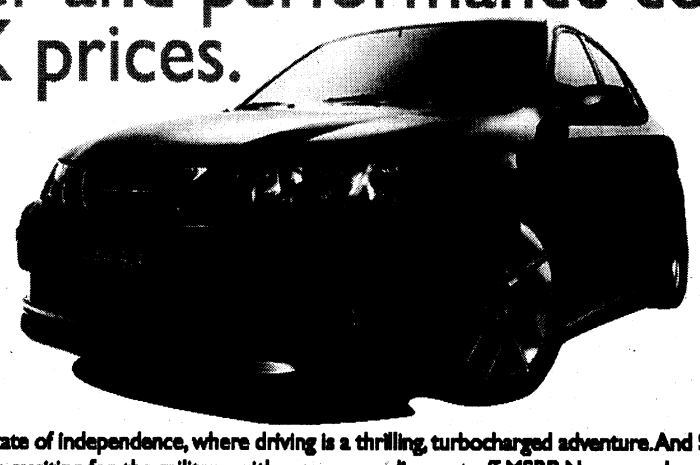

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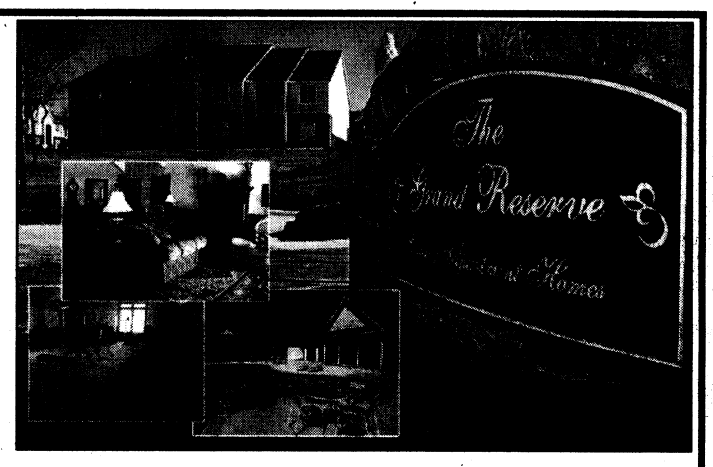

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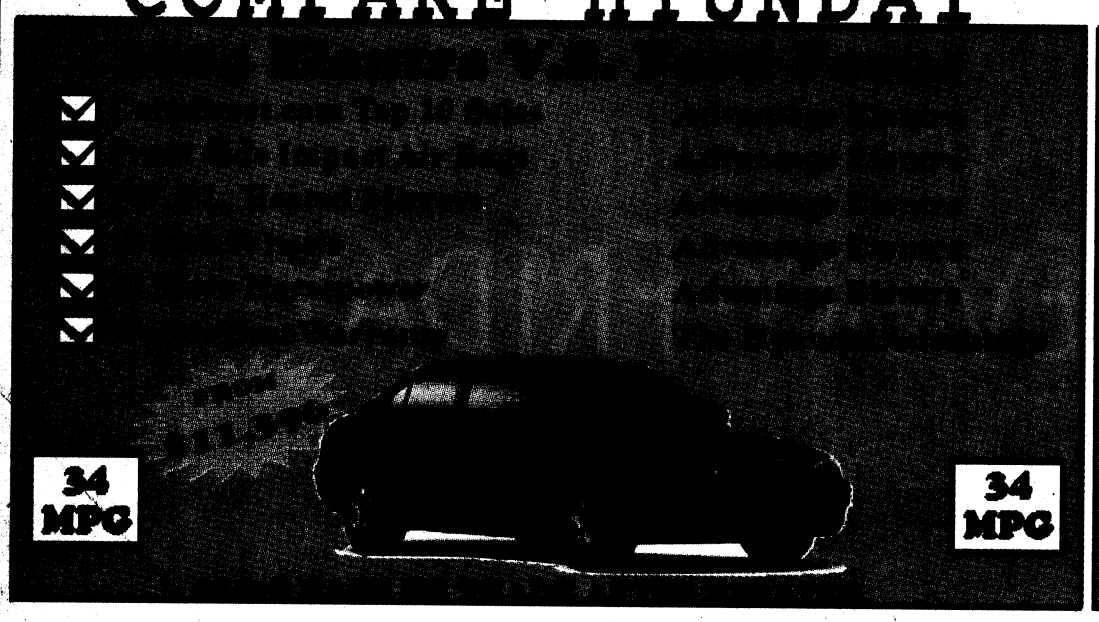

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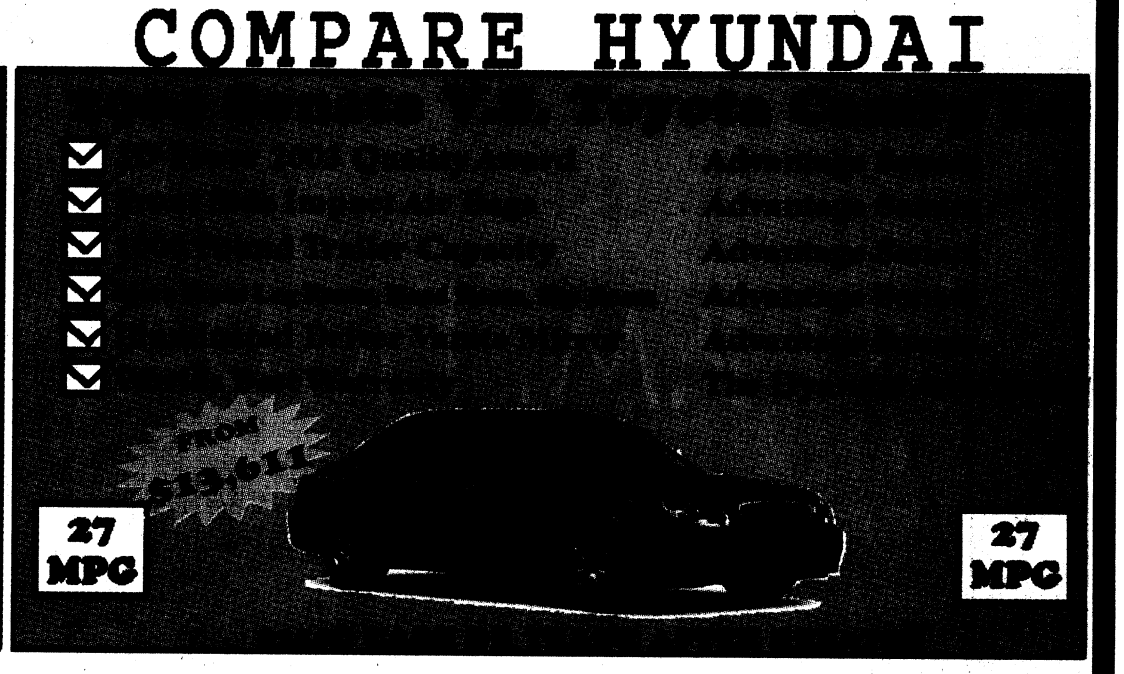

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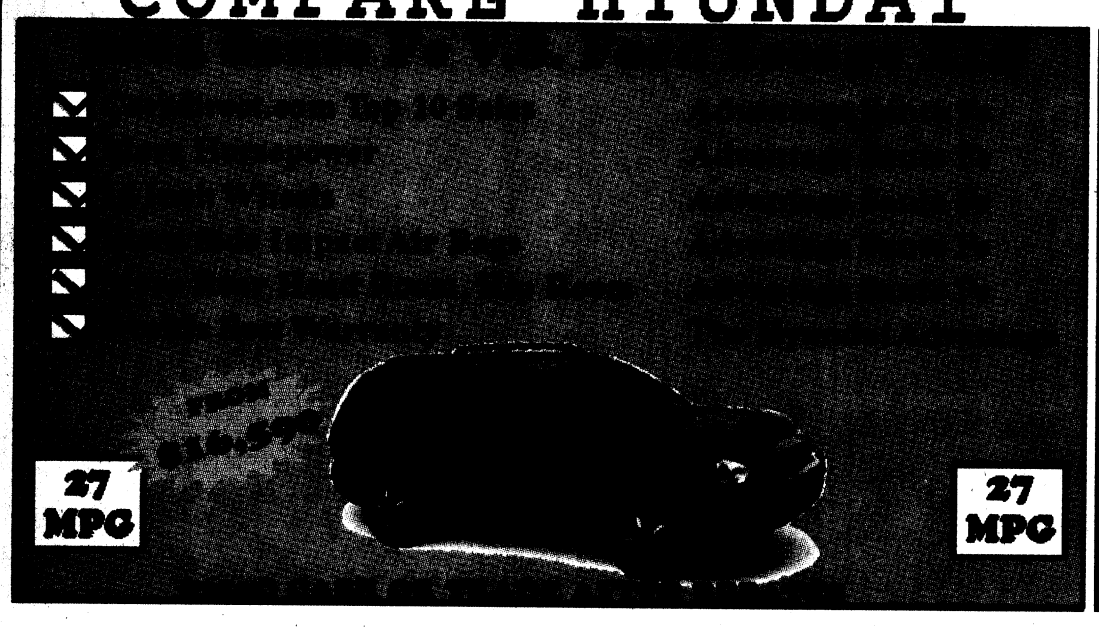

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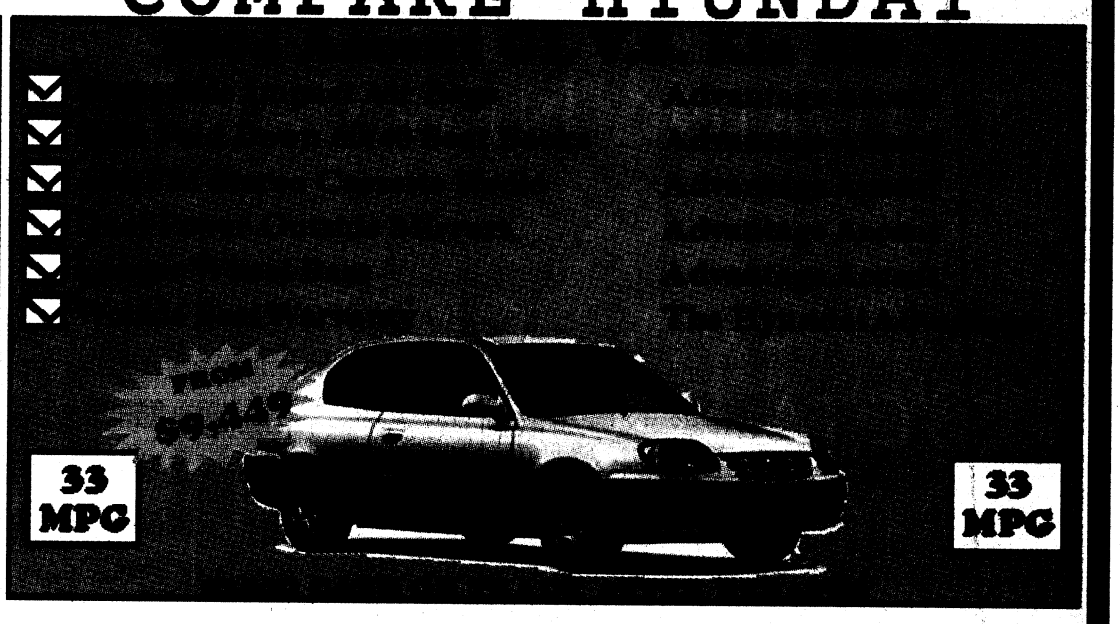

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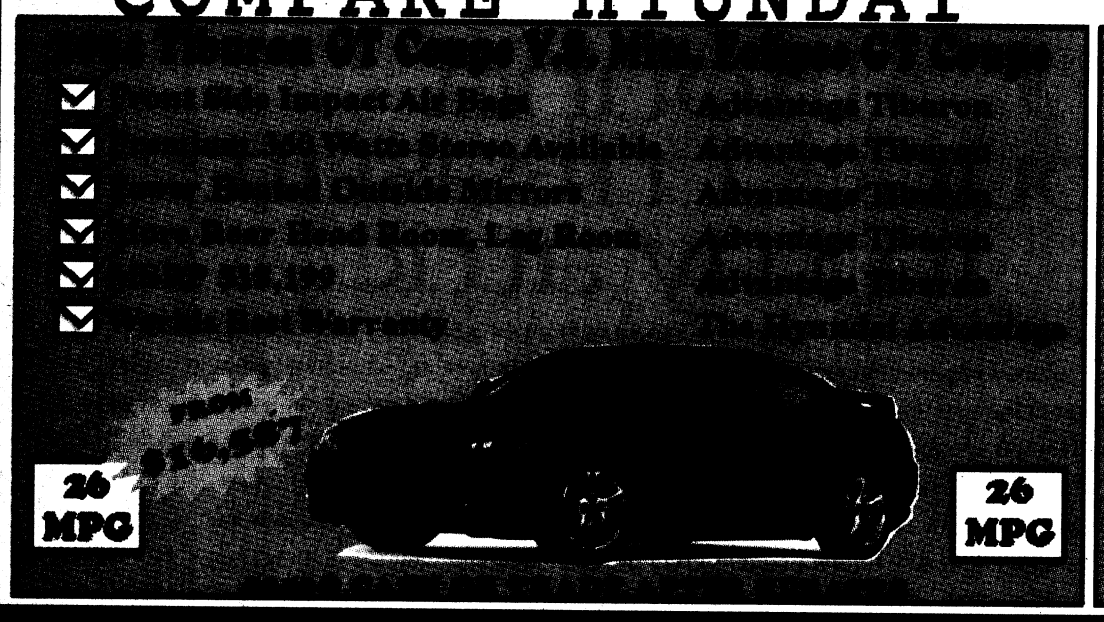

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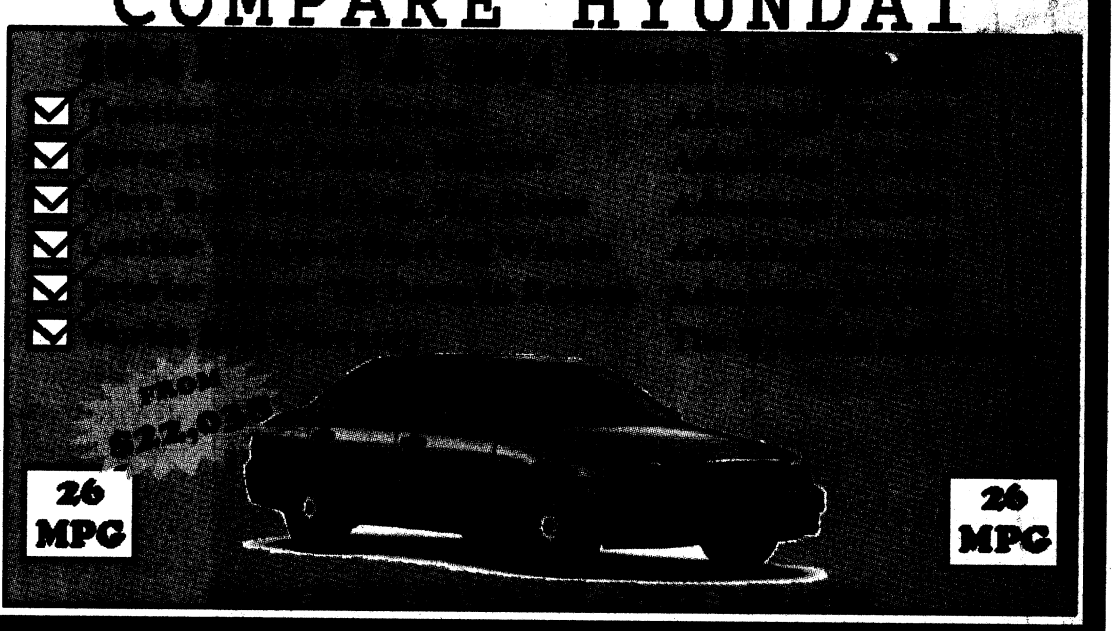

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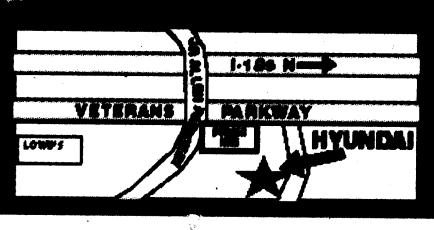

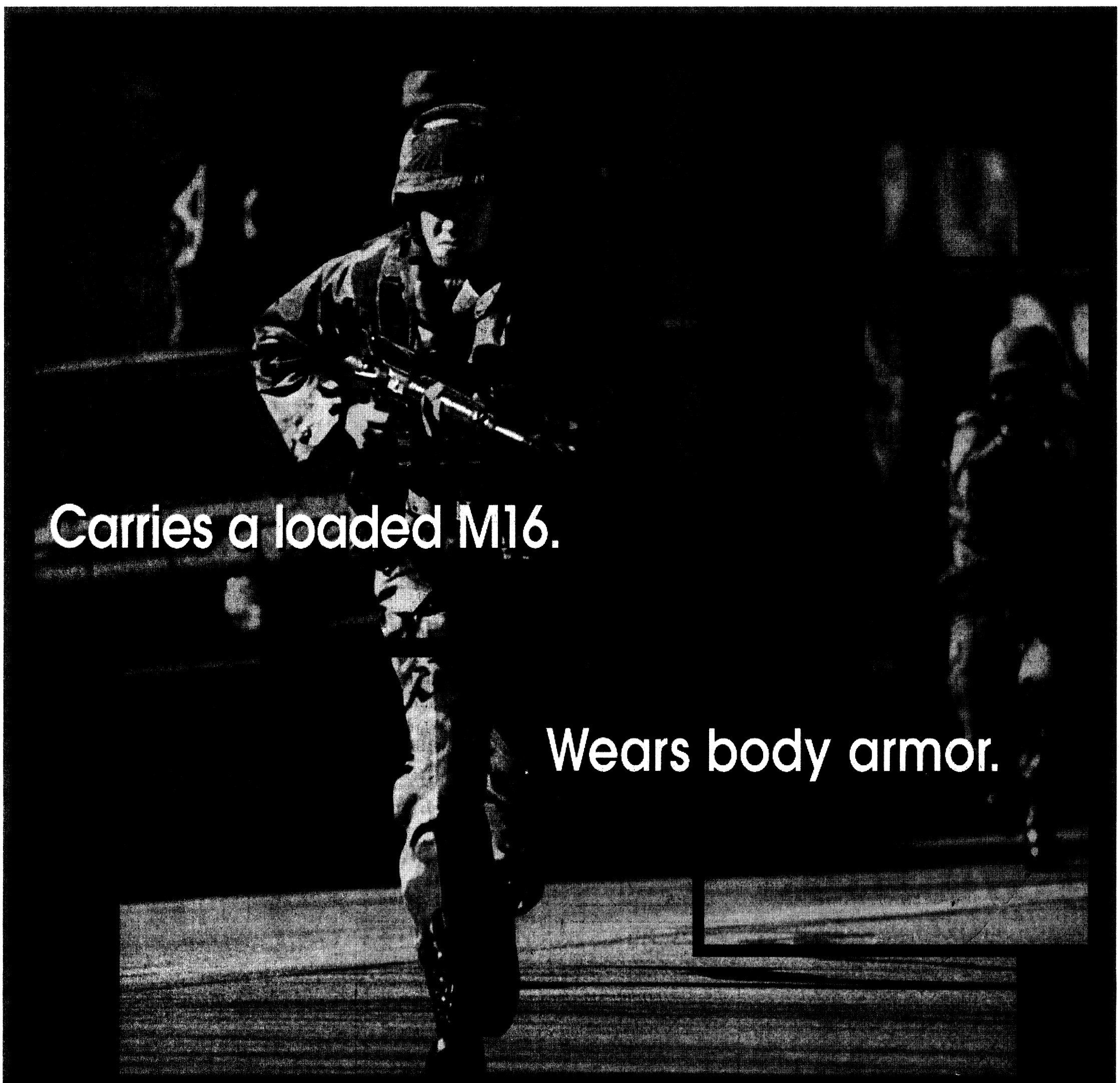

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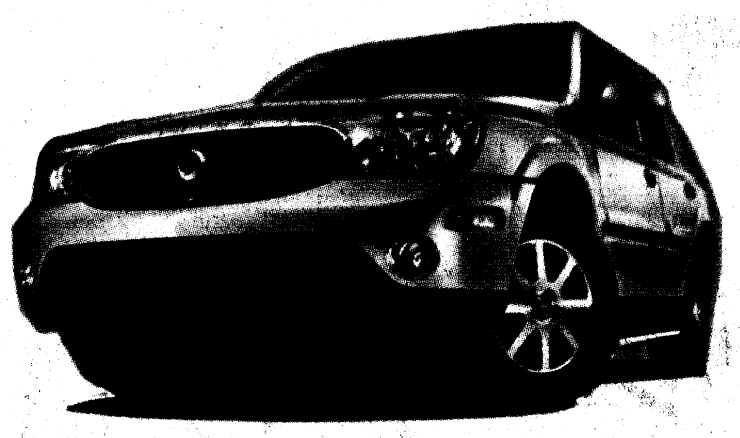

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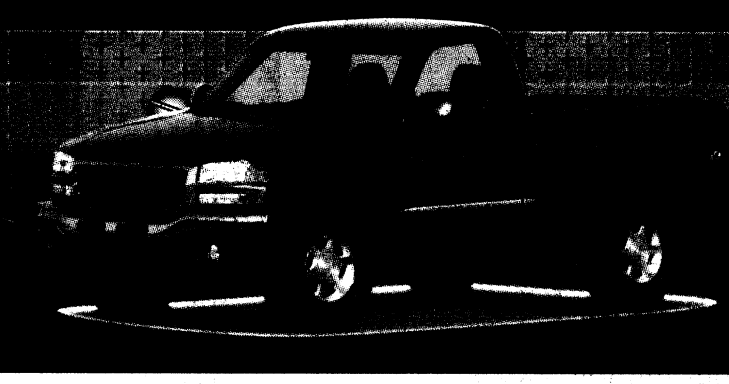

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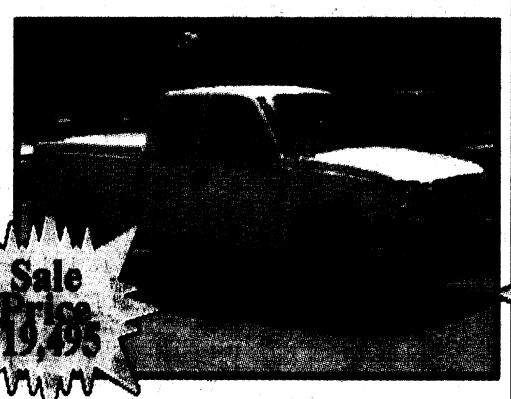

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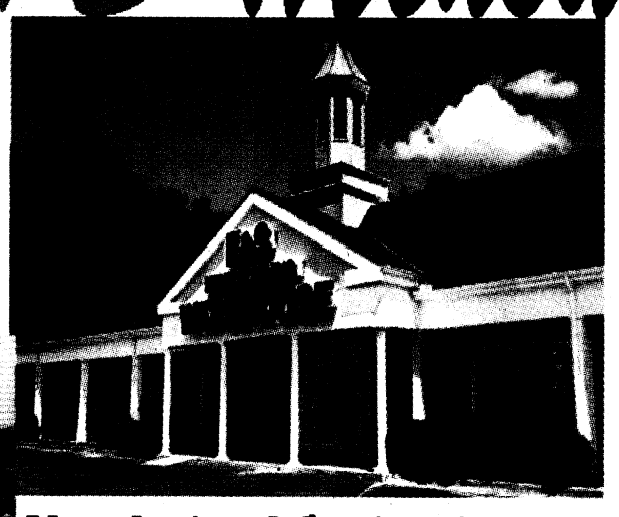

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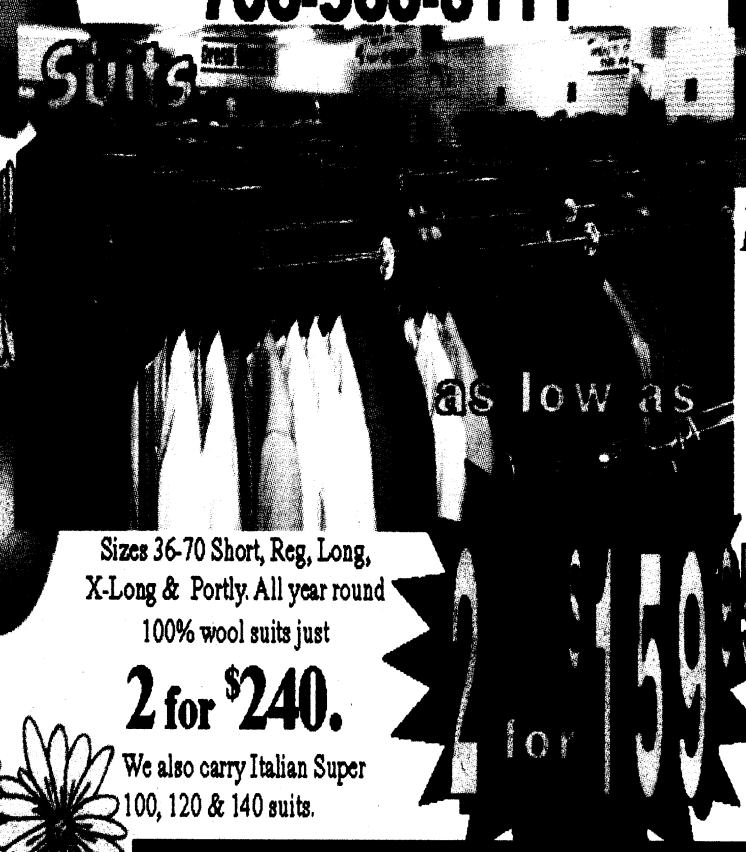

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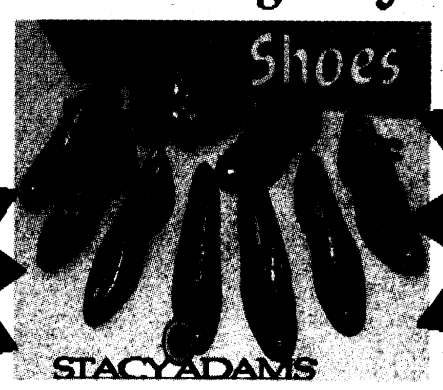

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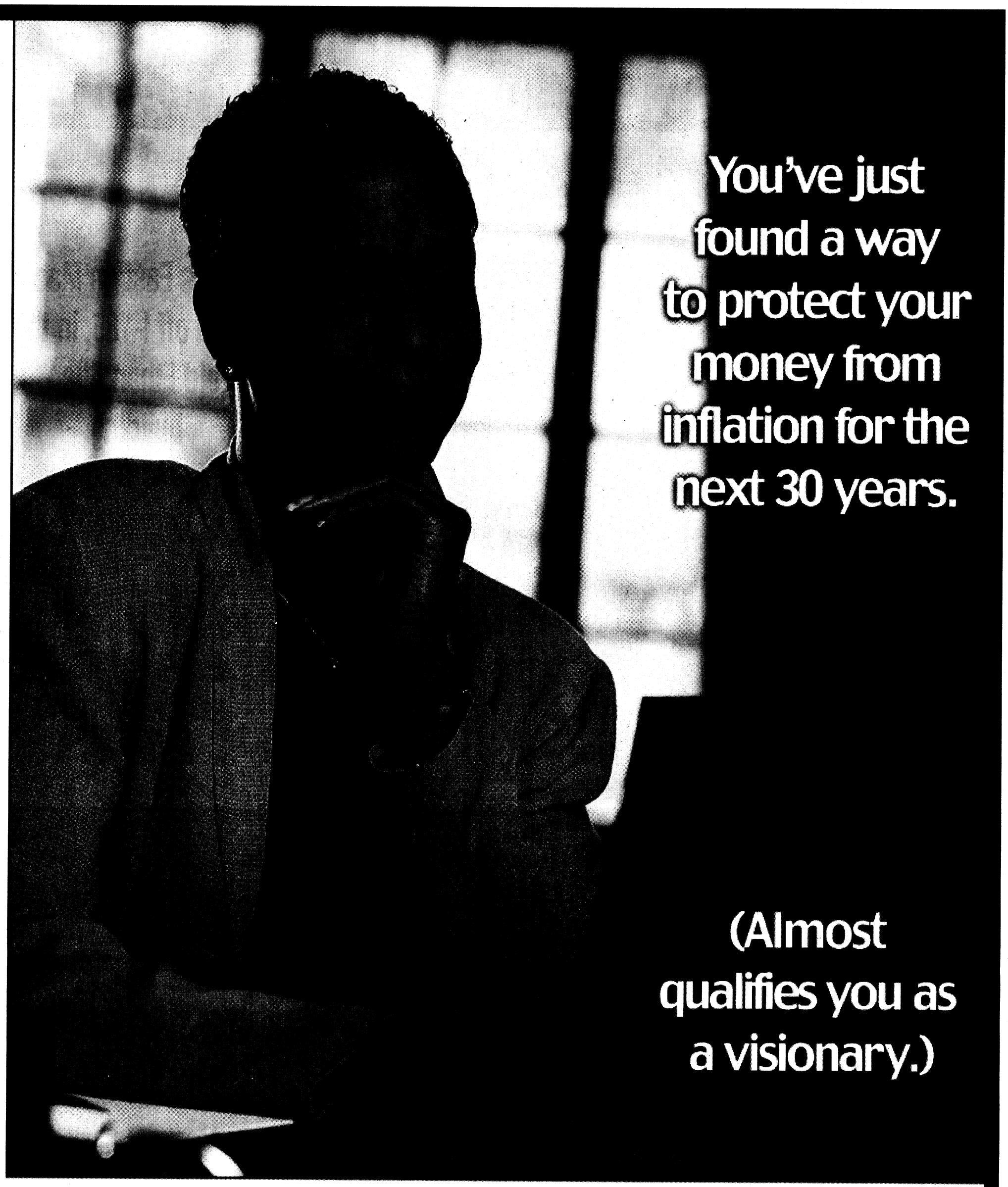

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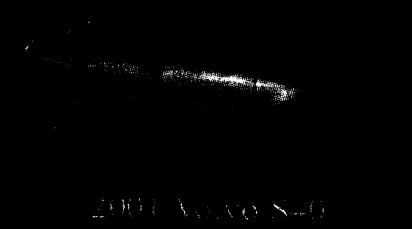
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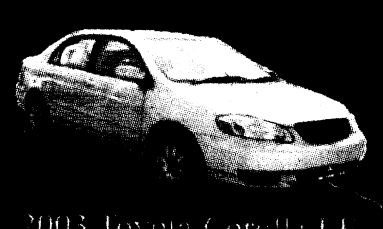
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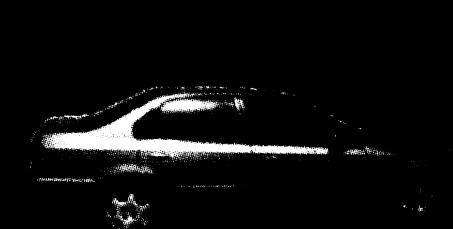
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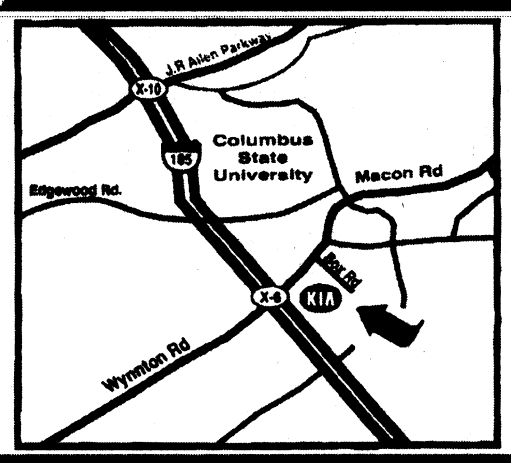

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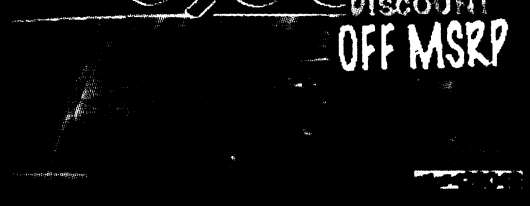

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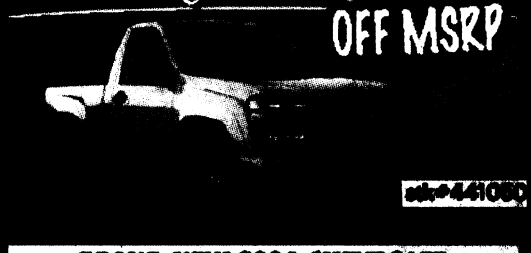

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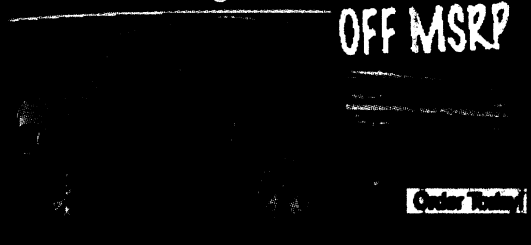

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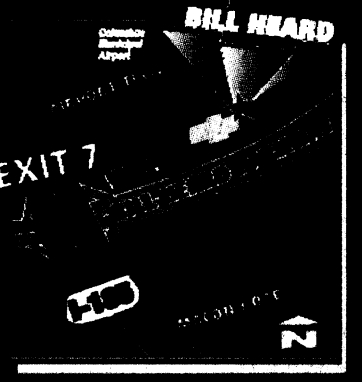

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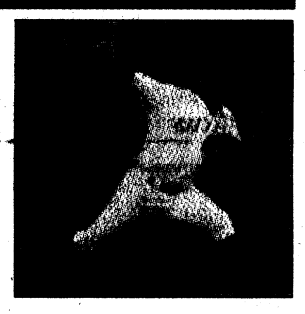

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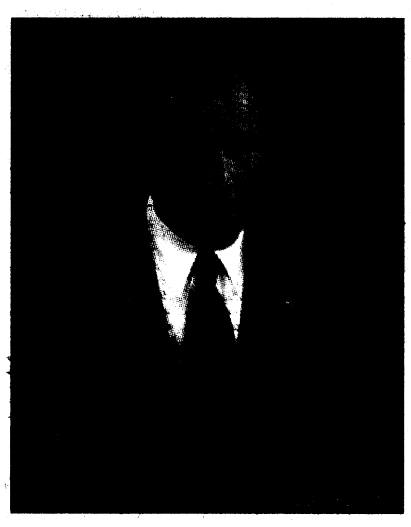

Violence in Iraq reason to stay, complete job

Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The United States will continue in its commitment to an independent, free and secure Iraq, and the United States "must not waver" despite "a tough, tough period," President George W. Bush said at a Tuesday night news conference.

The president stood before reporters in the East Room of the White House to make his administration's case for standing firm in Iraq, even with sporadic violence continuing and the June 30 transfer of power to an interim Iraqi government two months away.

Despite the recent increase in violence and casualties, Bush said the United States will not retreat from its mission.

"Weeks such as we've had in Iraq make some doubt whether or not we're making progress," the president said, "but we are making progress."

Bush offered military members assurances of the nation's commitment, and he emphasized the importance of the mission in remarks aimed at their families.

"We'll stay the course and complete the job, and you'll have what you need," he said to forces in Iraq. "And my message to the loved

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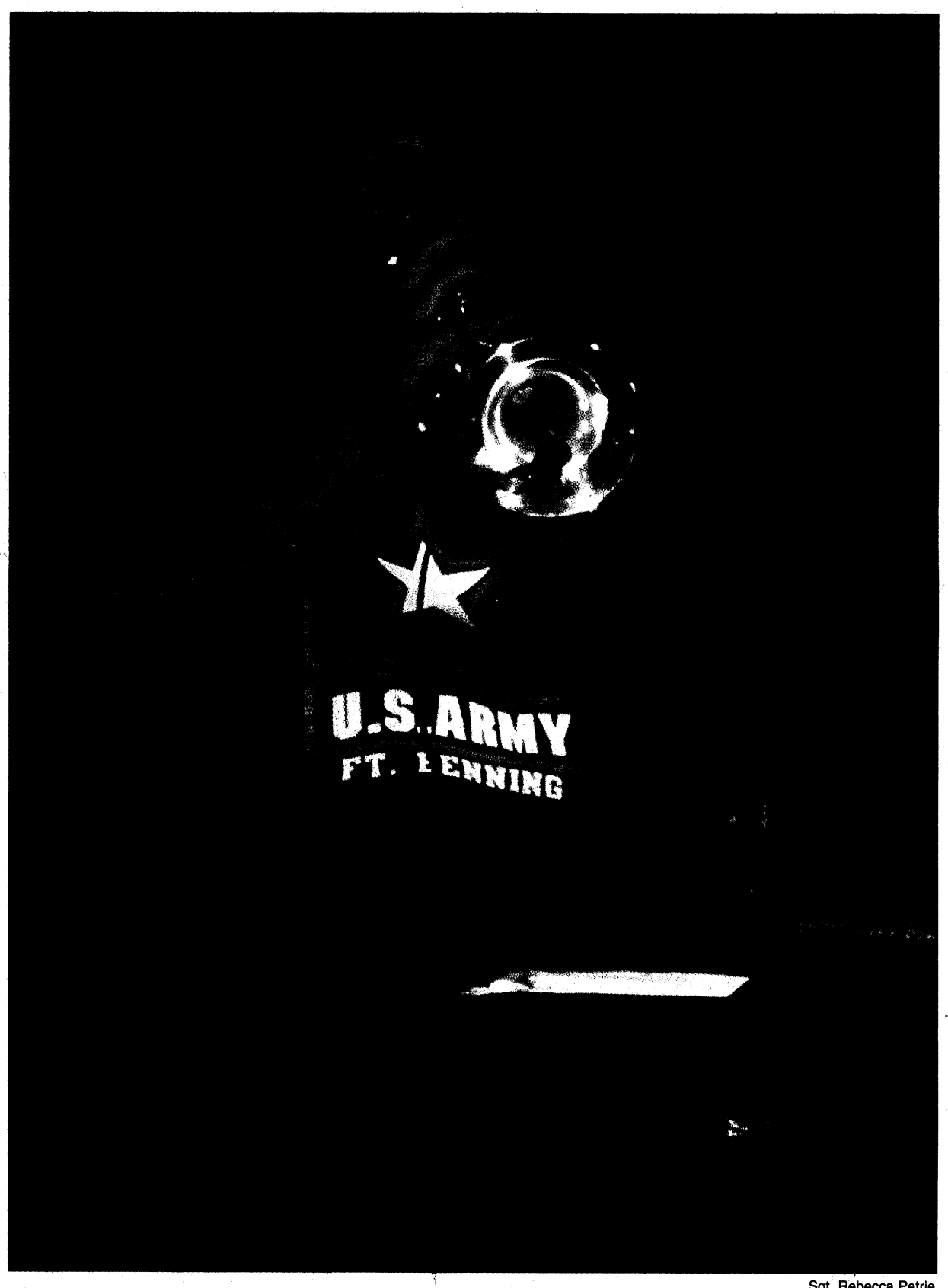

Sgt. Rebecca Petrie

Spc. John Hanpadungvongs, a member of the Infantry Center Band's Top-40 combo, jams at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, last week. The band traveled to Cuba to entertain troops stationed there. The band gave four two-hour shows, performing everything from Jimmy Buffett tunes to Eminem. The band will take the stage again on the lawn at Riverside at 3 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited to enjoy this free concert.

Team collects lessons in Iraq

CATD looks at Army's urban ops overseas

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

When 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, hit the ground in Iraq in November, it set a precedent for the Army's mode of fighting.

The brigade, based at Fort Lewis, Wash., is the first unit to conduct combat operations using the Army's newest fighting vehicle, the Stryker.

The Stryker Brigade Combat Team has also become a key source for "lessons learned" — lessons that will influence doctrine, training and logistical issues for future Stryker brigades.

But these aren't lessons that can be communicated on paper. Rather, they require firsthand, up-close-and-personal interaction with the equipment, the unit and the mission.

To that end, a team from Fort Benning's Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate paid a visit to the SBCT in Mosul, Iraq, last month.

Headed up by Col. Edmund Woolfolk, CATD director, the three-man team spent eight days with the brigade, collecting feedback from leaders and Soldiers, observing the unit in action and joining in on operations.

"It's one thing to learn about all this secondhand, but it's

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Rangers dedicate trophy to fallen comrade

Darsi Busler
Bayonet staff

Every Ranger School graduation is preceded by Rangers in Action, a demonstration that highlights skills a Soldier learns at the school. The April 19 graduation for Ranger Class 5-04 had an additional ceremony, the dedication of the Capt. Russell B. Rippetoe Trophy.

After the thunderous explosions and the drone of the helicopter quieted down, after the echoes of Soldiers yelling "RANGERS!" faded away, there stood a retired Soldier in his dress greens with his wife by his side.

Forty-four years ago, he came to Fort Benning to earn his own Ranger tab. Three years ago, he came to Benning to pin the tab on his only son. This year, he returns to dedicate a trophy in memory of his son, Capt. Russell B. Rippetoe.

His son held many titles that list the accomplishments in his life ... captain of the soccer team, Eagle Scout, homecoming king, Ranger.

But two distinctions those who knew him wished he didn't have are being the highest ranking officer of the 75th Ranger Regiment to be killed in combat since the unit formed in 1983, and being the first casualty of the war in Iraq to be

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Darsi Busler

Retired Lt. Col. Joe Rippetoe and his wife, Rita, hold the award to be given in their son's honor.

ON THE SPOT

Foul behavior begs correction

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



The other day, I found myself in the waiting room of a post clinic, surrounded by Soldiers, including a young man with one very limited vocabulary. He was peppering his conversation with words that would make a sailor blush.

I'd been there no more than five minutes when a civilian clerk leaned over the counter and barked at the young man, "Hey, you! You need to shut your mouth. Can't you see there's a lady present?"

I was reminded of another incident, relayed to me by a Soldier friend, who recently encountered a group of angry, young female Soldiers in a local restaurant. Apparently they became belligerent when a diner at the next table objected to the language they were using within earshot of her child.

She asked them to "keep it down," and they retaliated, upped the volume and increased the frequency.

My Soldier friend, dining across the restaurant with his family, stepped in to diffuse the situation. He made an on-the-spot-correction and took down their names and units. They were shocked and the poor patron was grateful. But too late for the child, no doubt disillusioned, who will remember the behavior of the Soldiers in uniform long after he's forgotten the man who stepped in to straighten them out.

On-the-spot corrections were once practiced regularly by Soldiers who believed it was their responsibility to help maintain the integrity of the uniform. It was drilled in them in basic training — "If your buddy's jacked up, square him away. If you don't do it, someone else will."

These days, few Soldiers are willing to step outside their comfort zone outside the combat zone. And on-the-spot corrections are definitely uncomfortable for everyone involved, including those who observe the situation from afar.

As the wife of a young Soldier, I used to cringe when my husband would get up from the table, cross the mall or — heaven help us! — stop the car to correct another Soldier for what I perceived to be minor infractions. Who's it hurting if his head gear's on wrong, I asked. Who cares if their music's too loud? Don't make a scene. Let someone else handle it.

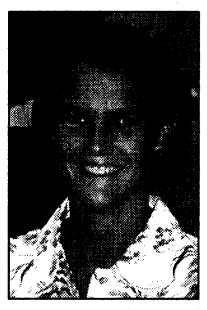
These days, with the eyes of the world focused on America's military, I understand the importance of minding our manners, so to speak, here and abroad. Soldiers are ambassadors wherever they go, in uniform or blue jeans, whether they're lunching with friends or launching an attack on terrorists.

If it's true the real measure of a man's character is his behavior when no one is watching, it follows then that the measure of a Soldier's character is his behavior at home, at the clinic, at the restaurant or theater.

And furthermore, the real measure of a Soldier's character is his willingness to speak out when the behavior of others Soldiers threatens to jeopardize the integrity of the uniform they wear.

Of purple robes and jump wings

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



Tradition, n. the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, etc., from generation to generation, especially by word of mouth or by practice.

Traditions. Every family has them. And when you are part of a military family like mine, many of your traditions are military in nature.

And I can't help but hope, as a third generation Soldier, that one or all three of my boys will continue our family's military tradition, because both my husband and I have a wealth of things to hand down.

My boys have had the good fortune to know my paternal grandparents. Pops, who turned 90 in October, still gets around well and can pick a mean tune on his banjo. But what's most interesting about him is his stint in the Army.

You see, Pops served in the Army just before World War II. He was in field artillery, which ironically, was exactly what I wanted to do in the Army. Pops' field artillery, though, was back in the days when the Army still used horses. His stories are great, and my boys get to hear them firsthand.

Not only do we pass on our stories, but we have a few military items that have changed hands a few times, as well.

When my dad went to West Point in 1958, he got a gray wool bathrobe. I took the bathrobe back to the school at the start of my sophomore year and wore it as I braved the cold, dashing across the sallyport to the latrine in the other wing of the building.

The bathrobe, now faded to a purplish color, had wrestling patches my father added, and patches from Army units like the 7th Army, "Seven steps to Hell." I added a few patches to the back, like a Marine Radio Recon patch I got from my Airborne School buddy. And when I graduated, I handed the bathrobe off to my brother as he started his sophomore year.

But the bathrobe wasn't as meaningful as Dad's 1963 jump wings.

His wings pre-date the two-prong-with-the-"dammits" and shiny Sta-Brite finish. They were dull with a straight bar pin and fastener.

He pinned those very same wings on my uniform after I turned in my parachute to the "nice" blackhat at Fryar Field. It was a hot, dusty day in July 1988. I was tired, I was sweaty, but I never felt better. And the best thing was some nice person captured the moment on film for us. Those pictures are now in my military scrapbook.

Five years later, Dad pinned the same wings on my brother. Unlike the bathrobe, those wings represented the first of our military accomplishments.

I'd love to someday have my dad pin those same wings on my sons' uniforms, but even if they don't choose the military, maybe their children will. And those wings will still be there, ready to be pinned on the next family member to jump out of a perfectly good airplane.

So what's your military family tradition? If you don't have one yet, it's not too late to start one. Your children will appreciate it.

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More individuals must be recruited to the profession and to work in libraries to maintain their vitality in today's changing workplace.

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— Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley
Commanding General

CORRECTION

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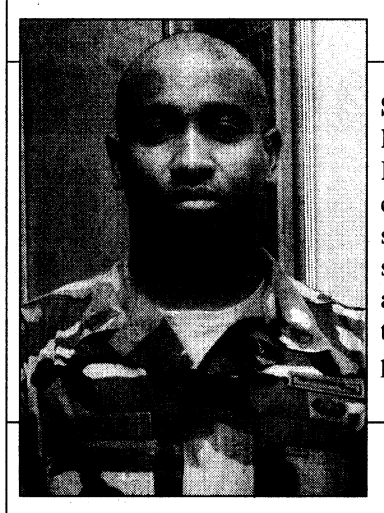
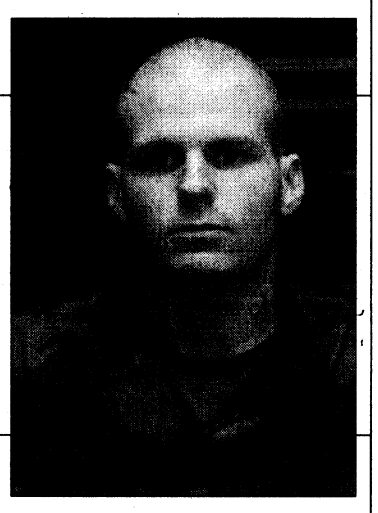
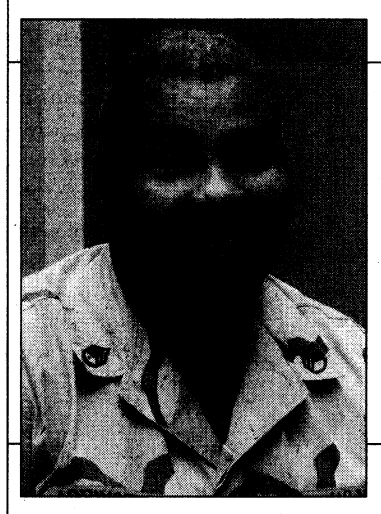


Staff Sgt. David Thomas, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment — "An on-the-spot correction is a correction of someone who is doing something against Army rules and regulations. It is done tactfully as soon as the problem is recognized."



Spc. Matthew Dozier, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment — "Letting your buddy know something's wrong as soon as you notice it, but when it's not going to cause any trouble."



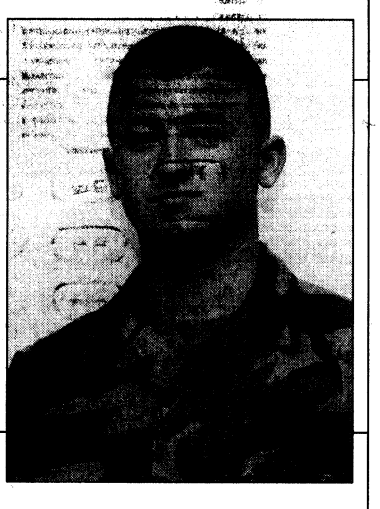
Staff Sgt. Larry Arrington, 803rd Quartermaster Company — "It should be done immediately. But it should be done courteously and with the intent to help that Soldier do better."



Staff Sgt. Robert Osburn, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "If a Soldier is doing something wrong, unsafe or unprofessional, a correction should be made, regardless of rank. But it should be done politely."



Spc. Adriane Lewis, 781st Transportation Company — "It should be done on the spot to correct whatever is wrong."



Warrant Officer John Hantzis, 498th Medical Company — "Anytime you see anybody, regardless of rank, doing something wrong, you should correct them. It should be done professionally and not publicly."

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Graduate adds to OCS, family history

Lieutenant third-generation OCS graduate

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

He was only one of 89 to graduate from Officer Candidate School April 8, but as Ryan Schloesser crossed the stage, he represented a third generation of OCS graduates.

Ryan's father, Brig. Gen. Jeff Schloesser, the assistant division commander for support for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky., graduated from OCS in 1977. His grandfather, retired Lt. Col. Kenneth Schloesser, graduated in 1959. And as far as anyone knows, this is a first for OCS.

Kenneth Schloesser enlisted in 1949 and spent 10 years as an armor Soldier before becoming a member of 51st Company, OCS. He said his decision to attend OCS came after he realized that the "end of the line" as an enlisted Soldier was coming up.

His class graduated two weeks after it began, and Kenneth was commissioned as an armor officer. He served in armor and armored cavalry units until he retired in 1982.

Now, 55 years later, he watched his grandson graduate from OCS as a member of the same company — now called B Company, 3rd Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry Regiment.

"I never thought I'd see this day," Kenneth said. "Never in my wildest dreams."

His son considered and rejected attending the United States Military Academy or participating in the Reserve Officer Training Corps. It looked as if the military tradition would start and end with him.

So when Jeff called Kenneth in Japan to tell him he had enlisted during his senior year at the University of Kansas, it came as a surprise. Jeff said he heard about a program to enlist directly in the Army's Special Forces that caught his attention. But when he went in to enlist, his recruiter told him about the OCS college option, not SF. So after graduation, Jeff went first to basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

His OCS experience was a little different than his father's.

"There were only two OCS classes every year then," Jeff said. "It was after Vietnam, and the Army needed far fewer officers."

One of the strengths of the OCS program, he said, was the course's ability to combine and teach both people with substantial prior service and recent college graduates.

When his class graduated two months later, Jeff was initially commissioned as an engineer officer, but became an aviator three years later in 1980.

When Ryan went off to the College of William and Mary, the thought of a third OCS graduate in the family never crossed anyone's mind — not even Ryan's.

He, too, had quickly considered the Academy, decided not to participate in ROTC, and focused on his studies in international relations and Arabic.

"But once I left, I realized people are different in the civilian world," Ryan said. "I missed the military traditions, the values, the way people act. The Army is a special place, and it's where I belonged."

Once he realized he missed the military way of life, Ryan enlisted in the Army in October 2003 for the same OCS option as his father. And just like his father had done, he called his grandfather and told him the news.



Melissa House

Ryan Schloesser, left, his father, Brig. Gen. Jeff Schloesser and his grandfather, Kenneth Schloesser, leave Infantry Hall after the OCS graduation ceremony April 8.

Then Ryan was faced with the tough decision about what he wanted to do in the Army.

"I thought I'd be infantry," Ryan said, "until I watched the *Green Berets*."

He said the depiction of the combat engineers in the movie was what helped him with his decision. He liked the engineers' dual role of "construction and destruction" and the fact that they're also being used as infantryman.

"It's the best of both worlds," he said.

Though Ryan chose to be an engineer like his father, Jeff said Ryan wasn't following in anyone's footsteps, but making his own path.

The family is extremely proud of Ryan, but for his parents, his OCS graduation was a bittersweet moment as well.

"I have mixed emotions," said his mom, Patty, who married Jeff two days after his OCS graduation. "It's different when it's your son, especially with Iraq and Afghanistan."

His parents will worry about him as he heads off to Germany.

"I know the nation is at war," Jeff said. "I'm as anguished as any parent. But OCS is now achieving its legacy — a long time for something that started in World War II."

> "I missed the military traditions, the values, the way people act. The Army is a special place, and it's where I belonged."
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CAS3, officer advanced courses to merge soon

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WASHINGTON — The last class of the Combined Arms and Services Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., will graduate May 19.

CAS3 will be consolidated into the various branch officer advanced courses, Army officials said. A one-week combined arms exercise will be added to those advanced courses, which now last 18-20 weeks, depending on the branch.

The one-week exercise, officials said, will provide captains attending the branch schools with much of the combined-arms experience critical to CAS3, which now lasts just over five weeks.

During the past 22 years, some instruction such as problem-solving or military decision-making has become part of the curriculum at both the advanced courses and CAS3, said Col. David Thompson, CAS3 director at Fort Leavenworth. He said decision-making is then stressed again at a higher echelon at the Command and General Staff College.

"Some repetition may be good," Thompson said, for the learning process. "What we're trying to do is eliminate any redundancy in instruction."

Eliminating redundancy was a suggestion resulting from the Army Training and Leadership Development Panel study, known as ATLDP, completed in May 2001. It was also examined under the Officer Personnel Management System XXI study about six years ago.

"This is not a knee-jerk reaction," said Lt. Col. Dennis Harrington, the G1 Officer Education System liaison at the Pentagon. "This has been considered for years."

The change, planned as part of the Officer Education System transformation, was originally scheduled for fiscal 2005, but is being moved up for operational reasons, Army officials said.

"With the Army at war, captains need to get back to their units," Thompson said, and the change will get them back to units almost four weeks earlier.

The change will affect about 3,100 captains annually.

In recent years, most captains have gone to their advanced course as a permanent-change-of-station move. In the future, they will go in a temporary-duty status and return to their units, officials said. This will be part of Force Stabilization.

Army National Guard and Army Reserve captains may continue taking CAS3 at Reserve Forces Schools at least through the end of the fiscal year when existing courses finish. The reserve-component officer advanced courses are shorter and do not include much combined arms curriculum, said Maj. Larry Mosely, a training officer at the U.S. Army Reserve Command in Atlanta.

Thompson said he envisions what is now the two-week resident phase of the Reserve Forces CAS3 becoming very similar to the combined arms exercise for active-duty captains. Mosely said the officer advanced course for Reserve Soldiers may adapt into a two-week phase at a branch school, then a distance-learning course, followed by a combined arms exercise.

A one-week pilot for the combined arms exercise is planned for this summer at Fort Leavenworth. Then the exercise may move to the combat arms branch schools, Thompson said.

"It's a compact course," Thompson said about the exercise being planned, adding that many important elements of the current CAS3, such as problem-solving, staff interaction and briefings will be part of the program.

"Many written requirements will fall to the wayside," Thompson said, such as formal memo assignments. "I don't think a captain in today's Army needs to know how many spaces to indent," he said.

The combined arms instruction will include either computer-simulated exercises, Thompson said, or scenarios with staff injects.

"My job here is to ensure we don't hinder the education of our captains," Thompson said. "I think we have a great answer."

"There should be little difference," Thompson said, between the knowledge base of CAS3 graduates and those who complete the new officer advanced course with the additional combined-arms exercise.

Barracks construction underway

11th Inf. Regt. to benefit first, August 2005

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More than $45 million in congressionally approved funds allocated to Fort Benning for structural improvements in fiscal 2003 are now being put to use.

The funds are part of the $1.2 billion allocated to the Department of Defense for new construction and modernization of existing barracks.

The project manager, Dean Miller, Real Property Master Planning, Directorate of Public Works, said the funds will be used to develop three separate sites, beginning with the construction of four L-shaped barracks at the corner of Dixie Road and Edwards Street.

"The four barracks will house 92 Soldiers apiece, totalling 368 spaces for 11th Infantry Regiment Soldiers," Miller said.

More than 100 Soldiers, including single Soldiers from the 11th Inf. Regt., 29th Inf. Regt. and the 988th Military Police Company, moved into family housing units in McGraw Manor and Indianhead Terrace in March to make room for renovations in their old barracks, Buildings 17 and 27.

Construction kicked off last week, Miller said, with the erection of a fence around the area and continued this week with the protective netting of trees at the site.

Drainage problems and other site issues, including design finalization, delayed the start of construction from its original start date in January, Miller said.

"The *proposed* completion date," Miller said, "is August 2005. But that is subject to change."



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

The fence was installed last week to cordon off the barracks construction site on Dixie Road.

The Corps of Engineers is in charge of administering the contract and monitoring quality control.

"The way it's set up is we do quality assurance in the sense that we monitor Clark Construction's quality assurance to make sure they are doing the job right," said Bill Coon, the Corps of Engineers representative in charge of the site.

The second barracks site, Miller said, near the hospital, will house 121 Medical Activity and Dental Activity Soldiers and will include a company operations facility for MEDDAC.

Construction on that site, Miller said, is slated to start in about three weeks, if all goes well.

Miller said the third site is a battalion headquarters building for the 1st Bn. (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment on Indianhead Road in the Airborne School complex.

He said there is no projected timetable for that particular site at this time.

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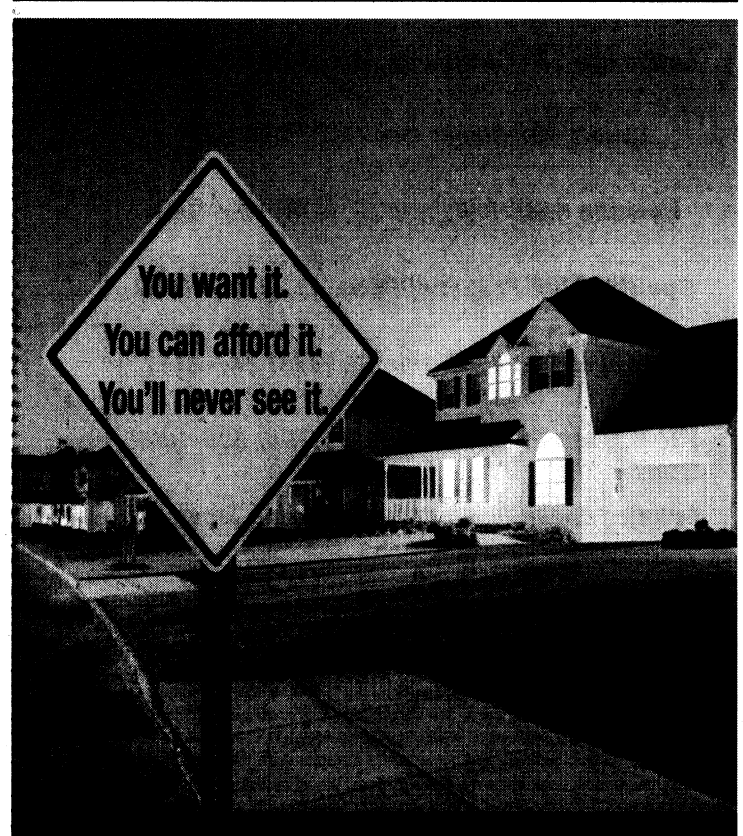

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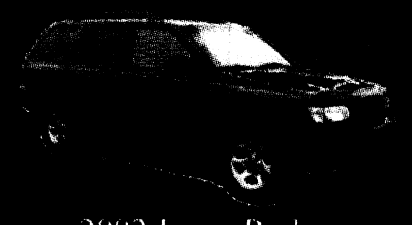

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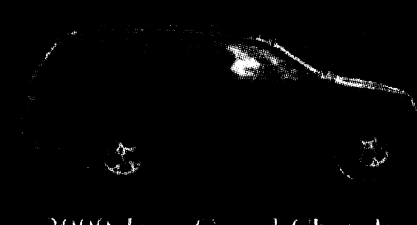

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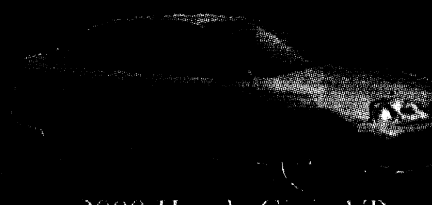

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Monument honors fallen 3rd Brigade Soldiers

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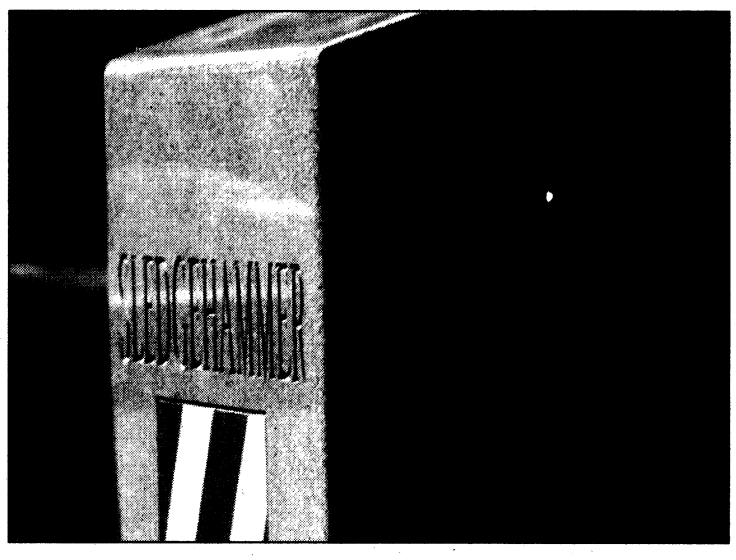
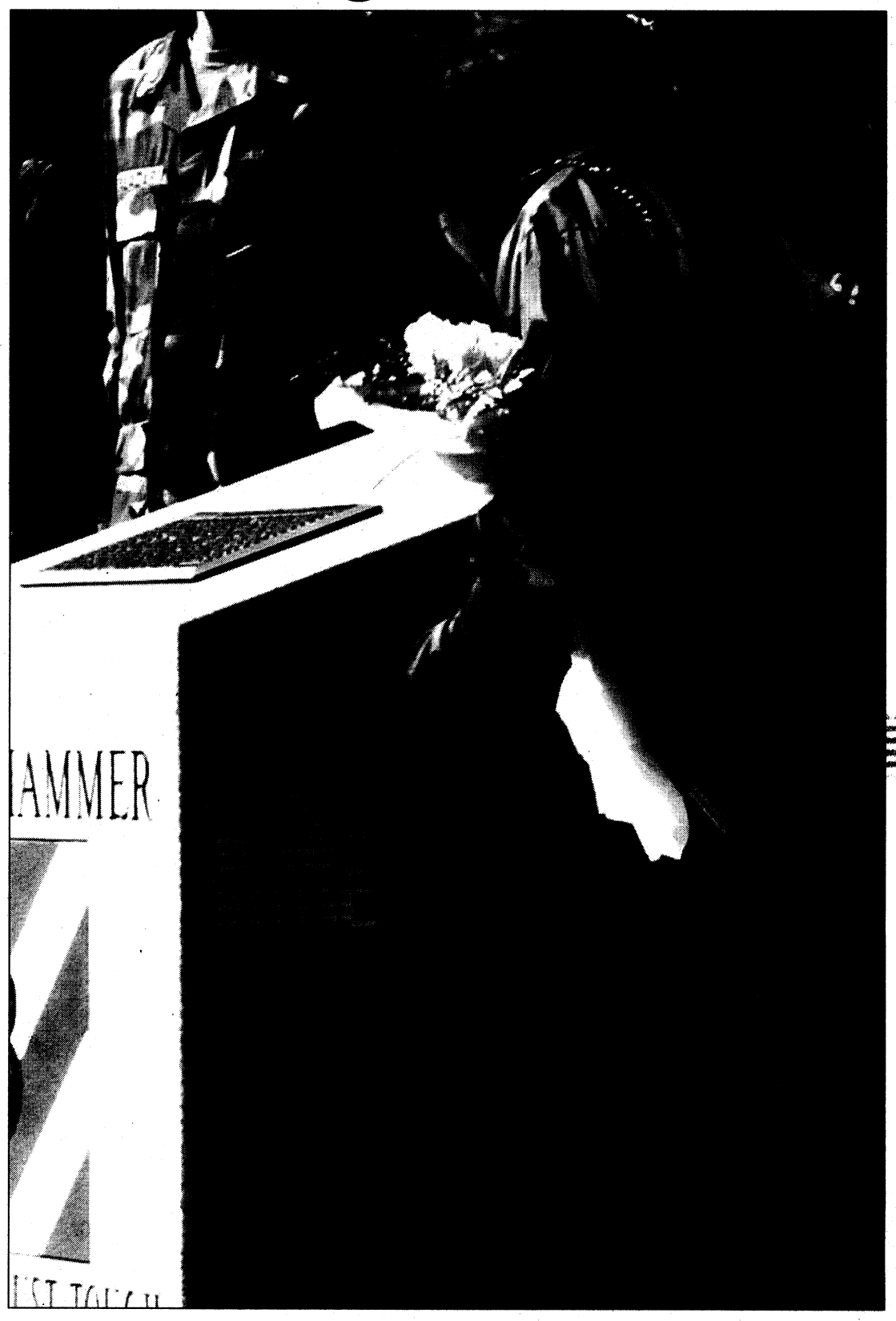


Last week, 3rd Brigade Soldiers and their families dedicated this monument to the four Soldiers who lost their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom and all of the Soldiers who fought beside them.



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

Maria Garza, widow of 1st Sgt. Joe Garza, who was killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, touches her husband's name on 3rd Brigade's Operation Iraqi Freedom monument. The monument was unveiled April 8.

As the rain and clouds cleared from the Fort Benning skies April 8, Soldiers and families of the 3rd Brigade gathered on Kelley Hill to unveil a monument dedicated to the Soldiers in the brigade who fought in Operation Iraqi Freedom — those who came home and those who did not.

The monument, which reads "Sledgehammer ... Not Fancy. Just Tough" on its front, stands as a tribute to the four Soldiers the brigade lost during its first tour in Iraq.

On its side, their names are inscribed: Pvts. Kelley Prewitt and George Huxley, Staff Sgt. Terry Hemingway and 1st Sgt. Joe Garza.

During the ceremony, the fallen Soldiers' families were presented flowers and escorted to the monument one by one to bear witness as their Soldier's name was revealed.

For Jean Prewitt, Kelley's mother, it was both a beautiful and painful experience.

"I didn't think I would get through the anniversary of his death," she said. "This is so difficult."

Kelley bled to death from shrapnel wounds April 6, 2003.

"I remain very proud of what he did. The Army was good for him. It gave him direction," Jean told a *Ledger-Enquirer* reporter the day of the ceremony. "Coming back here, on a day like this, brings back painful memories. But I would never consider not coming back. I owe it to Kelley."

There is much owed to Kelley and the three others who gave their lives in the name of freedom, said Col. Steven Salazar, brigade commander.

And much is owed to their families, too, he said.

"You don't raise heroes; you raise sons and daughters. If you raise sons and daughters, they'll turn out to be heroes — even if it's only in your eyes," Salazar told these families.

"Well, it's not just in your eyes that your sons, husbands and brothers are heroes ..." he said. "We offer our humble thanks to you.

"And we rededicate ourselves to their cause — the cause of peace and freedom — in hopes that their sacrifices will be justified," he said.

A cause Steve Prewitt knows his son believed in.

"I know Kelley knew he was over there for the right reasons," he said. "And I know he would go back."

And if he were here, he would be in good company — in the company of the nearly 4,000 3rd Brigade Soldiers who stormed Iraq when the war began last year, and who are preparing to return for OIF 3 in the coming year to uphold the mission they began.

"We wanted to take this opportunity to recognize the Soldiers who fell, to thank their families for their sacrifice," said Salazar.

"But also very importantly," he said, "to remember the service of all Soldiers who fought in that great campaign."

It was those Soldiers who carried on the brigade's great tradition, and "added a remarkable chapter to this unit's history," Salazar said.

In this chapter, he said, these brave Soldiers uncovered weapons caches in schools and mosques, covert enemy training camps and propaganda — including a "horrific" mural of planes flying into the World Trade Center and Saddam Hussein laughing, smoking a cigar.

"With skill, determination and courage, they defeated and toppled Saddam's evil regime," he said.

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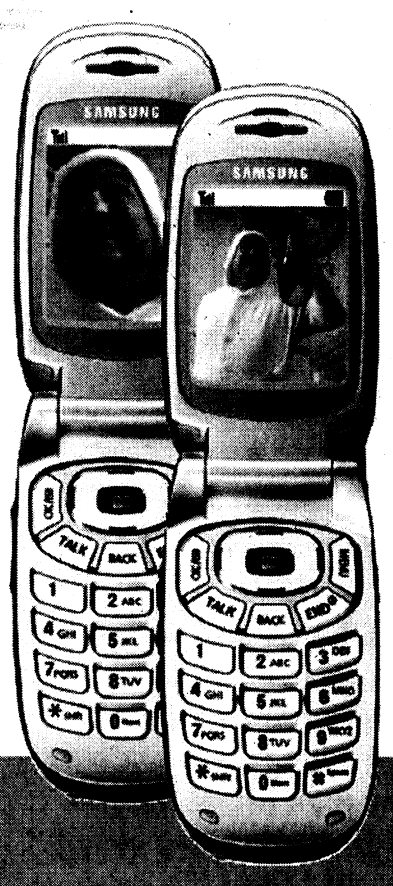

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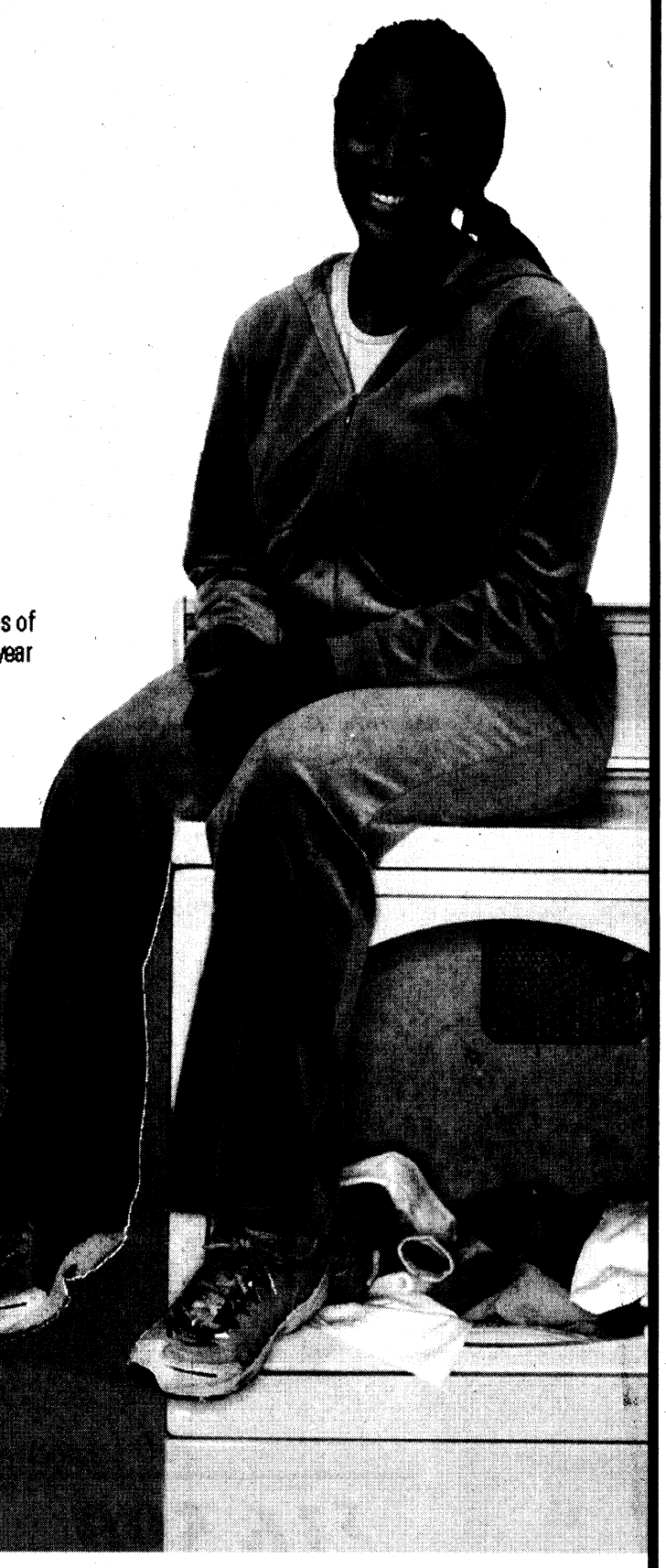

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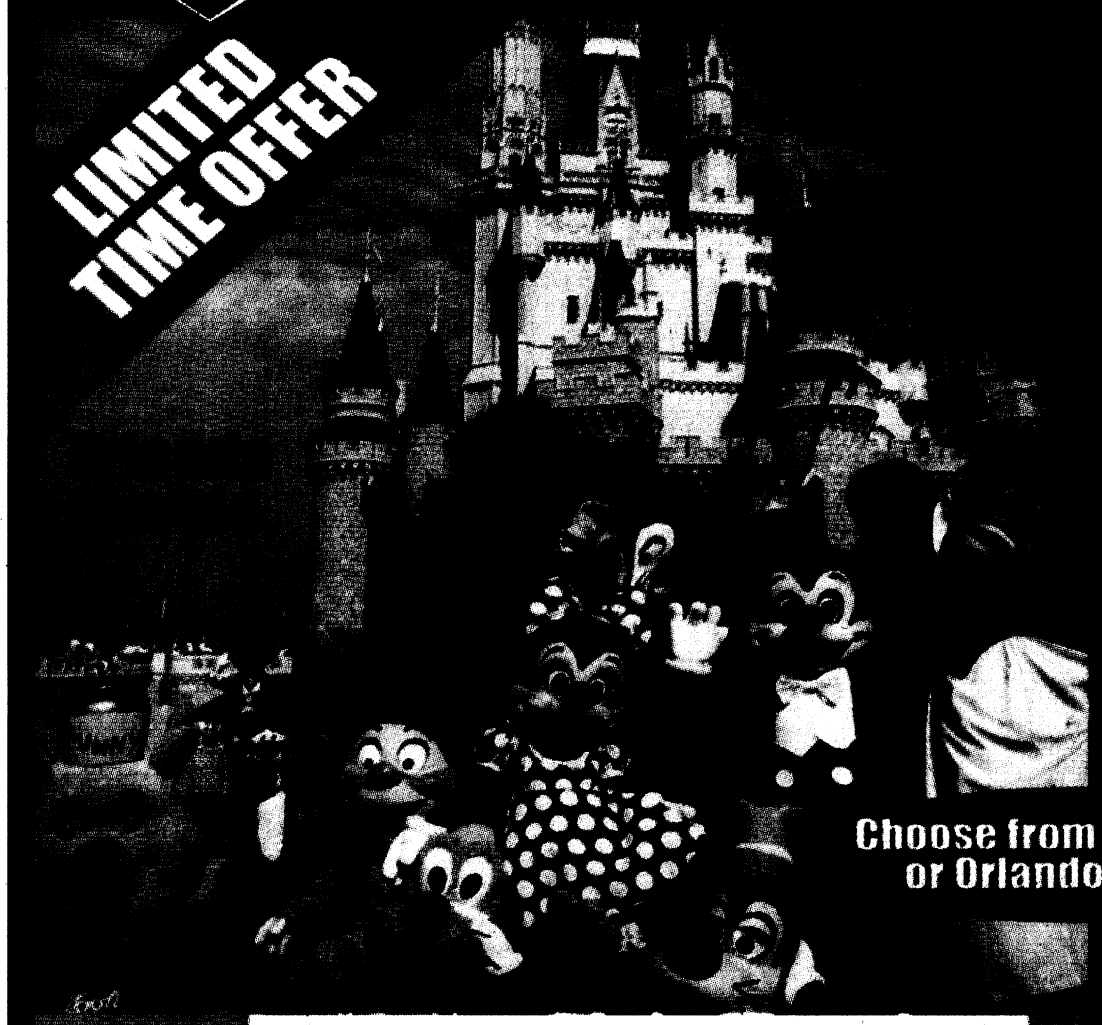

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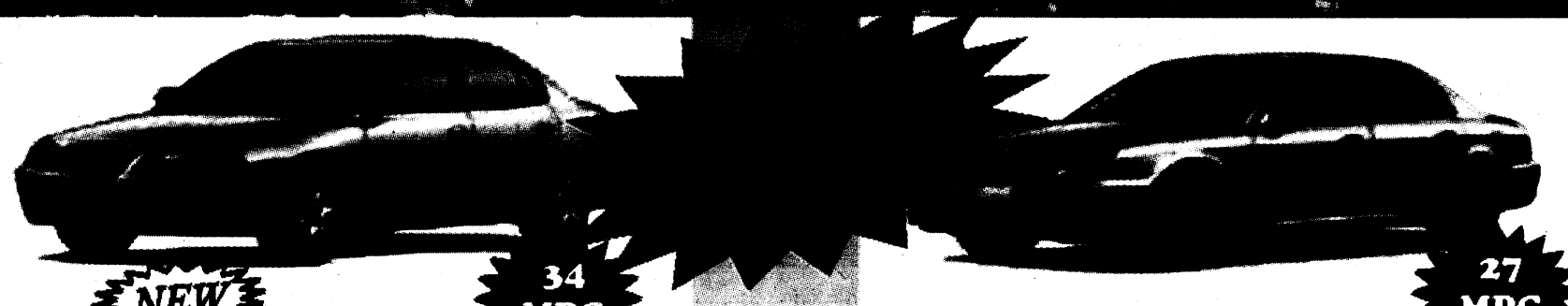

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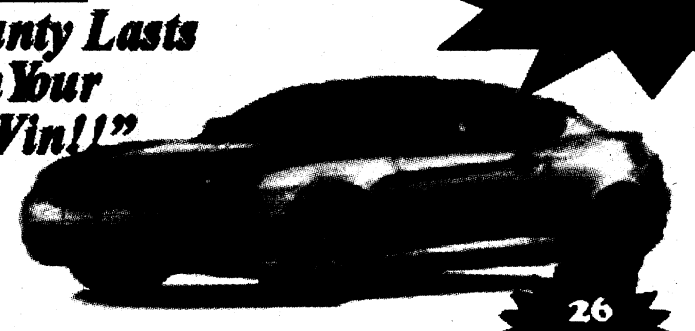

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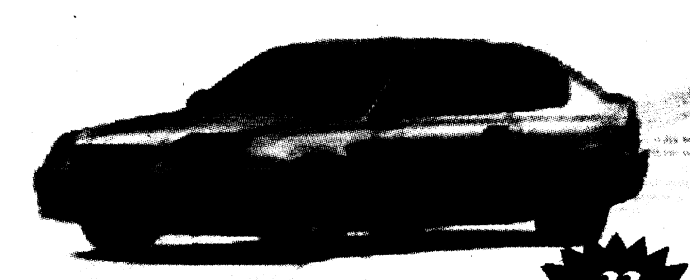

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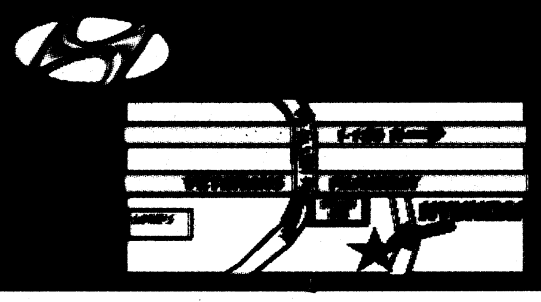

Recycling benefits many

Dorinda Morpeth
Directorate of Public Works



In celebration of Earth Day, Fort Benning is highlighting the installation's highly successful recycling program.

Fort Benning has had a qualified recycling program in place since the mid-1990s.

The program relies on the participation of family housing residents and military offices and units located on post. The materials handled by the Materials Recycling Facility at Fort Benning are cardboard, all types of paper, glass, plastic and metal cans.

Material is collected and delivered to the MRF where it is sorted and baled for sale. Items are also brought to the MRF by individuals. Fort Benning's recycling program kept more than 5,000 tons of material from being sent to the landfill last year.

The continuous circle of the "three Rs" — reduce, reuse, and recycle — is showcased in a large presentation located inside the front entry of Infantry Hall today through [illegible].

The [illegible] products packaged or made [illegible] that can be recycled. These items are collected and processed at Fort Benning's recycling facility.

A variety of products made from recycled materials are displayed to educate consumers on buying recycled and the types of products that are available.

Taking center stage is original folk art and hand-crafted whirligigs made by Floria and Ronnie Yancy from Brooklyn, Ga.

Floria has sold her art throughout the world and paints on a variety of media. Ronnie crafts his whirligigs entirely from recycled materials, showing that discarded items are still useful and can be remade into new, different and beautiful things.

The continuous circle of the three Rs relies on consumers to support companies that do not use excess packaging for products, according to the Environmental Protection Agency's Consumer Handbook for Reducing Solid Waste.

We can reduce waste and costs of disposal by finding a new use for products or give them away to a charity that can refurbish them or make them available for resale. Recycling and reuse have been given a much higher status with the TV spot *From Trash to Treasure* and similar programs. Books and magazines now cater to recycling and reusing many items once thought to be no longer useful.

The recycling program at Fort Benning depends on everyone to be a success. Take the time to sort and set out your items for pick-up and use the cardboard recycling containers located throughout the installation.

Follow the recycling guidelines and be an active participant in the program. Recycling reduces Fort Benning's solid waste costs and proceeds from the sale of recycled materials benefit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund.

Curbside Recycling Program

Why Recycle?
Recycling reduces disposal cost, conserves natural resources, and minimizes problems associated with land disposal.

How to Recycle?
Curbside collection is once per week on the same day as garbage is collected. Residents are provided with a brown recycling bin. The bin must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m.
Do not put the containers out prior to 6 p.m. on the previous day. Empty containers must be removed from the curb on the day of collection. Place paper items, except corrugated cardboard, in a paper grocery bag or tie in a bundle and put next to or in the recycling bin. Drop-off recycling collection centers are located in Building 4000 in the Harmony Church area and the Main Mall parking lot by the Shoppette.

What's Acceptable?
1. Aluminum cans
2. Plastic food and beverage containers
3. Glass food and beverage containers Rinse and remove tops from plastic and glass containers
4. Paper products
   a) Newspaper
   b) Magazines
   c) Bags
   d) Unwanted mail/shredded paper
   e) Newspaper flyers
   f) Office and school paper
   g) Non-corrugated paperboard boxes (flatten)
5. Steel/tin cans – rinse
6. Corrugated cardboard – flatten and place next to the recycling bin

What's Not?
Personal items such as tissue, napkins, bandages, diapers, pet bedding, toys, automobile batteries, liquids, heavy metals and any other contaminated items. Unacceptable items can cause public health problems and cannot be placed in recycling bins. Rejected items must be removed immediately from the recycling bins. Do not place any items other than those on the acceptable list into the recycling bins.



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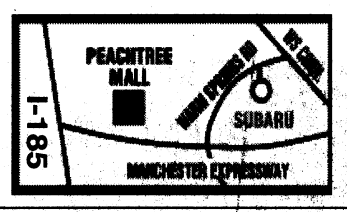

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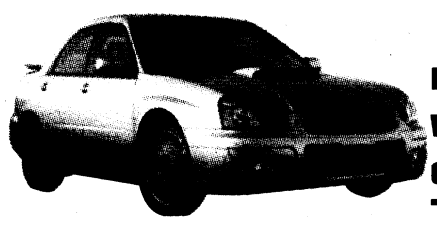

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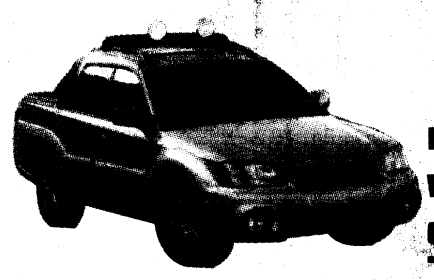

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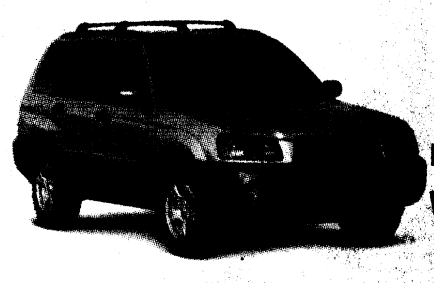

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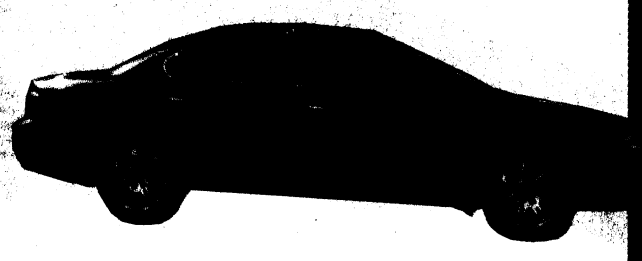

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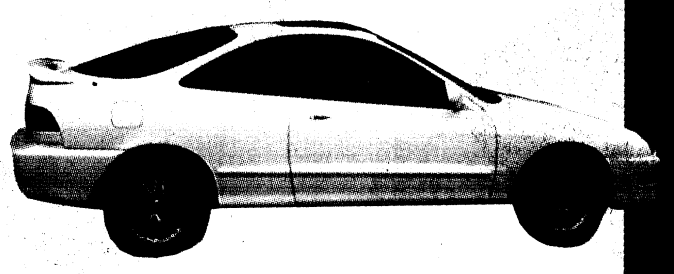

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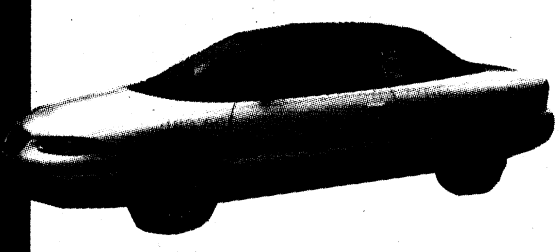

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13th CSB officers conduct field training exercise



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Warrant Officer Joel Waugh, left, and Capt. Andrew Wagner, right, carry 2nd Lt. Audrey Davis, demonstrating the four-hand seat carry.

Unit leaders refresh skills learned in war

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

With many units on post preparing for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3, there is a need for all Soldiers to get a refresher course on different things they will need to know while in the desert.

The 13th Corps Support Battalion is doing just that. Twenty officers from the unit took a Leadership Development Course to help them become proficient in the skills they need for combat. The course began Wednesday with an Army Physical Fitness Test and concluded today with a 12-mile road march.

"It's important for all of these officers to know these skills because we're most likely going back to a combat zone," said Capt. Jonathan Allen, battalion operations officer. "If they know and understand the tasks, then they can go back to their squads or companies and teach their Soldiers the same tasks. By doing that, each squad and company will be better prepared for operations in the Middle East."

Lt. Col. Matt Higginbotham, battalion commander, said he requires all the officers in his battalion to not only go through the course, but be efficient in all of the tasks.

"If I can't depend on my leaders to be efficient in these tasks, how can I depend on the rest of my Soldiers?" he said. "It all starts with the leaders, and the training they receive in this course will, in turn, be given to their Soldiers. So, they need to know what they're doing."

Higginbotham said 50 percent of the officers in his battalion have been in combat operations.

"That's very important when leading Soldiers," he said. "Soldiers feel more confident in their leaders when they've experienced combat. They know they can trust their platoon leader or company commander to lead them in the right direction."

After finishing the APFT, the officers road marched to Wendy Field, where they received training on critical wartime tasks, including identification of improvised explosive devices, administering first aid, use of a global positioning system and night-vision goggles training.

Identifying IEDs is a class the officers paid careful attention to.

"IEDs are a big thing in Iraq," said Capt. Tonya Prevo, 598th Maintenance Company commander.

"It's scary to think how many (IEDs) are over there. Our awareness has to be at its peak. I believe looking for IEDs is the second most important thing to look for over there after enemy insurgents."

The officers also learned to use the global positioning system.

"In this unit, everything we do is a convoy operation," Higginbotham said. "We're not always going to have an escort, so it's important that everyone is proficient with the GPS. By knowing it, we can be sure that we're going where we need to go in both a timely and efficient manner."

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>
> **Lt. Col. Matt Higginbotham**
> 13th Combat Support Battalion commander

The Soldiers also received hands-on weapons training Thursday to familiarize themselves with a few weapons, including the M 249 SAW, and the .50-caliber machine gun.

"Weapons familiarization is very important for this unit," Allen said. "When deployed, you never know when you're going to have to step up and take hold of a certain weapon. And it helps if you've had training with that weapon."

The officers also had a refresher on basic first aid.

"You can never train too much on first aid," Allen said. "Who knows, a medic might not be available, so you have to know what you're doing to possibly help save a life."

By receiving all of this training, the 13th CSB has begun to ready itself for possible deployment in support of OIF 3.

"We want to make sure we're ready, should we be called on again to serve in the Middle East," Allen said. "This course is just one of the steps in us accomplishing that."

Army Emergency Relief Campaign to end April 30

The installation's 2004 Army Emergency Relief Fund Campaign is scheduled to end April 30.

Major campaign objectives include: increase awareness about AER; publicize procedures so everyone knows how to obtain AER assistance in time of need; raise funds to support AER assistance programs; and inform contributors that their support "Helps the Army Take Care of its Own".

In the November 2003 issue of *Reader's Digest*, AER was selected as one of the best charities in the United States, one that "you can trust with your dollars."

Composer Irving Berlin helped start AER by donating the proceeds from his stage and screen play *This is the Army*.

Since then, members of the "Army family" have kept the organization going by generously contributing and providing assistance for their fellow Soldiers in financial need.

AER Annual Fund Campaign is the only time each year Soldiers are asked to help their own organization and their fellow Soldiers.

Contributions will ensure availability of funds for Soldiers who find themselves in need.

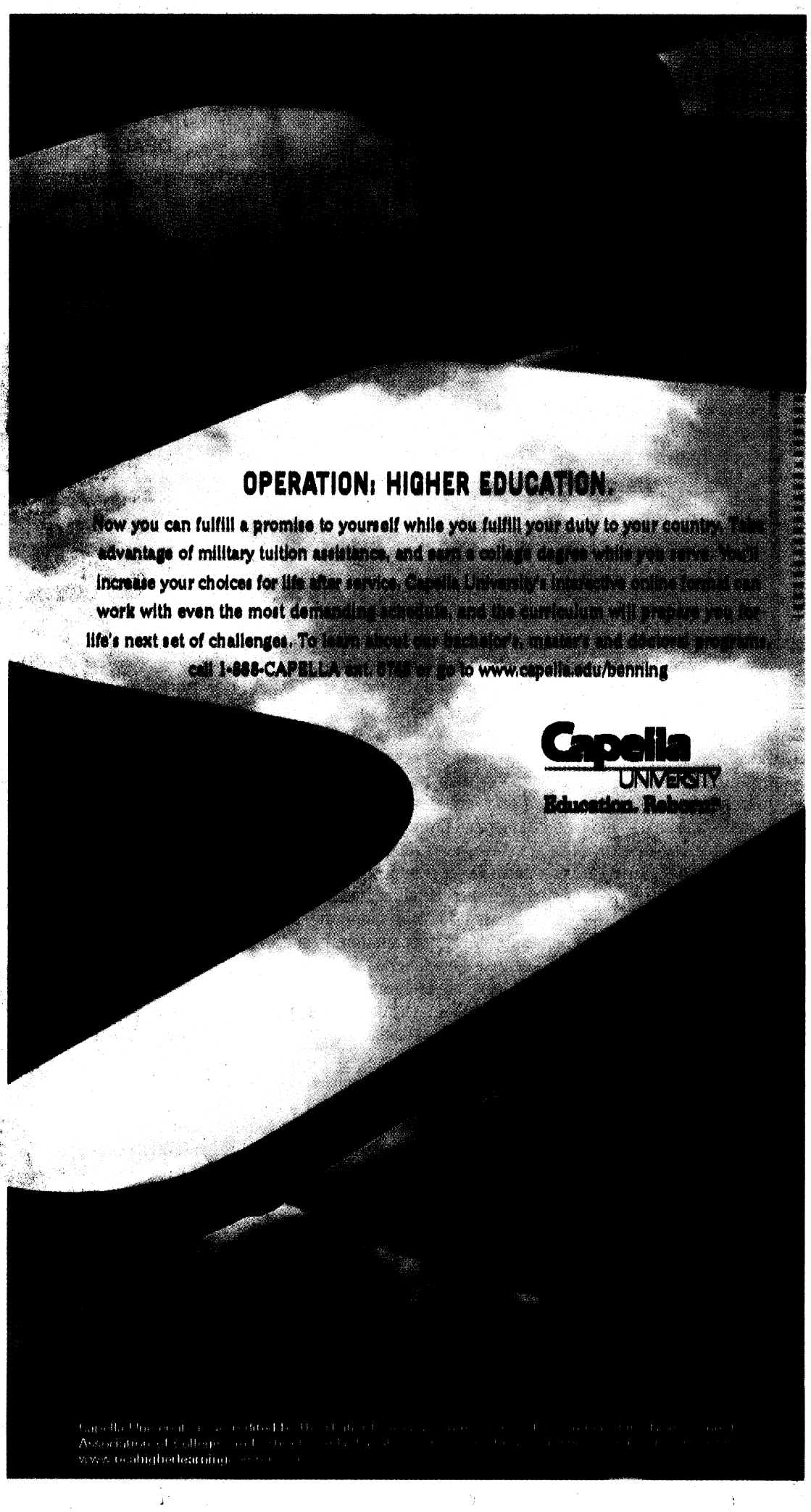
Each major subordinate command, directorate and unit throughout the installation were represented at the campaign kick-off. Key persons are charged with soliciting contributions.

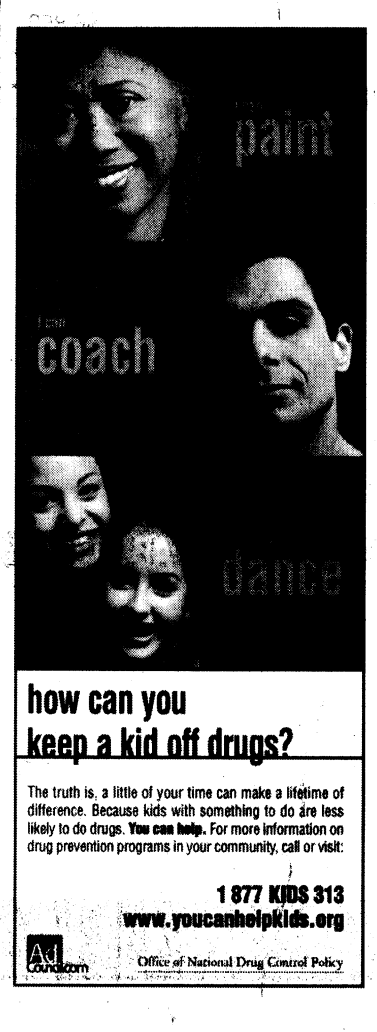
You may make contributions by allotment, cash, money order, or checks. Contributions by allotment allow you to spread your donation over a period of time.

This year's installation goal for the campaign is $175,000. As of week March 26, the Campaign Fund Drive had collected 29.9 percent ($50,908) of that goal.

During 2003, the installation AER Section provided $639,875.95 in loan assistance to 628 eligible clients and $88,901.80 in grants to 81 clients.

Do your part — contribute to the AER Campaign.







AROUND POST

RCP change

The Retention Control Point for staff sergeants has changed from 20 to 22 years. This change is necessary to retain experienced NCOs and support the recently approved endstrength increase. This change affects those staff sergeants who have an ETS on or before Sept. 30, 2005, except for Soldiers in MOS 14R, 14S and 42L.

For more information, call Irma Mason at 545-5655.

NCO/Soldier of the Year

The NCO/Soldier of the Year Awards Ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Classroom 6, Infantry Hall.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sharon Elder or Sgt. Kendra Bannach at 545-4633 or 545-4314.

Troops to Teachers

The Georgia Troops to Teachers program manager will visit post from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday in Infantry Hall, Classroom 32 A.

For more information, call 545-5725.

BNCOC graduation

BNCOC Class 3-04 graduates at 10 a.m. Thursday in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

EOO trip

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office is sponsoring a trip to the William Bremen Jewish Heritage Museum in Atlanta and the Holocaust Memorial at Greenwood Cemetery April 28.

Buses will depart from the EO office at 7:30 a.m. and return to Fort Benning approximately 5:30 p.m.

Cost is $5 per person for admission to the museum.

There will be a guided tour of the museum and cemetery and a talk given by an actual Holocaust survivor. Participants need to provide their own lunch.

For more information, contact your unit Equal Opportunity Advisor.

Thrift Savings Plan

Open Season for the Thrift Savings Plan has begun and will run through June 30. During the Open Season, you can start or increase (if you are contributing less than the maximum) your contributions.

The TSP is the federal government's long-term, tax-advantaged 401(k) type savings plan. The TSP consists of five funds where you can put your money.

To find out more about the TSP, visit the TSP Web site, www.tsp.gov, attend a class from 10 a.m. to noon May 7 or June 11, or call the ACS Financial Readiness Program at 545-5485.

Ranger Memorial stones

The Ranger Memorial Foundation, Inc. is an organization dedicated to honoring the U.S. Army Ranger and their sacrifices to our nation through a granite monument located on post. The foundation also offers academic scholarships to eligible individuals and help to Ranger families in distress. Funds for the services are raised through the sale of engraved granite stones on the Ranger walkway, individual and corporate donations and the Combined Federal Campaign.

To purchase a stone, donate, or apply for a scholarship, log on to www.rangermemorial.org to download the forms.

The cutoff date for this year's engraving is June 1. Applications received after that date will be engraved in the summer of 2005.

Bush: Answers questions

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ones who are worried about their sons, daughters, husbands and wives is your loved one is performing a noble service for the cause of freedom and peace."

The president placed blame for violence in Iraq on three groups: remnants of Saddam Hussein's regime, Islamic militants and terrorists from other countries.

He said that although these instigators of violence come from different factions, they share common goals.

"They want to run us out of Iraq and destroy the democratic hopes of the Iraqi people," he said.

Calling the violence in Iraq a "power grab" by extreme and ruthless elements, Bush sought to dispel the notion that the recent violence reflects the will of the Iraqi people.

"It's not a civil war. It's not a popular uprising," he said. "Most of Iraq is relatively stable. Most Iraqis by far reject violence and oppose dictatorship."

Bush specifically cited radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr as one of those responsible for inciting riots and attacks against coalition forces. Sadr has assembled supporters into an illegal militia and publicly supported the terrorist groups Hamas and Hezbollah, the president said. He also accused Sadr of violence and intimidation against Iraqi Shiia. Iraqi authorities have indicted the cleric for the murder of a prominent Shiia cleric, Bush said.

"Iraq will either be a peaceful, democratic country or it will again be a source of violence, a haven for (terrorists), and a threat to America and to the world," he said. The president noted the violence in Iraq has a familiar ideology.

"The terrorist who takes hostages or plants a roadside bomb near Baghdad is serving the same ideology of murder that kills innocent people on trains in Madrid, and murders children on buses in Jerusalem, and blows up a nightclub in Bali, and cuts the throat of a young reporter for being a Jew," the president said.

"We've seen the same ideology of murder in the killing of 241 Marines in Beirut," he said, "the first attack on the World Trade Center, and the destruction of two embassies in Africa; in the attack on the USS Cole, and in the merciless horror inflicted upon thousands of innocent men and women and children on Sept. 11, 2001."

Though terrorist acts often have religious reasons as the professed motive of the perpetrators, Bush said that's not really the case.

"None of these acts is the work of a religion," he said. "All are the work of a fanatical political ideology."

Meanwhile, Bush said his administration is reviewing the needs of troops on the ground, and he promised to send military commanders all the troops and resources they say they need.

Bush said Army Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. Central Command, is "clearly indicating" that he may want more troops.

"It's coming up through the chain of command, and if that's what he wants, that's what he gets," the president said.

Some 135,000 U.S. troops are in Iraq, Bush said, and he said the U.S. military presence there will continue "as long as necessary, and not one day more."

The president said the nation is committed to the June 30 transfer of sovereignty to the Iraqi people, and said a delay would send the wrong message to the Iraqi people and to the world about the value of an American promise.

"We have set a deadline of June 30. It is important that we meet that deadline," he said. "Iraqis do not support an indefinite occupation, and neither does America."

But sovereignty involves more than a "date and a ceremony," Bush said. "It requires Iraqis to assume responsibility for their own future."

The president said according to a schedule already approved by the Iraqi Governing Council, Iraq will hold elections for a national assembly no later than next January. That assembly will then draft a new permanent constitution, which will be presented to the Iraqi people in a national referendum held in October of next year.

Iraqis then elect a permanent government by Dec. 15, 2005. That vote, he said, will mark the completion of Iraq's transition from "dictatorship to freedom."

In the meantime, he said, other nations and international institutions are stepping up to their responsibilities in building a free and secure Iraq. The coalition is working closely with United Nations envoy Lakhdar Brahimi and with Iraqis to determine the exact form of the government that will take charge of the country June 30. A United Nations election assistance team, headed by Carina Perelli, is in Iraq developing plans for next January's election, Bush said. NATO is supporting the Polish-led multinational division, and 17 of the alliance's 26 member nations have forces in Iraq.

The president listed several reasons why he believes success in Iraq is vital to the United States.

He said a free Iraq will give 25 million Iraqis the right to live in freedom and will stand as an example to reformers across the Middle East. He also said that a free Iraq will show that America is on the side of Muslims who wish to live in peace.

But just as important, he said, a free Iraq will confirm to the world "America's word, once given, can be relied upon even in the toughest times."

Victory on the Iraqi front is key to further victories in the global war on terror and therefore to U.S. security, the president said.

"Above all, the defeat of violence and terror in Iraq is vital to the defeat of violence and terror elsewhere, and vital, therefore, to the safety of the American people," he said. "Now is the time and Iraq is the place in which the enemies of the civilized world are testing the will of the civilized world. We must not waver."

On Easter Sunday, the president said he visited wounded Soldiers hospitalized at Fort Hood, Texas, presenting the Purple Heart to some of them, and thanking them on behalf of all Americans. Others, he said, have paid an even greater cost. The nation honors those killed and prays their families will find "God's comfort in the midst of their grief."

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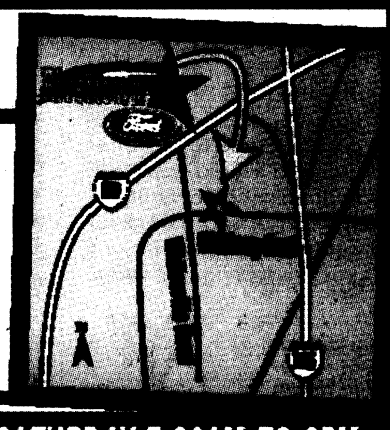

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Award: Remembers fallen Ranger

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buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Rippetoe was a true Soldier. The son of a retired lieutenant colonel, he took care of his Soldiers, and he knew how to inspire fierce loyalty in his men, Spc. Chad Thibodeau told Clay Latimer with the *Rocky Mountain News*, in an article on the Arlington Cemetery Web site.

"In life, Captain Rippetoe embodied the Ranger Creed in every way," said Col. William G. Kidd, commander, Ranger Training Brigade.

He was confident, charismatic, and most of all, caring, said retired Lt. Col. Joe Rippetoe, Russell's dad.

So on April 3, 2003, when a pregnant woman got out of a car yelling for assistance at a checkpoint in Northwest Iraq, this big-hearted Ranger went to help.

Moments later, the driver of the car detonated explosives hidden inside the vehicle, killing himself, a female passenger, the pregnant woman, Rippetoe and two fellow Rangers.

The 27-year-old captain, who saw combat in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, seemed uneasy as he departed for Iraq, his father said. No one knew just how uneasy he was until the family found a note on his locker. It read, "I want a military funeral, and I want it to be by my people."

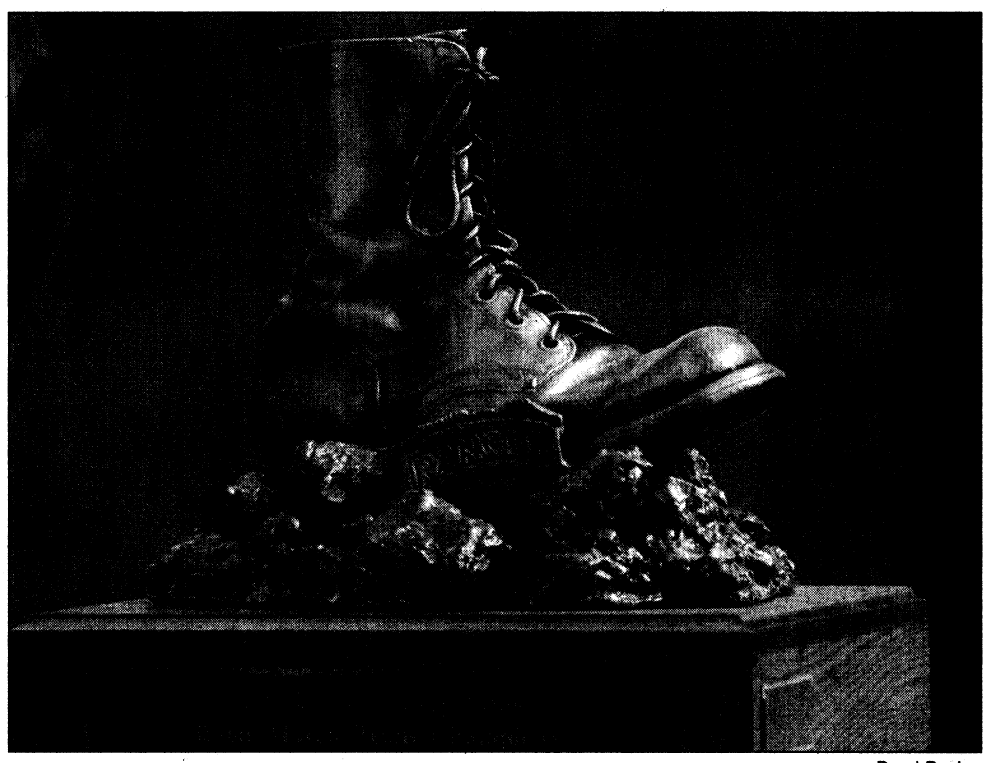
Despite his reservations, he knew he had a mission to accomplish. Less than a month later, his premonition came true.

Perhaps the "Shield of Strength" that hung on a chain around his neck held words of comfort for him. The emblem displays a U.S. flag on one side and a quote from Joshua 1:9 on the other: *"I will be strong and courageous. I will not be terrified, or discouraged, for the Lord my God is with me wherever I go."*

His father has this scorched metal now. And it is he who is keeping his son's life in the minds of so many young Soldiers.

As the retired lieutenant colonel rose from his seat next to his wife, Rita, at the Ranger graduation Friday, he told the new Rangers something he always told his son.

"You're physically strong, you're mentally strong, but I want you to be spiritually strong so if something happens, you'll be on a first-name basis with God."



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This award, a bronzed combat boot, will be given to the team that wins the road march event in the Best Ranger Competition.

Russell inherited his father's heart with the "anything I can do to help" attitude, while at the same time having a competitive side to always be the best, Russell's longtime friend, Brent Tuccio, told Latimer.

One year after his death, Russell B. Rippetoe's name will now forever be synonymous with being the best.

A bronzed combat boot trophy was named in honor of the fallen Ranger and will be awarded to the two-man Ranger team that wins the road march event at the David E. Grange Best Ranger Competition held annually at Fort Benning.

The road march is the last event on the first day of the 60-hour competition and typically cuts the field in half.

Competitors must complete the march of an unknown distance, usually between 18 and 25 miles, while carrying 65 pounds of equipment.

"We dedicate this trophy in his memory so others can use him as a role model ... so others can follow in his footsteps," Kidd said.

"That inner toughness he possessed allowed him to keep going when others fell by the wayside, a characteristic that also marks the winners of the road march event," said retired Col. Thomas Dials, president of Armed Forces Institute, the award's sponsor.

Russell prepared to compete in Best Ranger two times, but mission requirements prevented him from attending the competition, Joe said.

While his son is no longer here, Joe is most definitely still a father, not only to his daughter, but to every Ranger who crosses his path.

"To be a Ranger is awesome ... it's a different breed," he said.

Next week, he will watch members of his extended Ranger family vie for the honor of Best Ranger with the pride of a father.

Whether it is words of advice or doing "anything he can do to help out," Joe is a proud man. He is proud of the Rangers, proud of the Army, and proud of his Ranger son.

Lessons: Help develop strategy

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totally different to get out there and actually experience some of the friction and hardship the young leaders out on the tip of the spear are facing," Woolfolk said.

"You've got to actually participate in the operations — it's the best way to collect (information)."

The team joined the unit's troops on patrols — day and night, mounted and dismounted — raids and a cordon and search mission.

Woolfolk jumped in on a raid to capture "blacklisted and noncompliant personnel" and to search for contraband, i.e. weapons and explosives.

The mission was successful, he said, turning up several of both. The weapons were taken and given back after they were registered; the explosives were confiscated and destroyed.

Missions like these are what helped the team get a grasp on how the unit and its equipment are performing under pressure.

"We went there to collect as many lessons learned as we could from the guys on the ground," said Capt. Paul Cunningham, another member of the CATD team.

"But you have to get a firsthand view of what's going on and see it with your own eyes," he said.

The team was there to assess "all the key functional areas," Woolfolk said, evaluating doctrine, urban operations strategy, equipment, leadership development, personnel and facilities.

The results will be applied throughout the Army in up-and-coming Stryker brigades, officer and NCO professional development schools and especially here at Fort Benning.

CATD is responsible for developing UO strategy Army-wide Woolfolk said.

On top of that, the directorate is also called upon to travel to SBCTs in the making and train them as they come on line, and to incorporate these lessons into leader development courses — mainly the Infantry Captains' Career Course, Cunningham said.

Although most of the results are confidential — "Anything can be used as a vulnerability (by the enemy)," Woolfolk said — overall, the doctrine is sound, he said, the organization is "tailor-made" for Mosul and the unit is very pleased with the equipment, with a few exceptions.

Woolfolk said, the unit is doing well, and the "handover" between American and Iraqi forces in June looks like it will be right on schedule.

"The unit is well-led and very motivated," he said. "Their quality of life is improving daily, and they're making headway with the local population."

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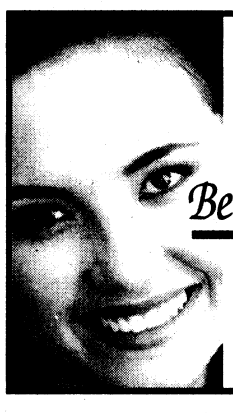
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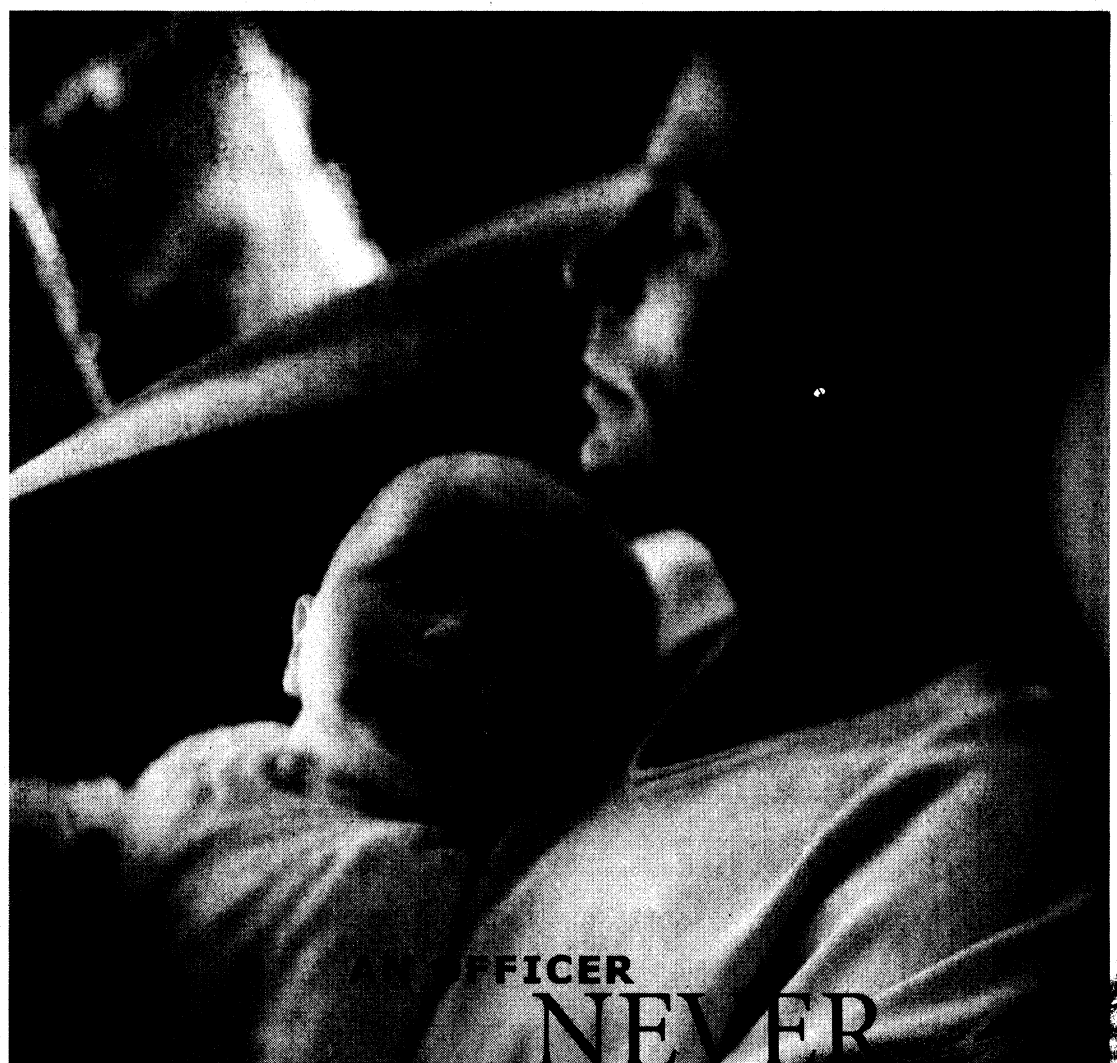

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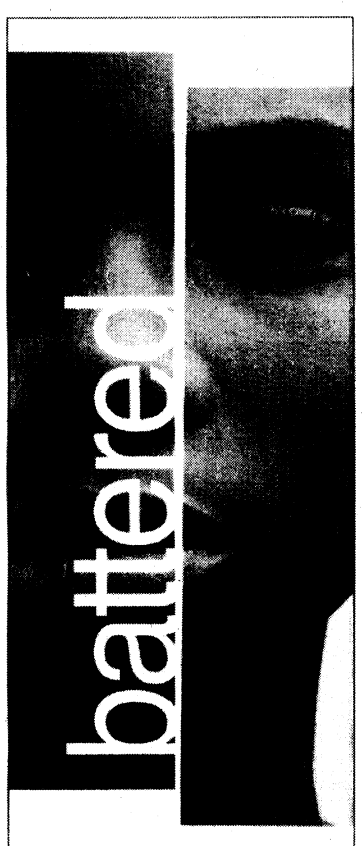

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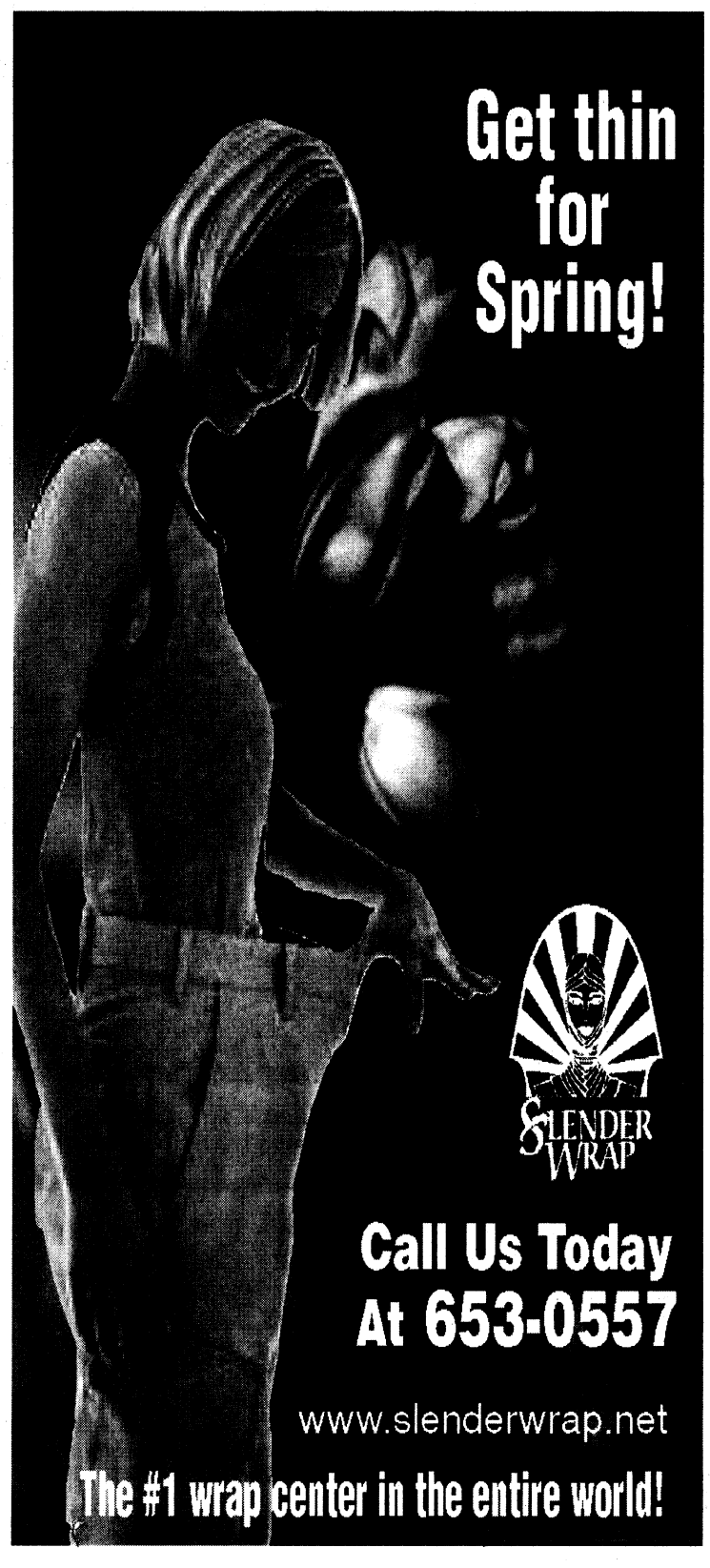

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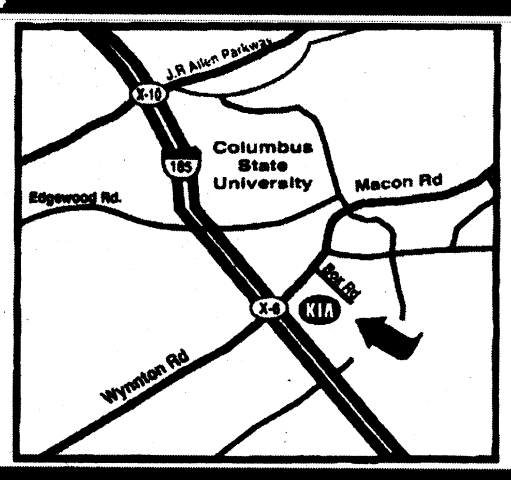

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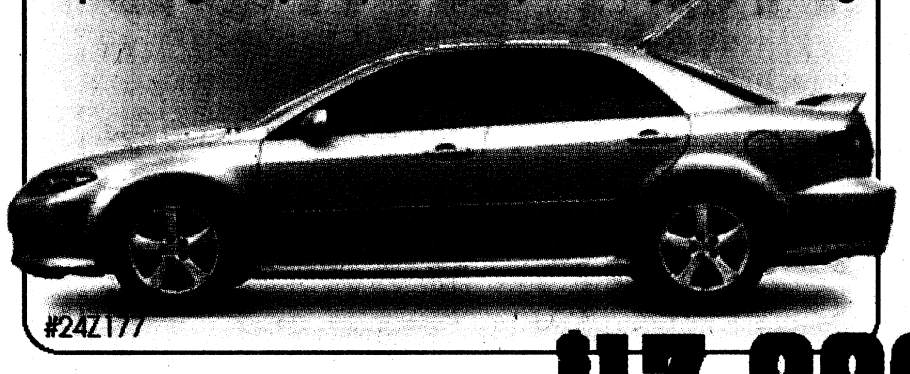

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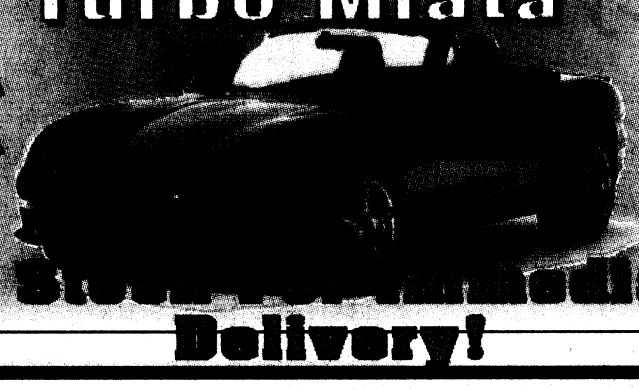

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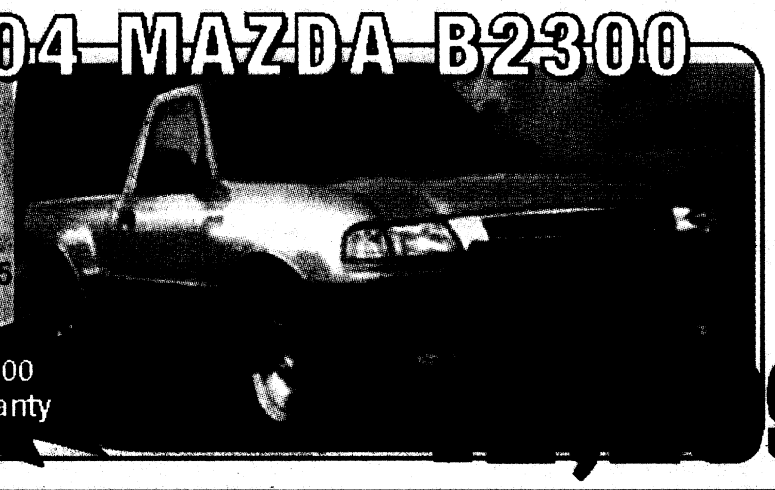

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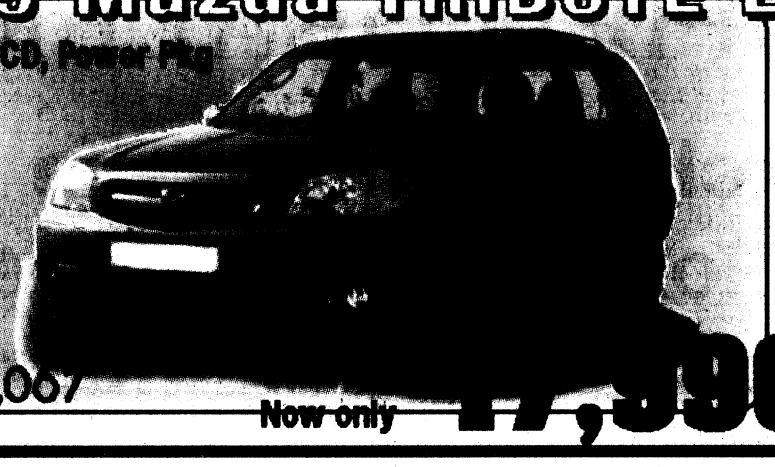

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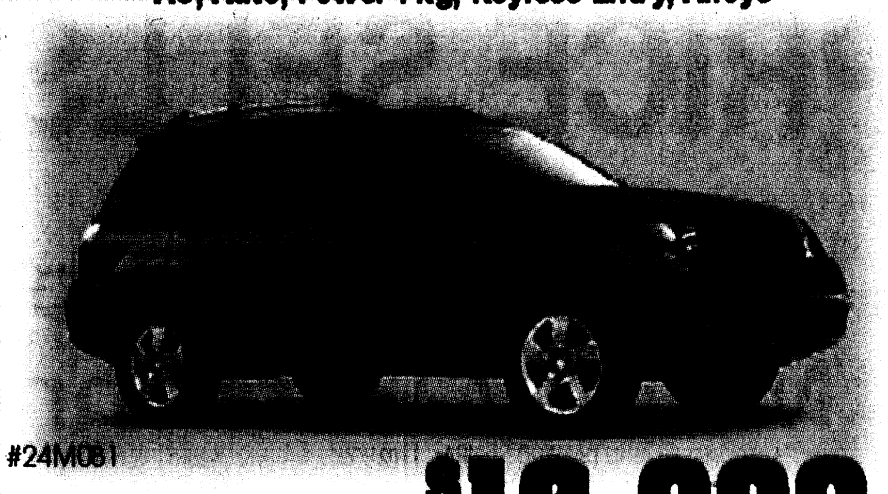

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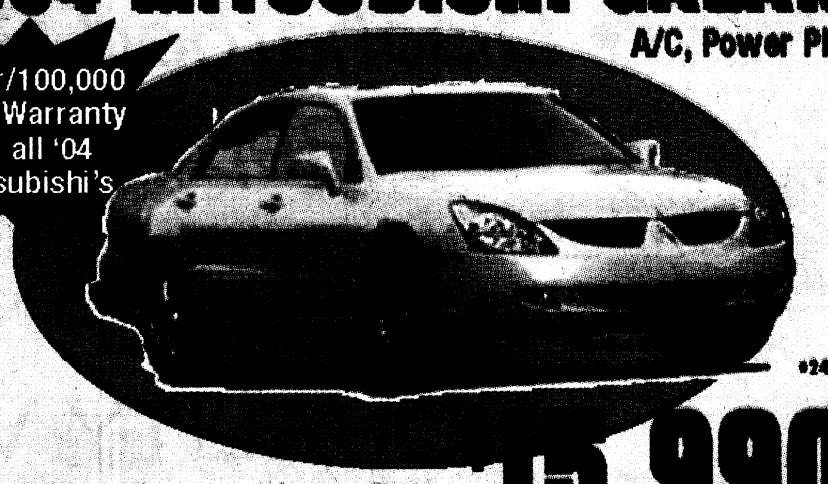

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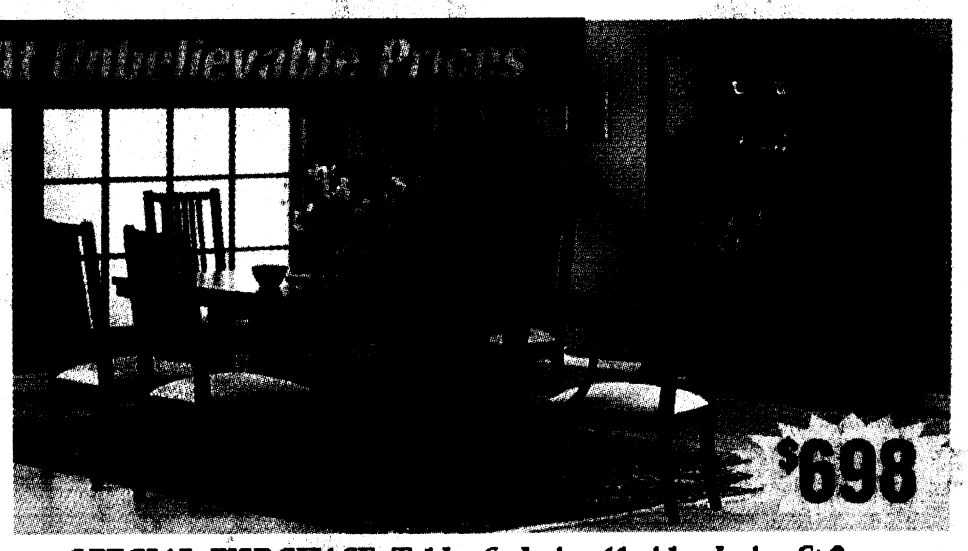

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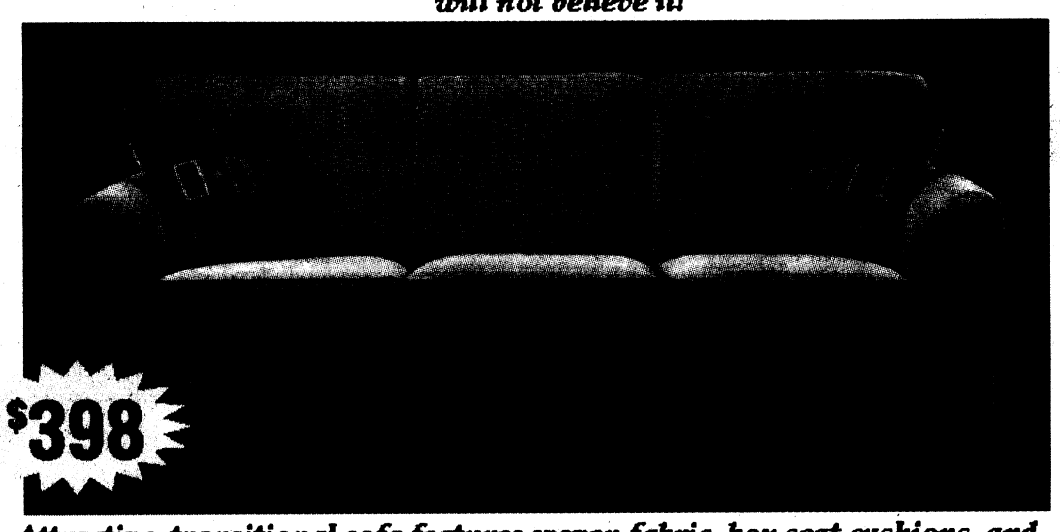

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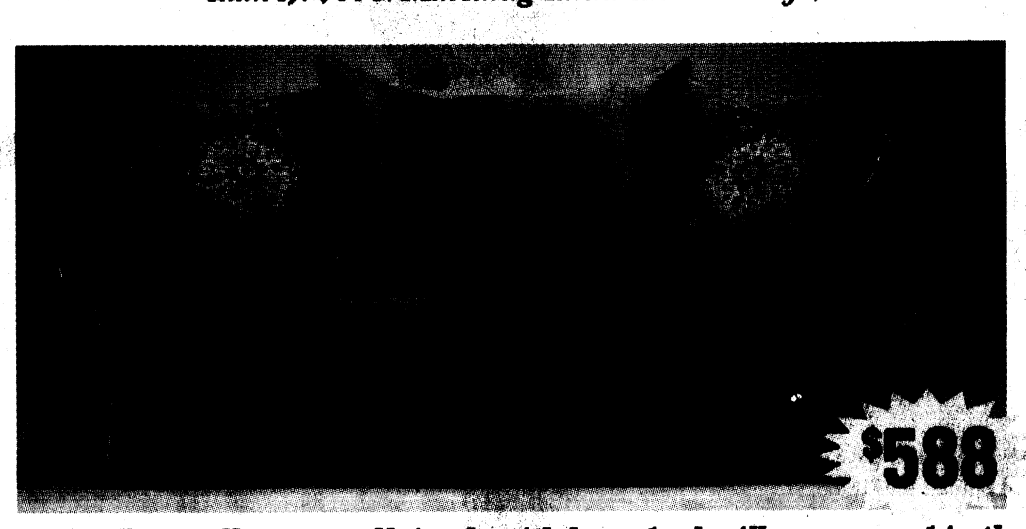

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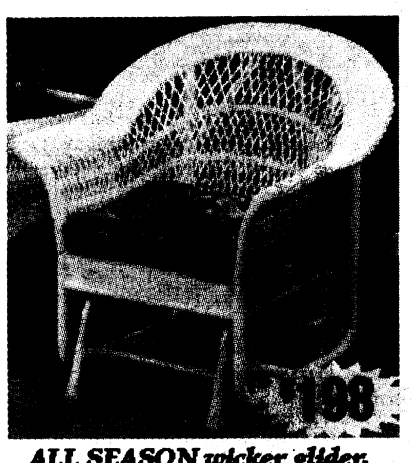

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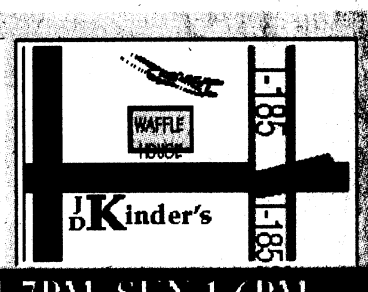

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This year, the festival will return to its roots in the historic district to commemorate its landmark anniversary and promote the restored homes and parks that benefit from the funds raised by the foundation during the event, said festival coordinator Francis Quick.

The festival started as a one-day event called the Salisbury Fair.

"As we grew from a one-day affair to a three-day event with much more than the original arts and crafts and children's area, we changed into what is now Riverfest," Quick said.

More than 75,000 attendees are expected to flood the historic district this year to enjoy a schedule packed with entertainment, educational and culinary opportunities in what should be Riverfest's finest hour thus far, Quick said.

"This year," Quick said, "will be the best Riverfest ever."

The weekend officially launches Thursday, with a Kitchen Tour of Homes that will include admission to eight historic district homes, culinary sampling and cooking demonstrations, followed by a fine wine and cheese reception. Tickets for the tour are $25.

The festival offers a little bit of everything for the well-rounded attendee looking for diversity.

Providing almost non-stop musical performances throughout the weekend, the festival hosts a line-up that includes the Grammy-winning blues rock band Blues Traveler, country star Tracy Byrd, Capt. Jason Kostal, former commander

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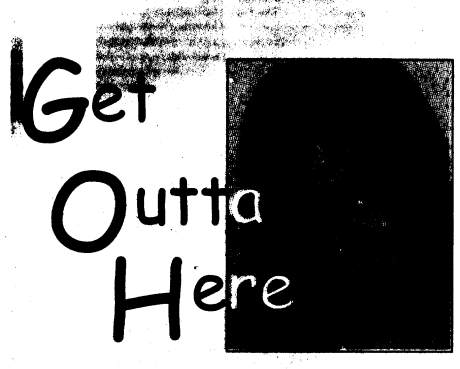


Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Sick of sitting around in that barracks room looking at the walls? Need to get the family out of the house or just take a break? We've got the answer for you. 'Get Outta Here' appears in The Bayonet *each week to highlight recreation and leisure venues right here in the tricommunity. If you would like to suggest a hot spot for the column, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367.*

So you're sick of hanging out in the same old places downtown — waiting endlessly for a turn on the pool table, elbowing your way through the crowd to wait in line for the bathroom for half an hour, shouting to be heard over the band.

You're looking for a more laid back atmosphere, somewhere you can go to hang out in peace, to relax and unwind.

Well, retired 1st Sgt. Charles McGurk has just the place for you. He called me up Wednesday to tip me off to his favorite stomping grounds — Papa Top's Lounge.

Doesn't sound like your cup of tea? Don't let the name fool you.

Think *Cheers* with a Southern twist. None of that rowdy ruckus you get downtown. None of the claustrophobia-inducing crowds or lengthy lines. Nope, not here.

This is a place "perfect for Soldiers to come before they head downtown," if you ask McGurk. And I think he might have something there.

With pool tables, dart boards and even a horseshoes pit, Papa Top's already has more to do than half the bars in Columbus.

And there's a bonus. Nearly every Saturday — with rare exception — Papa Top's is home to "some good homecookin' on the grill." Come out about 4 or 4:30 p.m., McGurk said, grab a beer and partake of the free barbecue.

Now there's only one drawback, as far as I can tell — and some of you may actually go for this sort of thing — they play country music. Not a whole lot of that newfangled country music, but you can definitely count on a classic country tune or two.

Now, I'm not exactly lining up for the next do-si-do myself, but I think I could stand it long enough to check this place out, maybe even ignore it and make myself at home.

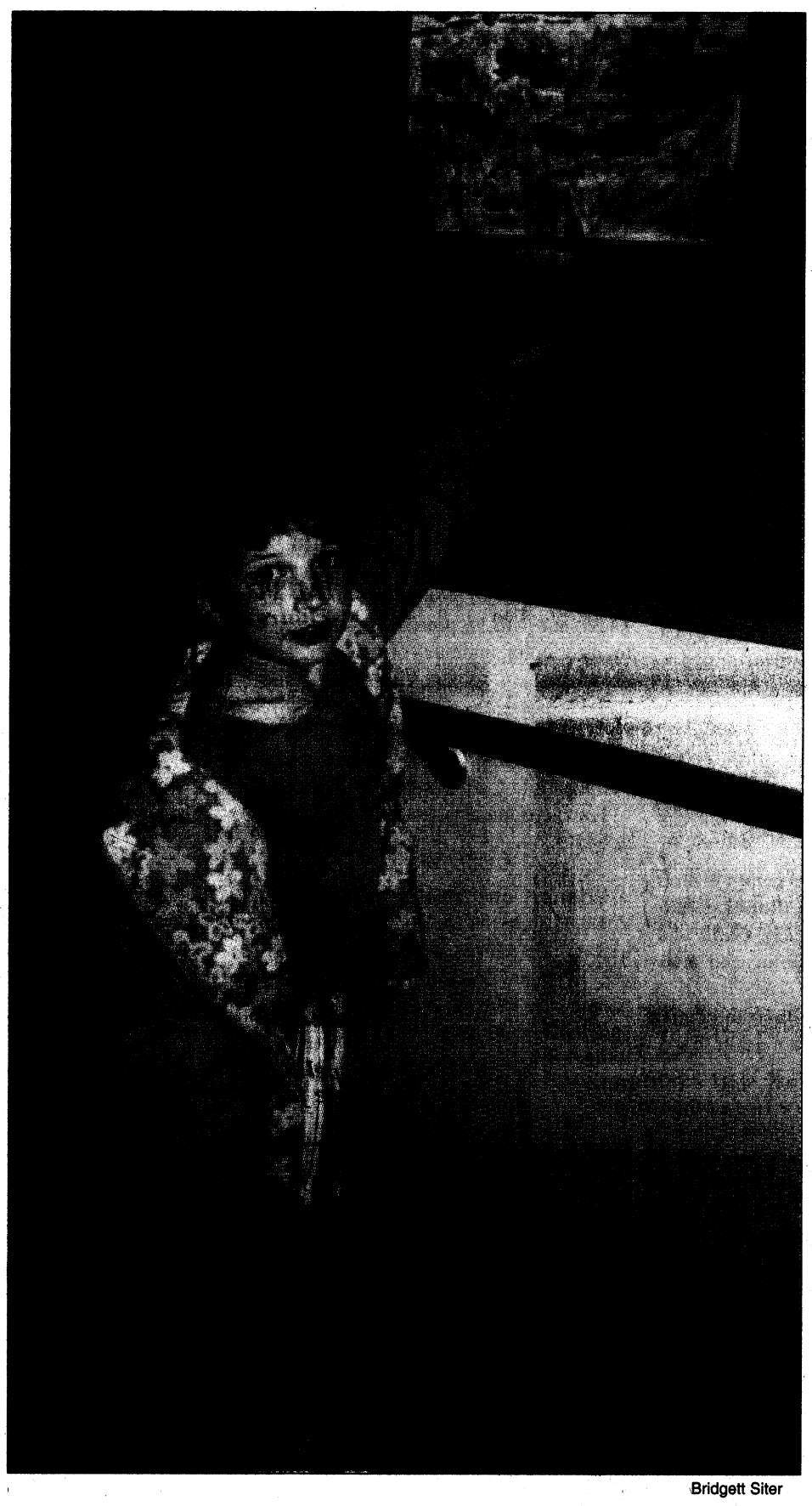
And if you're into country music — "the good stuff" — well then, you better boot scoot your behind over there and check out one of the only bars in town that caters to your taste in music.

Even if you don't much care for all that twang, don't pass up this downhome, downtown establishment.

Located on 2nd Avenue, Papa Top's is the perfect place to start your night on the town, and even better if you're one of the many townspeople taking up residence in the loft apartments downtown.

Check it out, and while you're there, look for a happy fella by the name of McGurk, shake his hand and thank him for the tip. (And the free barbecue!)

Authors and artists



Bridgett Siter

Aubryn Middleton spots her artwork at the Columbus Museum April 1 during a special reception for the students in Kris Clemons' and Susan Lapp's second-grade classes at Stowers Elementary School.

The students visited the museum in March and toured the exhibition *Tales From the Easel*, where they each chose a painting to write a story about.

Sharon Del Gobbo, Stowers' art teacher, then helped the students create their own artwork, which will be displayed at the museum through the end of April.

The Columbus Museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. It's free to the public and features a children's interactive activity room.

Food drive to can hunger

Post residents aim to '*Stamp Out Hunger*'

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

When you clean out your closets for the annual postwide yard sale May 8, don't overlook the pantry. For the third year in a row, the sale coincides with the national *Stamp Out Hunger* food drive, sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Mail carriers in more than 10,000 cities nationwide will collect food along their regular mail routes. Patrons are asked to leave nonperishable foods — canned, boxed or bagged — by their mail boxes. All donations will be distributed to local food banks.

Last year, post residents donated 2,200 pounds, said Jerry Hooks, the retired letter carrier who coordinates the Fort Benning food drive. That's nearly 500 pounds less than the previous year.

"We were a little light, but that was to be expected, I think," said Hooks, a retired Soldier. "So many of our Soldiers were in Iraq and a lot of families were gone, so we really understood.

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Benning skate park to open Saturday

Event marks grand opening of Youth Services Teen Center

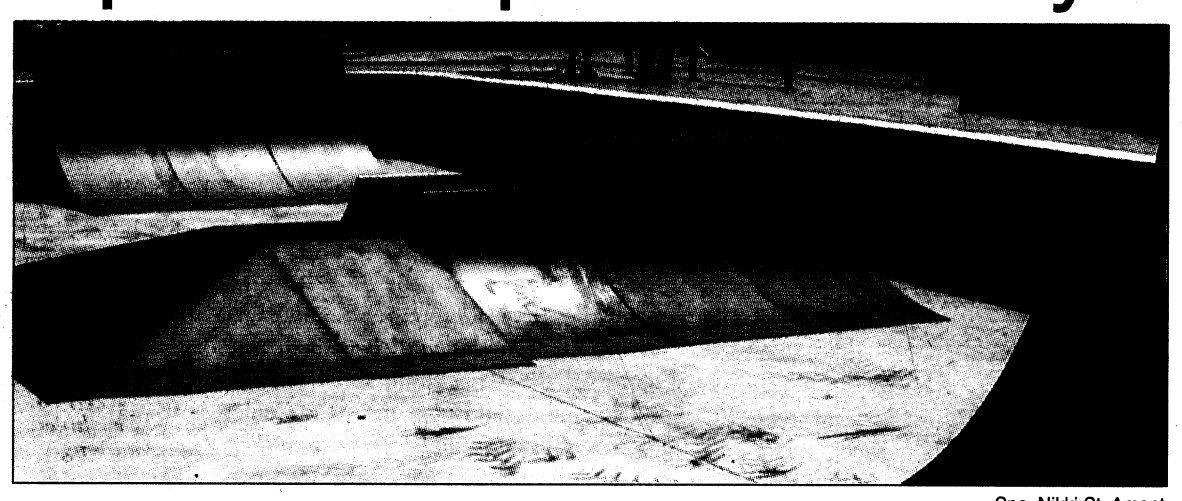
Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's Child and Youth Services will host a grand opening celebration for its skateboard park Saturday, and it's a BYOB event — bring your own board.

Though the park will be open to registered CYS members, the Fort Benning community is invited to the grand opening activities, which will include professional skate demonstrations by Dorian Tucker and Joe Pino, free T-shirts to the first 150 guests, door prizes, free refreshments, a climbing wall and a bungee bull.

The event will also feature tours of the new Teen Center, located in the CYS's former pool house.

The center, designed by Fort Benning teens, is "just gorgeous," said Linda Laine, recreation specialist for Fort Benning Youth Sports and Fitness. It will house a pool table and comfortable furniture — "home-like," Laine said.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Fort Benning's Youth Services will host a grand opening for its skateboard park Saturday.

"It's a place they can call their own. They can kick back, relax and hang out with their friends," she said.

Saturday's activities will begin at 10 a.m.

Skaters must have their own boards, helmets and pads, and parents must sign a liability waiver.

The much-anticipated skate park, the result of a CYS recreation survey of Fort Benning youth, was built by Wynn Contractors, a local company. The modular skate equipment was designed and built by Skatewave of Illinois, whose parent company, Landscape Structures, has been building playgrounds for 30 years. The skate park replaces the old CYS outdoor swimming pool on McIver Street. To register for Youth Services, visit the Family Unit Network Office, Building 359, off Ingersoll Avenue.

For more information, call 545-3582.

BIRTHS

Boys

Gunnar Harley Brian Thibodeau — born April 1 to Fawn and Spc. Chad Thibodeau.

Hunter Nolan Oftelie — born April 1 to Raegan and Pfc. Nathan Oftelie.

Caleb Christopher Castro — born April 1 to Lakesia and Staff Sgt. Christopher Castro.

Evan Randall Oliveras — born April 2 to Tiffany and Capt. Anthony Oliveras.

Charles Preston Dawson Jr. — born April 2 to Carmelita and Spc. Charles Dawson.

Daeshaun Ronnell Parker — born April 3 to Aretha and Spc. Desmond Parker.

Nicklas Allen Baker — born April 4 to Ina and Sgt. John Baker.

Brandon Lee Cristian Muhlenbruch — born April 4 to Kimberly and Staff Sgt. Brian Muhlenbruch.

Stephen Harold Larkin — born April 4 to Jami and Sgt. Joseph Larkin.

John Michael Campbell — born April 5 to Colleen and Capt. Michael Campbell.

Jeremiah Timon Knox — born April 6 to Tracy and Sgt. Kenneth Knox.

Girls

Asia Michelle Caldwell — born March 26 to Adrianna and Sgt. Willie Caldwell III.

Alauna Kirsten Plummer — born April 2 to Jillian and Spc. Shane Plummer.

Carmin Jade Rougle — born April 4 to Jackie and Sgt. Larry Rougle.

Mariana Lopez — born April 5 to Lady and Sgt. Jian Lopez.

Kadence Makaya Means — born April 5 to Lanora and 2nd Lt. Odelle Means.

Jayla Brionne Platt — born April 5 to Chandra and Pfc. Joseph Platt.

Anna Meredith Snell — born April 5 to Meredith and Capt. Matthew Snell.

Elizabeth Aimee Carwile — born April 6 to Laurie and Sgt. Hunter Carwile.

Elizabeth Danielle Trudell — born April 7 to Diana and Master Sgt. Danny Trudell.

Emma Ashton Bessemer — born April 7 to Erin and Spc. Robert Bessemer II.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Lifeguard training — The American Red Cross will offer lifeguard training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and April 24-25.

Classes are $125 and are held at Briant Wells Indoor Pool and American Red Cross Office.

For more information, call 545-5194.

OSC Spring Tour of Homes — The Officers' Spouses' Club Spring Tour of Homes will be Tuesday. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour at the Officers' Club followed by the tour of homes at 6 p.m.

A variety of homes will be featured, including the Marshall House.

Tickets can be purchased at the OSC Thrift Shop, Bit of Benning Gift Shop, through coffee groups or by calling Kris Bailes at 682-8163. Tickets are $10. The tour is open to all military ID card holders.

For more information, call Bailes at 682-8163.

Thrift Shop new hours — The Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop has new hours.

The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 687-4830

Educational Task Force — The garrison commander would like to recruit volunteers to serve on a new Educational Task Force.

The task force's responsibility will be to report to the garrison commander on issues affecting military families and students in surrounding school districts.

The task force will be comprised of parent volunteers who have students in each of the following school districts: Russell County, Harris County, Lee County (Ala.), Phenix City, Fort Benning Dependent School System, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County.

If you are interested in joining the Educational Task Force, call Dewayne L. Baldwin, school liaison officer, at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

Mother of the Year contest — The Main Mall Post Exchange is holding Fort Benning's first Mother of the Year contest. Participants must be a military dependent — active-duty or retired — to submit a letter about why your mother or spouse should be chosen. Turn in letters at the Main PX drop box at the front of the store from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through May 3.

The letters will be judged May 4 to 5. The winning mother will be notified no later than 8 p.m. May 6 and will be awarded at 11 a.m. May 8 in front of the Main PX entrance.

The letter of submission must include: author's name, telephone number, address and relationship to the mother, the mother's name and 100 words or less about why this mother should be chosen.

The winner of the contest will participate in special events throughout the year and will be a liaison between the Main PX and the military community until next year's winner is chosen.

For more information, call 687-0385.

Car buying seminar — The seminar, "How to Buy a Car Without Being Taken for a Ride" will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 4 and is sponsored by the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program.

Attendees will learn how to buy the car that best meets their needs at the best possible price with the best possible financing.

The seminar will teach all the steps in the vehicle purchasing process and how to avoid getting tripped up walking through those steps.

Reservations are requested to ensure enough materials and can be made by calling the ACS Financial Readiness Program at 545-5485 by April 30.

ARC Summer Youth Program — The Fort Benning Red Cross is gearing up for its Summer Youth Volunteer Program for children, ages 13 to 18. This program will run 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday between June 7 and July 16, with volunteer hours available from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Youth will have the opportunity to volunteer at Martin Army Community Hospital, the Veterinary Clinic, Sayers Library and many other places.

Youth packages are now available and ready to be picked up.

There will be a parent question and answer session from 6:30 to 8 p.m. May 4 at the Red Cross Office in Building 2626 at Soldiers' Plaza.

Applications are due no later than May 21.

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative has mailed out surveys to current family housing residents.

The surveys ask respondents to comment on how well on-post housing needs are being met.

The results of the survey will assist RCI in providing the services and facilities that are important to military families.

The cut-off for receiving responses is June 25.

Family housing residents are encouraged to fill out and return their surveys.

For more information, call Lillian Salazar at 545-0667.

CYS drop box — There is now a drop box by Central Registration, Building 359, for patrons who wish to make Child and Youth Services payments during and after business hours.

Payments must be in the form of check, debit or credit card. Do not leave cash. Payments will be posted the next business day.

Envelopes will be provided for the patrons convenience; please follow envelope instructions. Patrons should also be aware that payments in cash, check or money order can be made for any CYS program at all program sites except the Youth Center, Building 1056.

For more information, call 545-2079.

New home-school activities — There are new activities for home-school families. They are:

- Computer lab, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays; fifth grade and younger from 1 to 2 p.m., sixth grade and older, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Swimming activity at Briant Wells, Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Swimmers must pass swim test to participate.
- Youth Services Gym, Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

All participants must be registered with Child and Youth Services to use these services.

For more information, call the Central Registration Office at 545-2079 or Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

ACS Food Locker — Eligible personnel (active duty, retiree families and widowers of deceased Army personnel) who wish to use the Army Community Services Food Locker should visit the ACS Center, Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. After completing an application, signed by of either a unit first sergeant or commander (active-duty personnel).

The client will be directed to the Food Locker, where they can select a two-day supply of food items from stock.

Writer looking for military spouses to interview — Hugs to Kuwait founder Pamela Bates is looking for military spouses to interview concerning "Making Military Housing into a Home" for a new publication, Military Spouse Magazine, which begins publication in August.

She is looking for both decorating ideas and ideas to use to keep the family going during long deployments and training separations.

For more information, call Bates at 689-5411 or e-mail hugstokuwait@hotmail.com.

16th Infantry Regiment Association — The 16th Infantry Regiment Association is looking for former members of the regiment. The 16th Inf. Regt. Association is a nonprofit veterans organization founded in 1989.

Its sole purpose is to perpetuate the history and heritage of the regiment and to sponsor and support activities for the regiment and the Society of the First Infantry Division.

Visit the 16th Inf. Regt. Association Web site at http://16thinfantry-regiment.org/

To volunteer or for more information, call Lt. Col. Tony Turner at 689-9449.

Food program — The Department of the Army announces the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. The same meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled participants at the centers listed, and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

The centers are: Main Post CDC, Santa Fe CDC, Tot Town CDC, School Age Services, Middle School, Teen and various Family Child Care Homes.

For more information, call Astrid Moore at 545-9264.

Loaner car seats — GEICO has donated eight infant and toddler restraint seats to the Army Community Services for use in their Loaner Program. Military parents can borrow an infant or toddler car seat for 30 days at no cost.

For more information, call ACS at 545-4485.

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AUSA Job Fair — The Association of the U.S. Army is sponsoring a job fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 14 in Infantry Hall.

The job fair is open to Soldiers (active duty and retired), Department of the Army civilians, family members and the general public. Interested parties should bring 20 copies of their resumes for possible on-site interviews.

For resume assistance, call the Army Career and Alumni Program Transition Assistance Office at 545-2308 or the Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program at 545-5516.

Columbus Saves — Trying to save for a rainy day? Dreaming of buying a home? No matter what your financial goals, it is easy to be overwhelmed by all the information out there about managing money. Join the Columbus Saves Campaign and begin saving today. There's no charge to become a member.

To enroll, call Joanne Cavis at 653-4200.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** ham and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, mixed veggies, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** Salisbury steak, creamy potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** turkey pot pie, garden salad, cheese roll, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** taco burger, Spanish rice, green beans, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** hot dog, oven fries, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, milk, cookie

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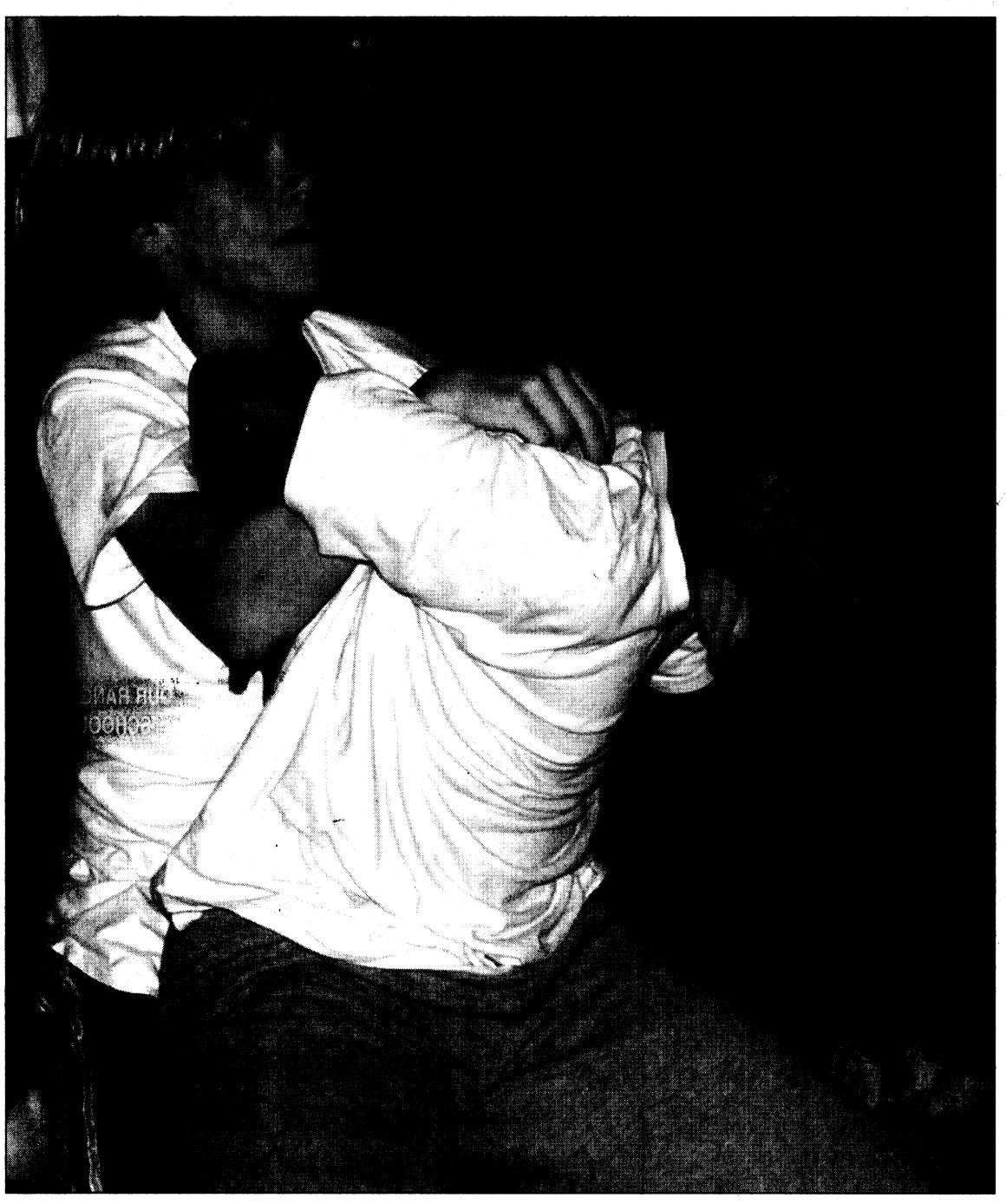
TAKE IT TO THE MAT

Faith students hone wrestling skills



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Charles Freehill, left, a seventh-grader at Faith Middle School, practices wrestling techniques with sixth-grader Michael Hill at the school's Wrestling Club Tuesday.

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It's 2 p.m. on a Tuesday in Faith Middle School's cafeteria. Thirteen rambunctious boys horse around on the floor, competing to be heard after a long day of sitting semi-quietly in class.

But it takes only a few words to calm even the most excited of the bunch — "Shhh!!! Coach is coming!"

And with that, the chaos settles, and the boys resign themselves to stretching.

It's the second month the boys have been involved in the school's Wrestling Club and only the fourth time they've been on the mat, and they're ready to get down to business.

In its first year, the club, 20 boys in all, is gearing up for competition, something they hope to do in the next month or so, said Coach Rick Everett.

After a few weeks of conditioning using "Army PT style" training — push-ups, sit-ups, running — the boys are learning a few basic moves, Everett said, building the foundation and forming a team.

Everett, who subs at the school as a seventh-grade geography teacher, knows what wrestling can do for the boys.

After all, he's been "in or around" it for going on 25 years.

"I love it, because there's so much self-discipline involved ... And the character it builds is just unreal," he said. "And even though you're competing as an individual, it takes a lot of teamwork. In order for one guy to get good, it takes the whole team working together."

Participating in the club will also give the boys an edge as they graduate the middle school years, Everett said.

"All the Columbus high schools have wrestling programs, and most of these kids are going to be here long enough that they'll go to these high schools," he said. "But they're going in three to five years behind. If we start here, they'll have enough knowledge and experience to compete when they get to high school."

Of course, a club in its infancy isn't without challenges. The club has only one mat for 20 boys — it needs a set of three, Everett said, an expense upward of $8,000.

The club's mat was donated by a post unit, something he's grateful for, Everett said. He's hoping to find more of that support to procure the rest of the equipment the club needs.

But cramped space doesn't stop Nicky Esposito from getting the most from the club. The youngest member of the club, Esposito is actually a fourth-grader — the club is for children of all ages on post, Everett said.

"My brother, Thomas, is a seventh-grader and he brought me over here," Esposito said. "We both do karate, too, so we thought this could help us."

Although it's tough to be the youngest and the smallest kid on the team, Esposito said learning karate has given him an advantage over the other boys.

"It's harder for them to stretch, and that's not really hard for me," he said. "But it does help me be more flexible and stronger, and this helps with karate."

Eight-grader Kevin Jenkins said the club is about more than learning to wrestle.

"It shows power, the ability to move and flexibility," he said.

Jenkins said wrestling is fun, but challenging for him. Some of the moves he's trying to learn are only made more difficult because he's not flexible.

But that doesn't deter this novice wrestler.

"I like getting on the mat and trying new things and trying to be better at all the things we learn," Jenkins said. "And I'm looking forward to trying hard in competitions, trying to think and use the skills (I've learned in the club) on the mat."

School liaison officer advocates for education

Sheryl Nix
Bayonet correspondent

Soldiers moving into and out of Fort Benning can do so a lot easier these days, knowing the post has someone dedicated to making the transition easier for their school-age children, no matter what their age.

Although Dewayne Baldwin has been Fort Benning's school liaison officer — part of the Child and Youth Services program — for the past 15 months, many families are not even aware that the post has a school liaison officer, much less that one of his chief purposes is to be an advocate for them.

"Military children and families face unique situations," Baldwin said. "They are constantly moving around and entering new environments. My job is to advocate for them, inform them of their options and help make their transitions a little easier."

Since parents may not know he's out there, Baldwin takes the School Liaison Services Program to them.

He is now part of the in- and out-processing procedure for Soldiers, with tips on how to assimilate into a new school environment, enroll children in local schools, ensure students receive adequate credit for transferred coursework and much more.

Baldwin also provides information for families leaving Fort Benning. He researches schools at a family's new location to find enrollment procedures, requirements for special education and gifted and talented program criteria, and provide tips on how to keep children's school records organized.

"My door is always open," he said. "Parents can contact me with questions about schools, scholarships, or any question or concern they have about their children's education."

Sheila Patton, a Fort Benning parent and community volunteer, did just that. She contacted Baldwin initially to get information and resources for an off-post school, but now he's helping her track down information on a scholarship for her son.

"His advice and referrals were very helpful," Patton said. "Any time I have an issue with my son's high school, he points me in the right direction or helps me ensure I'm looking at the situation in the right way."

Although her current situation involves the complex issue of scholarship residency requirements for military children, Patton is hopeful that she'll find the help she needs from the School Liaison Services Program.

Baldwin acknowledged that many of these issues are tough, but he pledges to tackle each one.

"Parents should take pride in the fact that there is someone advocating for them," he said. "We don't stop trying, no matter what the issue is."

Patton said that parents hold the key.

"Parents need to get educated about what this program has to offer so they can help (Baldwin) implement it. You can't take his job lightly. Our children's education is too important," she said.

Baldwin said this passion from parents is what sets military families apart from other communities.

"Military parents are keenly aware of the importance of education," he said. "Parental involvement is the single most important factor in a child's educational success."

The School Liaison Services Program recently received a boost. Baldwin secured almost every surrounding school district's endorsement for a memorandum of agreement which will help provide consistency in military children's education.

This Department of Defense initiative outlines nine tenets that each participating school district agrees to implement. The tenets highlight an emphasis on key topics from improving the timely transfer of records and developing systems to ease student transitions, to increasing access to extracurricular programs and providing college application and scholarship information tailored for military children.

"Because these districts value military children, they are willing to do what is necessary to meet their needs" he said. "The goal is to provide a streamlined program so families can expect the same types of programs and services wherever they go."

The future is one of Baldwin's favorite things to talk about. He plans to keep working with home school families to help them take advantage of all the resources available to them. He also wants to host a large college career fair.

His "to-do" list also includes projects like the creation of a new educational task force comprised of parent volunteers with students in surrounding school districts.

Task force members will work with the Garrison Commander to tackle key issues affecting military children throughout our community.

To volunteer for the educational task force or for more information about the School Liaison Services Program, call Baldwin at 545-3062.

Riverfest: To return to roots

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of the 29th Infantry Regiment Sniper School, and almost 30 other local and national performers in several genres.

In Salisbury Park, the festival's original home, folk art and traditional arts and crafts will be on display, and the Children's Interactive Area will be in Heritage Park, the city's newest park, which was funded in part by past Riverfest proceeds.

And when tummies start grumbling, the festival will be well-staffed with food vendors from around the country, offering everything from greasy favorites to gourmet desserts.

Die-hard barbecue fans can sample entries in the time-honored Pig Jig Barbecue Cookoff Contest and cast votes for the "people's choice" award. Judges will declare a winner sometime in the afternoon April 24.

The Folklife Village will showcase many forms of art and will include a Folk Art Show with 50 Southern folk artists, a fine art exhibition showcasing more than 100 local, regional and national artists, artisans and craftsmen, a youth art show and Native American skills demonstrations.

The Children's Interactive Area offers a wide variety of activities for the young and young-at-heart, including face painting, a musical petting zoo, chalk art, karate, sand-art sculpting and hands-on art projects with nationally-known folk artists.

There will also be carnival rides, a 5K race and one-mile fun run and a fireworks display in honor of the 35th anniversary of the festival.

The more than $2 million expected to be generated by the festival, Quick said, will be used to fund the foundation's Heritage Education Program in all Muscogee County public schools, including Fort Benning schools, and will replenish funds used for "facade loans."

Facade loans are $5,000, five-year, interest-free loans available to local historic home owners. The funds may be used for restoration work like painting, roofing and general upkeep.

Tickets for the festival are $5 a day for adults and include all activities, except the main concerts, and $10 a day for all activities and the concerts. Tickets for children ages 6 to 12 are $2, and tickets for children under 6 years of age are free.

For more information, maps, parking locations and shuttle routes and schedules, go to www.columbusriverfest.com or call 324-7417.

Drive: To ease hunger

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"But this year we'd sure like to beat that by a whole bunch," Hooks said.

Carriers along Fort Benning's eight mail routes will deliver the food to the Custer Road fire station where it'll be weighed before it's taken to the Army Community Service Food Bank.

There, it will be available for Soldiers and their families who find themselves in financial need.

Post residents will soon find a postcard in their mailboxes reminding them about the 12th annual drive, which is cosponsored by Campbell's Soup, America's Second Harvest Food Banks, United Way and the U.S. Postal service.

They're asked to leave nonperishable foods, such as canned meats, tuna, fruits and vegetables, dried milk, cereals, juices and dinner mixes.

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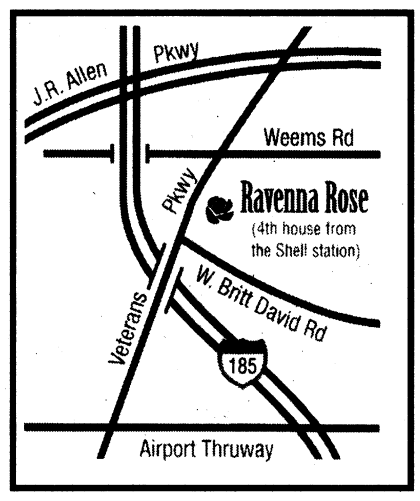

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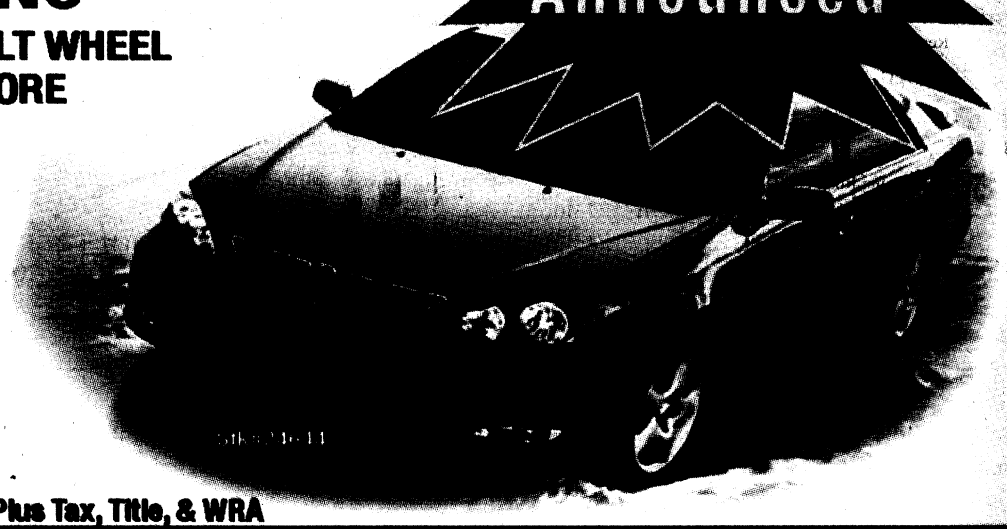

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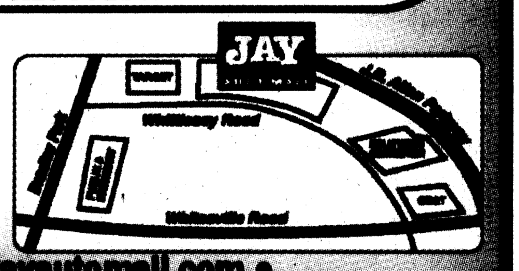

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Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ruben D. Colón
USAIC Chaplains' Office

In Middle Eastern villages, where each Oriental rug is handwoven by men and boys under the direction of a master weaver, a weaver often makes a mistake.

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In the creative plan of God, each of us is in the "process of becoming." Each of us has the God-given potential to become a uniquely beautiful masterwork of God's creative art. Moreover, each of us is a co-creator in his or her own life pattern.

We are the weavers, in this sense. We have a hand in the process of completing the pattern, making ourselves whole.

REFLECTIONS

We are co-creators, but we cannot do it alone. We run into snags. We make mistakes. Oh, how we make mistakes! And so we need a 'master weaver' to show us how to redeem our errors.

We need a 'master weaver' to learn how to transform our lives so we do not continue to make the same mistakes over and over again.

We have a capacity to easily distort the pattern of our lives with foolish and unfortunate decisions. But by God's grace, we can rely absolutely on being redeemed by transforming broken patterns in life into a picture of emerging beauty.

Saint Paul wrote in Romans 5:2-5, "We can boast about looking forward to God's glory, but that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope ..."

There is something about dark times that can inspire our most profound thoughts on the really important questions about life.

For example, isn't it remarkable Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, often called the nobles-speech ever made in American history, came in the darkness of the Civil War?

In other words, early in life we learn hope usually involves struggle, and our hopes are never fully realized unless we understand both are part of an inseparable whole.

Hope and the struggles in life are not disconnected episodes. But hope is the anchor of the human spirit. Hope is a miracle of everyday life. Never let it slip away from your grasp.

CHAPEL NOTES

Spring revival — The Sightseeing Road Chapel invites the public to its Spring Revival April 23, 24 and 25.

The revival will feature Pastor Stanford L. Anderson of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Bellville, Ga., with Chaplain Luis R. Scott officiating.

The revival will begin at 7 p.m. each night.

For more information, call Tamela M. Chambers at 545-9597.

PWOC Spring Bible studies — The Protestant Women of the Chapel will conduct the following Bible studies this Spring:

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• *I Peter* by Kay Arthur — Will trials and tribulations reveal your faith and bring glory to God?

• *Living Beyond Yourself* by Beth Moore — A detailed look at the nine character traits that make up the fruit of the spirit as described in Galatians.

• *And Then I Had Kids* by Susan Yates — This study will help you handle common struggles such as priorities, discipline, fatigue and other challenges of raising young children.

For more information on these classes, call Natalie Rauch at 221-5607.

CHURCH NOTE

Book signing — Dr. Ann L. Hardman, chief executive officer and founder of Ann Hardman Ministries, senior pastor of Faith Worship Center in Phenix City will autograph copies of her new book, *Wall of Fire* at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Mustard Seed Bookstore on Sidney Simons Boulevard in Columbus.

The public is invited.

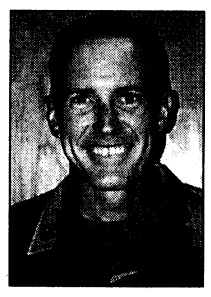
For more information, call Agatha Hill at 298-3922.

Successful life matters to all

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

"Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God to not just mourn the loss, but celebrate the life of ..." When you hear those words, what image rolls across the screen of your mind?

This past week, as I have done more times than I can remember, I had the privilege of standing in front of The Infantry Center Chapel and honoring a Soldier and his service to his country as family, friends and loved ones said goodbye to him at his funeral service. Though I'd be "pumping sunshine" if I said every funeral doesn't have a touch of sadness, it would also be misleading to not point out that a good number of the funerals I do are wonderful celebrations. Some of you may find that hard to imagine. What is the difference between having a celebration versus a somber dirge at your funeral? It's really a matter of success. When life has been lived successfully, when the "mission" has been well accomplished, then a celebration is in order.


Hawkins

The key question then is, "How do you define your success?"

Be a great role model for your life, your relationship with the one you love and your relationship with your kids if you have them. We take every action we possibly can *now* in light of how we want to be remembered *then*. Let me give you a practical illustration of how this worked at the Hawkins house one morning.

As our family was in a morning departure frenzy, one of the Hawkins Team, who will remain unnamed, jetted out of the garage in our new Honda Civic, only to come to an abrupt halt on the grill of my Jeep Grand Cherokee parked in the driveway 15 meters to the rear. Now, what you need to know to capture the moment with the same intensity that I felt, was that I had just gotten the Civic back after 11 weeks in the shop and a $9,000 repair bill! Needless to say, my first reaction as I watched another insurance claim explode in my yard was to go absolutely apoplectic (emotionally ballistic). And for about three seconds, I did just that as I raced to the point of impact and did some quick battle damage assessment.

However, it was there at the back end of one of my cars and the front end of the other, both damaged, that God helped me out in the way that only God can do and whispered, "What do you want the driver to remember about how you handled this?" And with that, my natural reaction was transformed into a supernatural response, as I calmly put my arm around the driver and say, "Hey, it's OK, it's OK — you're alright, and it's only stuff — it'll be OK."

Was I mad? Sure I was. Did I have to show it? Nope! Not with two things going for me: God's power and a clear picture of how I want that driver to remember me when she goes to my funeral.

Want help with your success? Visit me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel or call the FLC at 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
Monday- Friday	

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
6 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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

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Sunday Islamic Study

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3951
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
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Baseball re-branded in Columbus

Catfish give Columbus win opening day

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Minor league baseball has been a fixture in Columbus for many years. But during the past two seasons, the seats at Golden Park haven't had many people to fill them.

That all changed this season with the entrance of the Columbus Catfish. The Catfish, originally the South Georgia Waves, were re-branded, given a new name to better suit the city of Columbus.

"Columbus can officially call this their team," said Megan Thomas, public relations director for the Catfish. "Last year, the Waves came in 10 days before the start of the season, and there wasn't much of a fan base. The year prior, the RedStixx had announced they were leaving Columbus, so many people didn't come out to support a team they knew was leaving."

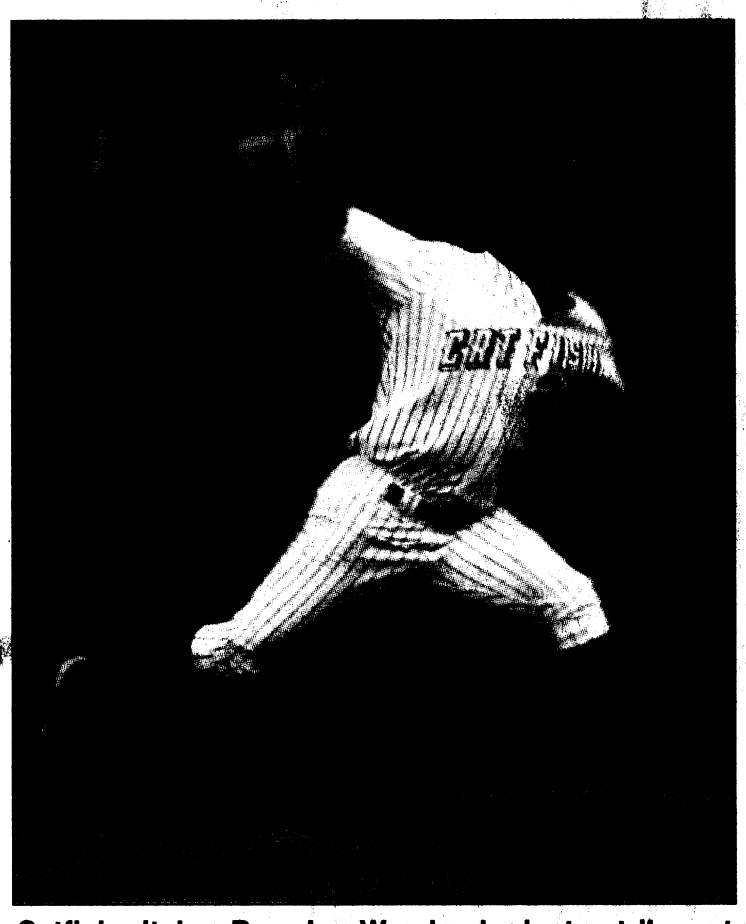
Before the season began, the word began to spread about the Catfish.

"We wanted everyone to know that we had a team that was here to stay," Thomas said. "All we needed was the city's support."

At the first home game on April 8, the city of Columbus showed their support for the team. More than 1,100 people attended the game, which Columbus won, 5-4, over the Capital City Bombers.

"The turnout for the game was great for this team," Thomas said. "After the game, the players were saying how much they enjoyed playing in front of them and how much it boosted their game."

Third-baseman Andy LaRoche said that he enjoys playing for the fans.



Catfish pitcher Brandon Weeden looks to strike out his next batter during the fourth inning.

"This is the whole reason we're out here," he said. "This game is for them. But if there aren't any fans in the stands, then it's sometimes hard to give it your all. But, when the seats are packed and the fans are all cheering for you, then that's a motivation to go all out."

LaRoche, along with teammate, Mike Nixon, said they feel very blessed to be paid to play a game they've played all of their lives.

"This is something that most kids dream about — playing professional baseball," Nixon said.

"Knowing that I have been blessed with this opportunity, I don't take it for granted. I'm thankful for where I'm at, and I feel I need to show that by giving it my all, every time I step on the field."

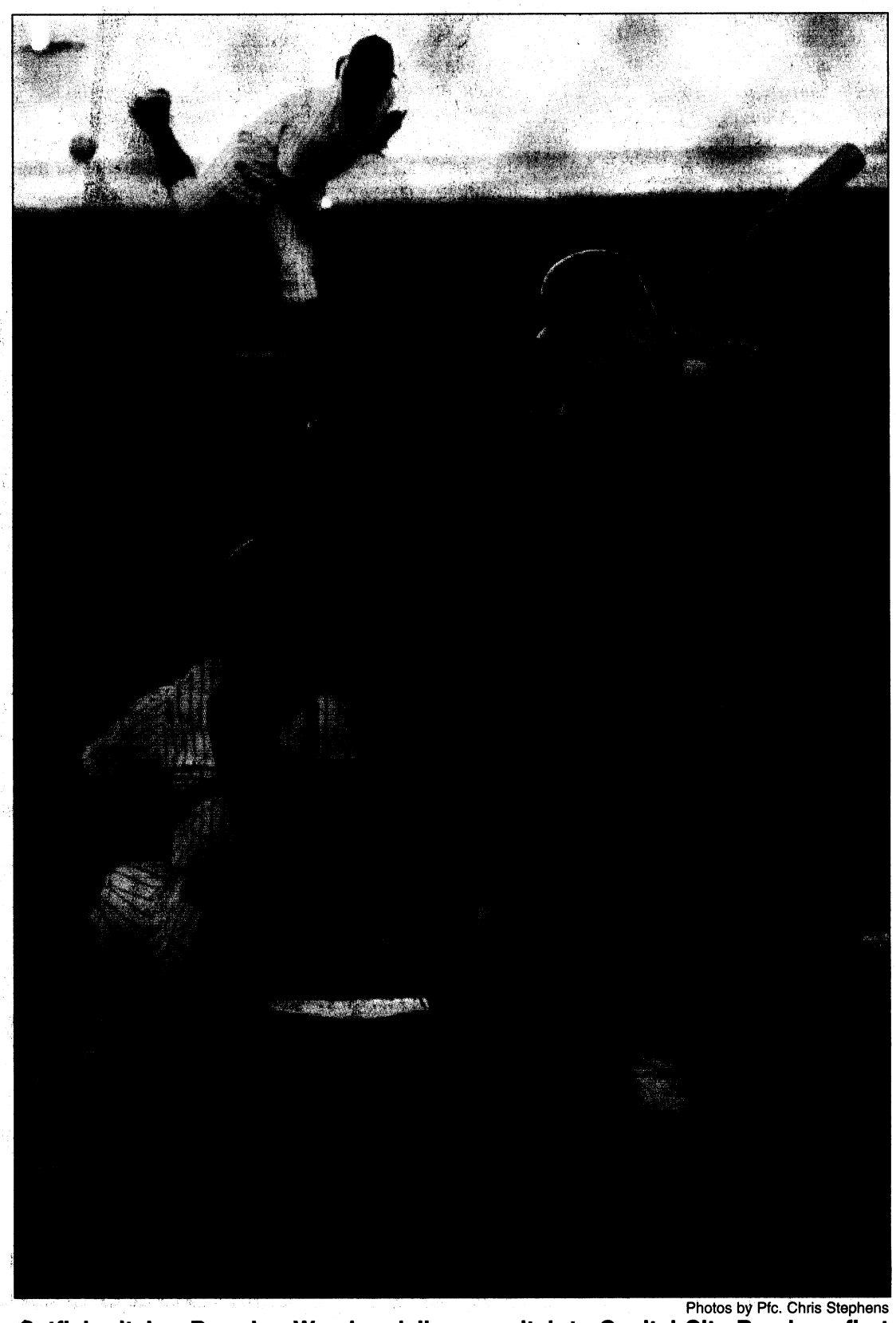
Nixon also said he doesn't just give it his all for himself.

"I have many friends who I played high-school baseball with, who will never make it to this level," the 20-year old catcher said. "I'm playing for them. Also, I'm playing the town I grew up in. I was always told to never forget who you are and where you came from. That's something I'll always know."

Minor league baseball is different from major league in a sense that the fans are a lot closer to the players.

"The fans can actually reach out and shake the players' hands and get their autographs, like it's nothing," Thomas said. "And who knows, the next autograph someone gets, could be a future hall-of-famer."

The Catfish have many different promotions for this year's home games including Thirsty Thursdays where all drinks are $1; Fireworks Saturdays with a feature fireworks show after the game, no matter the outcome; and Family Sundays when kids will have the opportunity to step onto the field and run the bases at the end of the game.



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Catfish pitcher Brandon Weeden delivers a pitch to Capital City Bombers first baseman Ian Bladergroen during the first inning of the Catfish's home opener.

Tickets are $5 for general seating, $6 for field box seats. Military tickets are $4 for general seating. Sky boxes and suites are also available for purchase.

"For a small price, this team and organization promises you three hours of jam-packed entertainment on and off the field," Thomas said. "It's a great atmosphere and it brings back the life in Columbus baseball."

Post ready to kick off intramural season

Sports builds unit cohesion, player says

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Today's the last day to register for the annual U.S. Army Infantry Center Softball Tournament, which is scheduled for April 24 and 25 at Gowdy Field.

The pre-season, single-elimination tournament is designed to prepare teams for the upcoming season, which will begin May 17, said Carol Gearheart, sports specialist.

The tournament is open to teams from all active-duty units, including activated Reserve units.

Units deployed last year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, such as the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, and 36th Engineer Group will be able to showcase their talents in the tournament.

"This will be a great opportunity for our unit to show what we're made of," said Staff Sgt. Brian Locke, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 36th Engineer Group.

"We didn't have the chance to participate last year because we were deployed, so this year, we're ready to compete against the other units."

Participation in team sports is a great way to build unit cohesion, Locke said.

And it offers an alternative to regular P.T.

"Most of the time, P.T. is the same," he said. "By playing a sport, you get to do something different than what you do as a unit every morning."

Softball's not the only sport Fort Benning athletes are warming up for.

With the summer months ahead, Fort Benning is gearing up various intramural sports, including volleyball. The U.S. Army Infantry Center Volleyball Tournament will kick off Monday at Santiago Fitness Center.

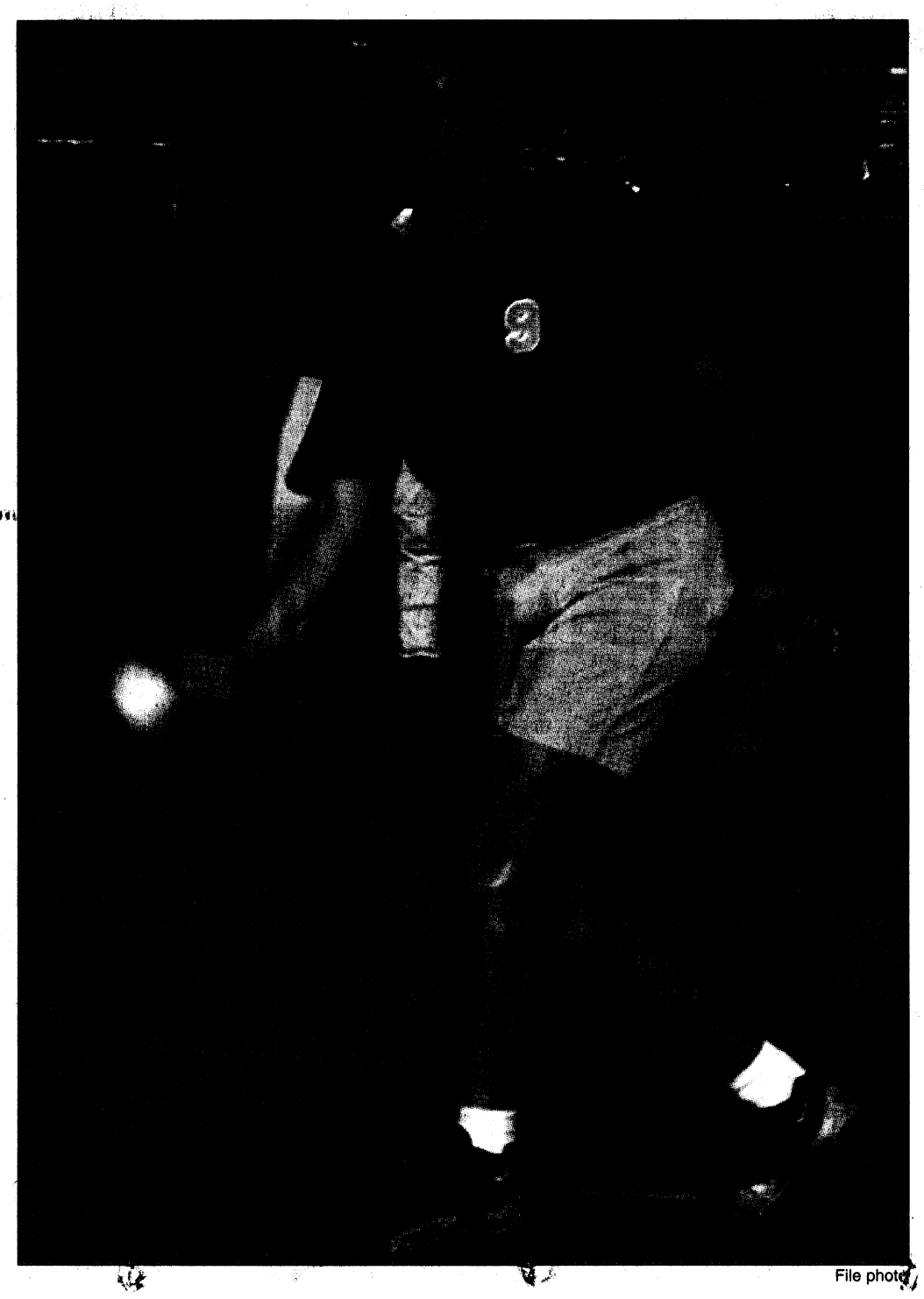
Volleyball is something different for units to compete in, said Jesse Moore, sports specialist.

It's a chance for Soldiers who may not be good in basketball, football or softball to compete in a sport competitively, he said.

Basketball season is also around the corner, with the season scheduled to start June 1. Games will be played at Audie Murphy Fitness Center, Kefurt Gym and Santiago Fitness Center.

To register for the softball tournament or the upcoming ball season, call Carol Gearheart at 544-4511 and provide a unit roster, a point of contact and a telephone number.

To sign your unit team up for basketball, call Fred Woods at 545-1940.



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David Grimes, 178th Military Police, pitches during a post intramural softball game last year. Fort Benning's annual USAIC Softball Tournament is scheduled for April 24 and 25 at Gowdy Field on Main Post.
The tournament is held each year before softball season begins to allow teams to get ready for the season.
It also gives teams that can't play during regular season because of mission requirements the opportunity to compete, said Carol Gearheart, sports specialist.

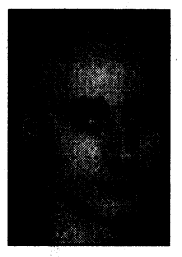
Give college athletes some money

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

In the realm of college sports, it is illegal to pay college athletes money or give them gifts for their participation. But some athletes break those rules and accept money and gifts on the side. If caught, players lose their eligibility to play.

I disagree with the whole thing. Athletes in college deserve to be paid at least a little bit of money for their play. I think it's only fair for all of their hard work. Most athletes can't get a job because practices and games consume most of their time. So how are they supposed to go out and have fun with their friends if they have no money? How are they supposed to have transportation? How are they supposed to stay in contact with their friends back home and on campus? The pay phones are all well and good, but those cost money. Having a cell phone would make it cheaper each month for the athletes to make necessary calls.

Athletes kinda get the short end of the stick, don't you think? Aren't they young adults just like the rest of us between the ages of 18-24? Don't you think that maybe they like to do some of the same things we do? Forgive them for being gifted in a sport. Is what they're being told true — you can either play sports and have no life whatsoever outside of school, practice and games, or you can just go to school like everyone else and get a job so you can earn money to go out with your friends? Isn't being an athlete sort of like a job? I'll bet most of them put in as many hours practicing and games as those who work a 40-hour week.



Plus, let's not forget the fact that everyone involved in college sports is making money off these athletes, except for the athletes. Tell me that Adidas, Nike, Reebok and other companies don't make millions, maybe even billions, off them. Tell me the NCAA doesn't make millions off of these guys. What about the schools? How much money are they making? I don't care if most of these athletes are getting a free ride to college. They earned their scholarship. Why should they have to be broke because they are gifted athletes?

Are they supposed to get money from Mom and Dad at home? People forget that more than 30 percent of all college athletes come from homes where parents can barely provide for their families.

After doing some research, I found a startling fact. In 2001, CBS signed a $6 billion deal with the NCAA to televise the NCAA tournament. And that's just for men's basketball.

Now, you're telling me that the athletes can't get a little bit of that. I'm not saying a big chunk, but at least some money to make car payments, maybe have a cell phone and some entertainment.

They work for the universities and how are they thanked in return? Free travel to games.

Whoop-de-do!

Maybe that's why many of the athletes are jumping to the pros so quickly — because they're tired of not having money to spend on things they want. Maybe that's also why some athletes are skipping college altogether.

Wouldn't it be cool if one day all the athletes playing NCAA sports decided not to play until they were paid for their services?

Maybe that would get the message across that they are not puppets used only to entertain these bureaucratic aristocrats and fill up their already fat pockets.

Come on, give them some money, and all this scandal will go away.

Only then will you see the best games any of the sports have every played.

Give me a break! Athletes get paid plenty

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

"Athletes in college deserve to be paid at least a little bit of money for their play. I think it's only fair for all of their hard work ... Athletes kind of get the short end of the stick, don't you think?"

Pfc. Chris Stephens

GIVE ME A BREAK! Stephens' argument here is that these poor, under-appreciated college athletes — many of whom are on scholarship, I might add — should be paid to play for their colleges because:

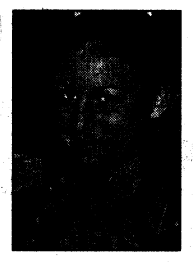
- They don't have time to get a job because practices and games are time-consuming.
- They don't have time to have fun with their friends.
- They're too poor to call home on the pay phone, and really, shouldn't they have cell phones, anyway?

First of all, a good portion of college athletes are on a scholarship, which means their tuition, their lodging, their meals — it's all taken care of. And not just for the season they play their sport — all year.

And Stephens failed to mention that they already receive a monthly stipend during the season and up to $2,000 in the off season.

So, if I was a college athlete, I would get a job and save up my money during the summer and the season when I'm not undergoing the tortuous task of playing college sports. And if I wasn't on scholarship, I would stop to consider that it's a **choice** to play college sports.

Second of all, I haven't noticed any shortage of "fun" among college athletes lately.



In fact, I've been reading about it in the newspapers.

It's amazing that these enslaved ball players manage to find time for highly publicized alcohol and drug abuse, sex scandals, problem gambling and other such troubles with their — what was it — "40-hour work week."

Finally, let us not forget that these underprivileged athletes are not the only kids coming from a poor background. They aren't the only kids who "can't afford to call home on the pay phone."

(And if you have enough money to engage in binge drinking and gambling — as studies show college athletes do considerably more of than their peers — not getting paid enough to play college sports isn't the reason they can't afford to call home.)

They're not the only students working hard.

Most kids in college these days have to earn their scholarships using their heads, because they weren't blessed with a good arm.

And if they can't compete for that scholarship, they're taking out student loans, seeking grants, working one, two, maybe three jobs to put themselves through school. How much "fun" do you think they're having?

A free college education should be enough. The gateway to a professional career should be enough.

Yeah, the schools are making money from their sports teams, but that money is used to improve the school, the quality of its education, the quality of its sports programs — including the minor sports that don't receive media attention.

"Forgive them for being gifted," Stephens says.

Well, forgive me for not having much sympathy. These athletes are not the poor, defenseless "puppets" Stephens makes them out to be. They're not victims.

They're not being forced into the pros (and I'm sure that leap has something to do with the six-figure salary and 15 minutes of fame). And they're most certainly not being forced to skip college.

So if these kids want to stage a walk-out, be my guest. Maybe they'll learn to appreciate what they're given after they throw it all away.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

Army 10-Miler Pre-Qualifier— Fort Benning will hold three pre-qualifier races for the post's Army 10-Miler team. Racers with the top overall times will earn spots on the team.

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Race registration will begin at 6 a.m. on race mornings, with the race scheduled to start at 7 a.m.

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off post

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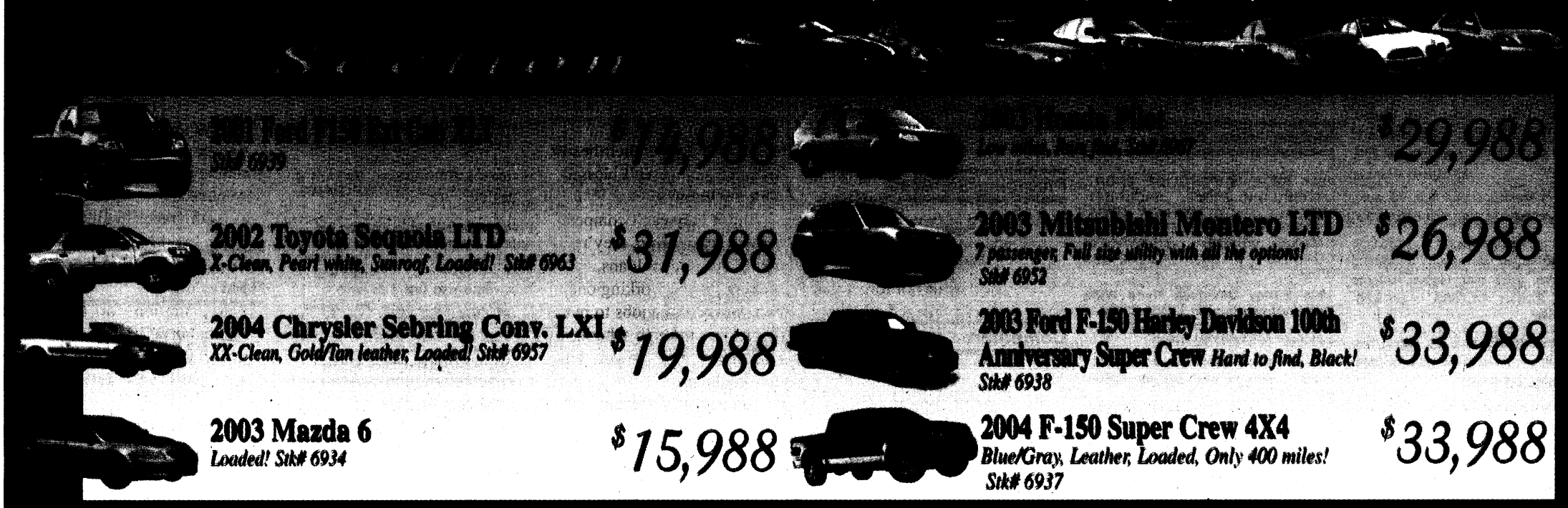

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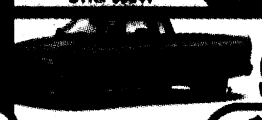

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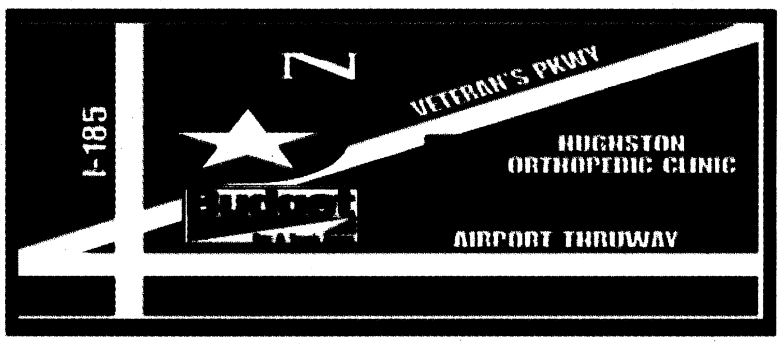

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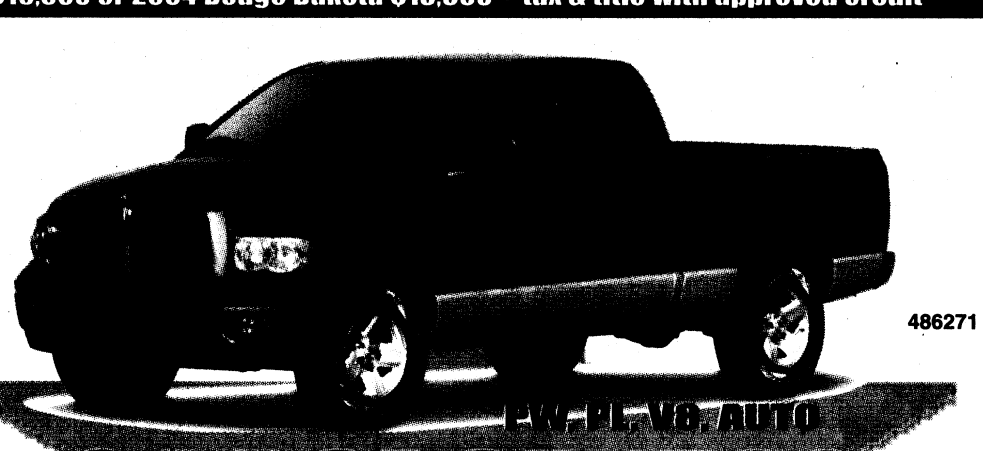

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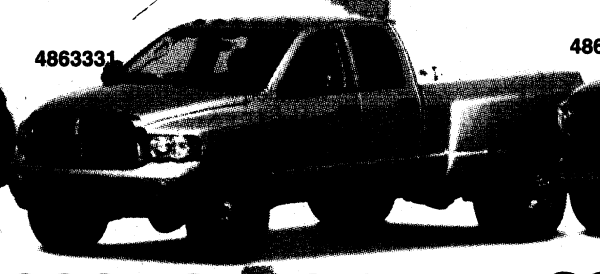

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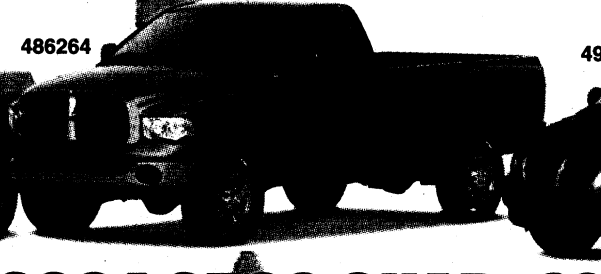

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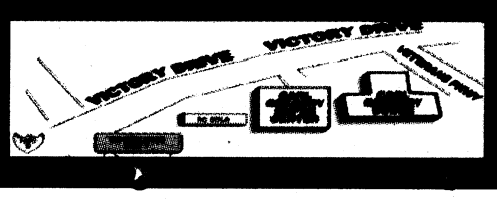

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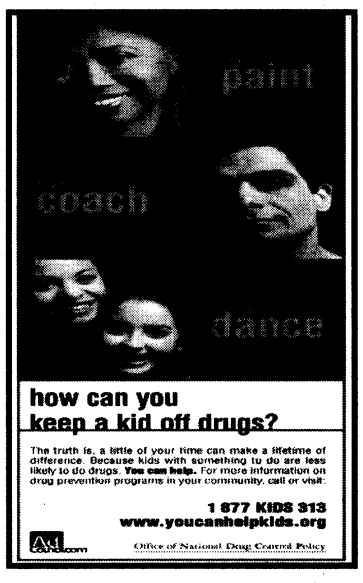

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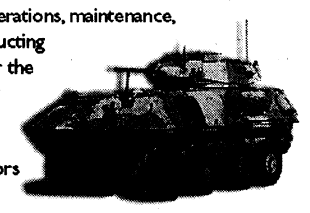
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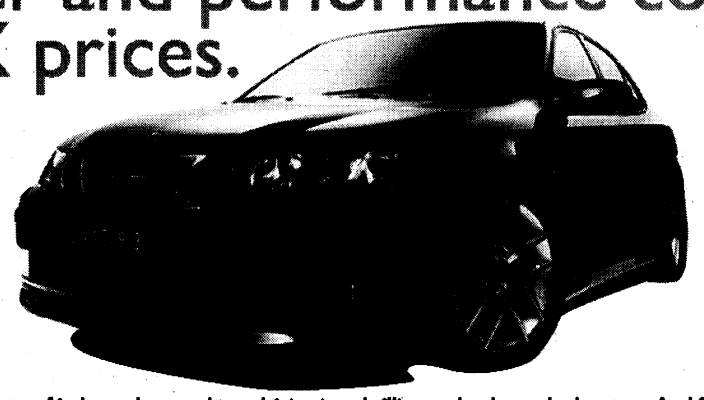
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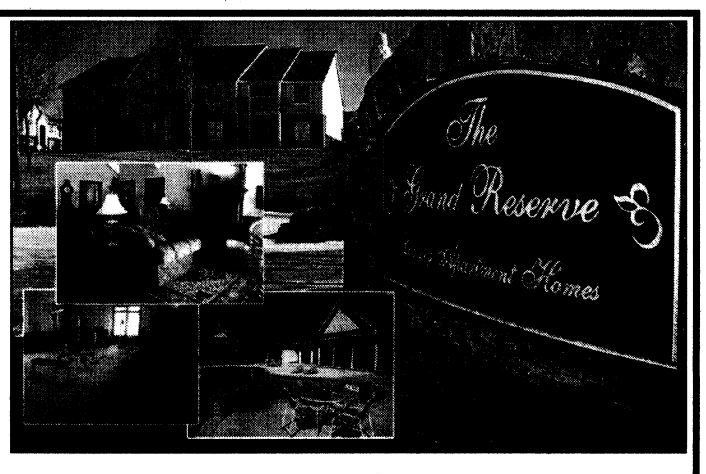

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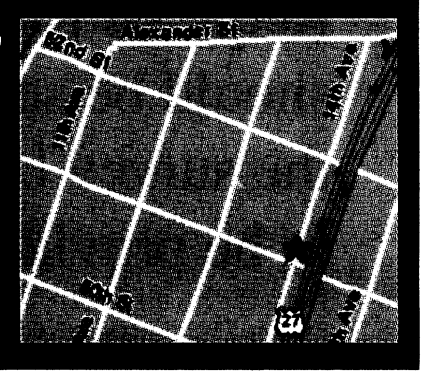

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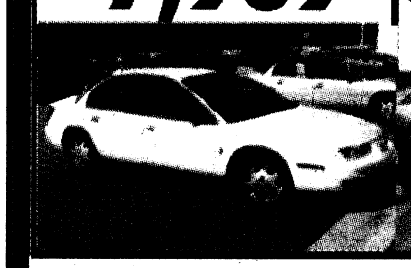

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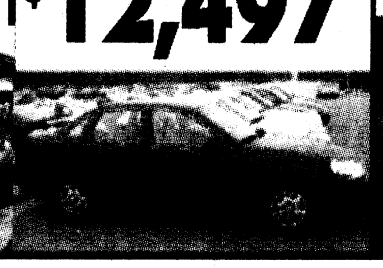

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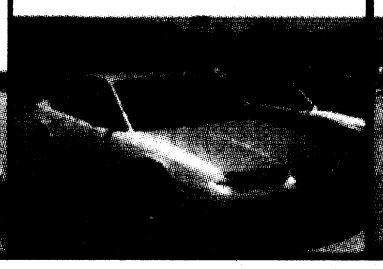

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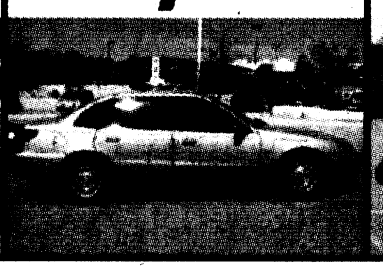

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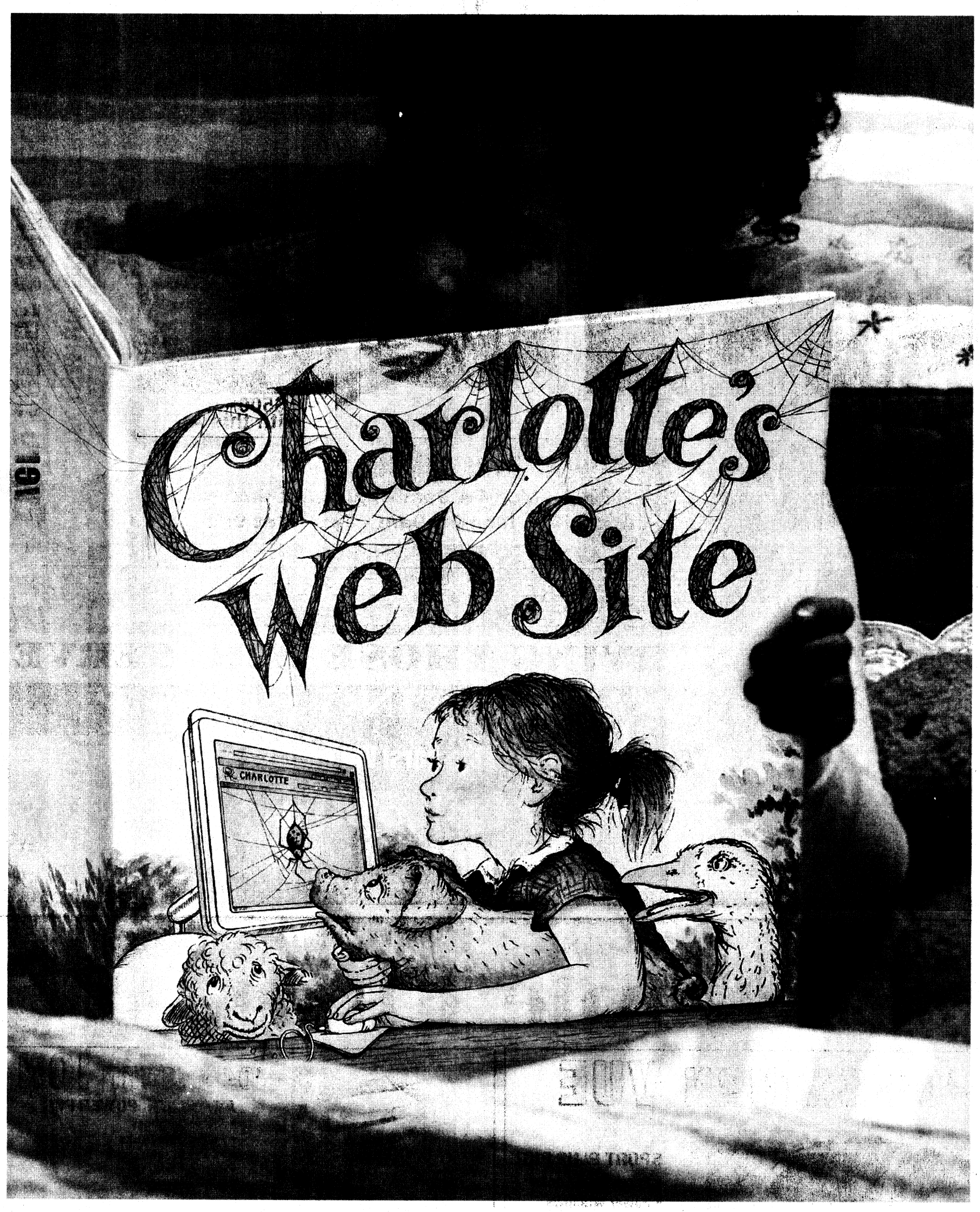

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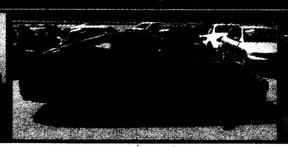

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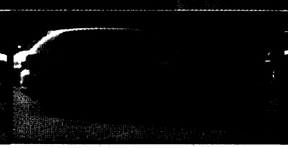

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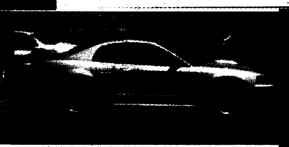

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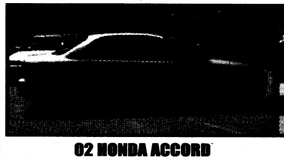

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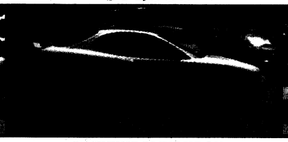

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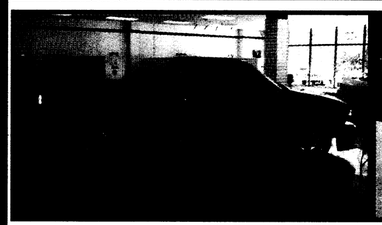

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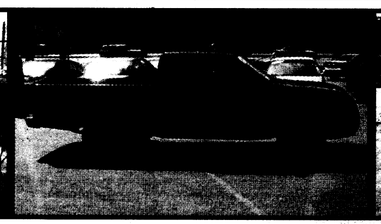

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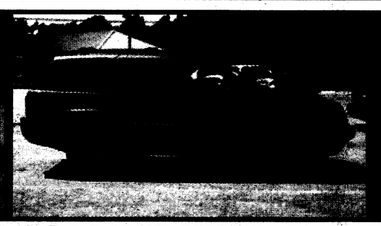

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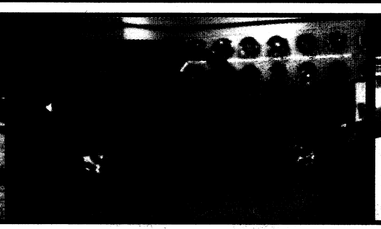

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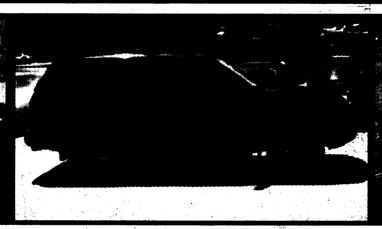

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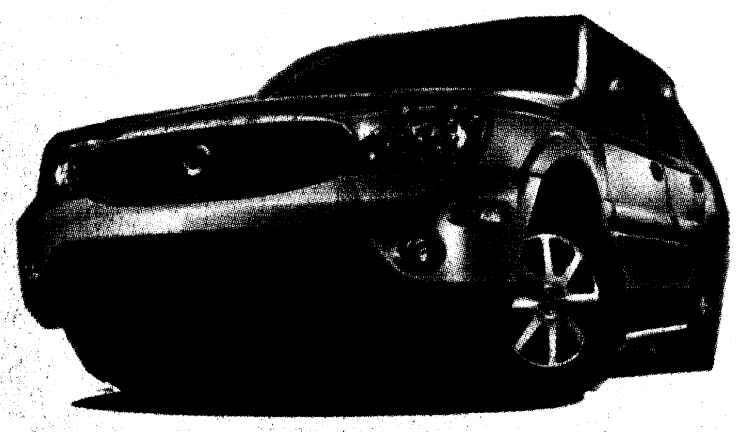

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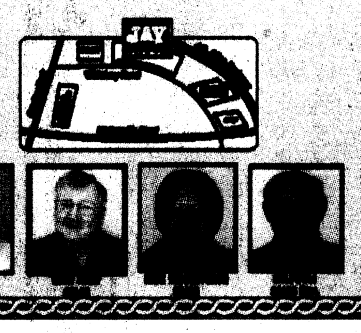

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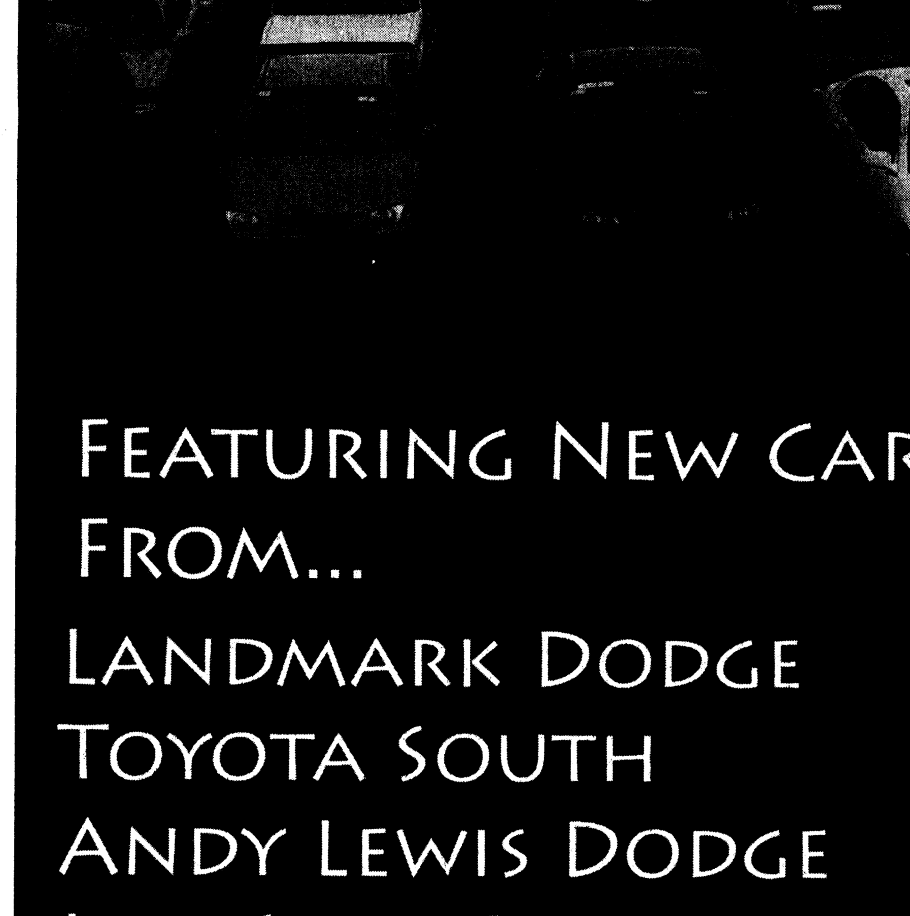

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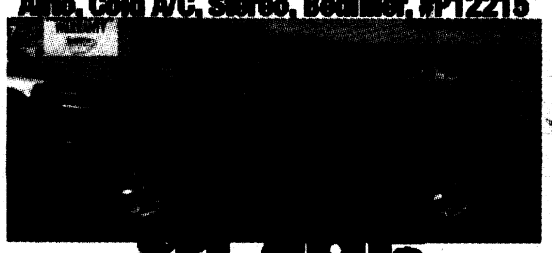

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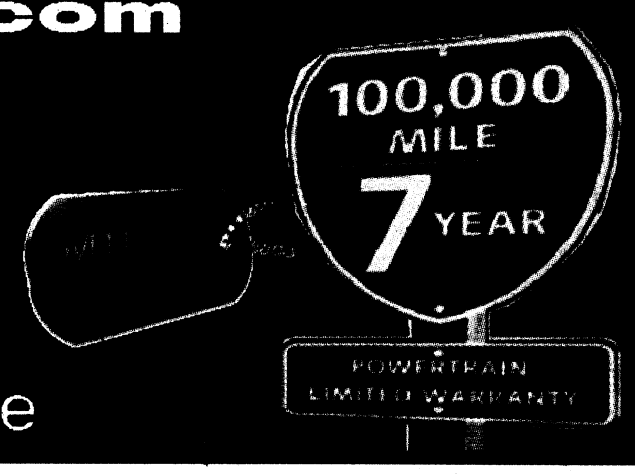

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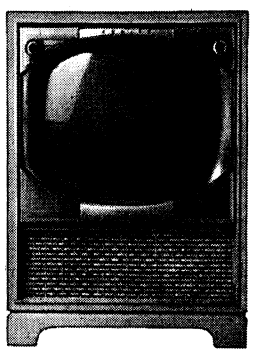
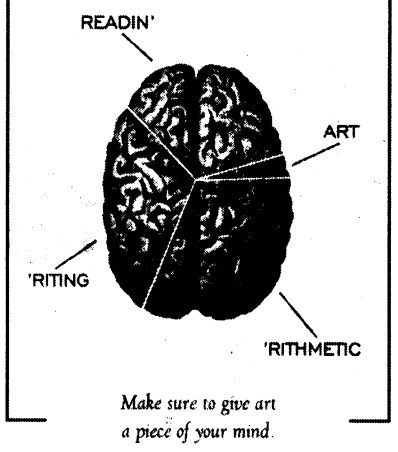


If you're looking for Caravaggio, you're very, very cold.

Fuhgedaboutit.

This loss is incalculable. Especially when you consider how much children can learn from the conflicted life of someone like Michelangelo Caravaggio.

He grew up in less than ideal circumstances. Much of his family perished in the plague, and he spent much of his youth on the notoriously treacherous streets of Rome. As a young man, he labored beneath others much less talented than he and had difficulty making a living. He faced adversity at every turn.



Make sure to give art a piece of your mind.

And when his legendary temper threatened to get the best of him, he created his most vital masterpieces. The angry contrast between light and darkness that he felt deep in his soul now hangs in stark evidence in countless museums around the world.

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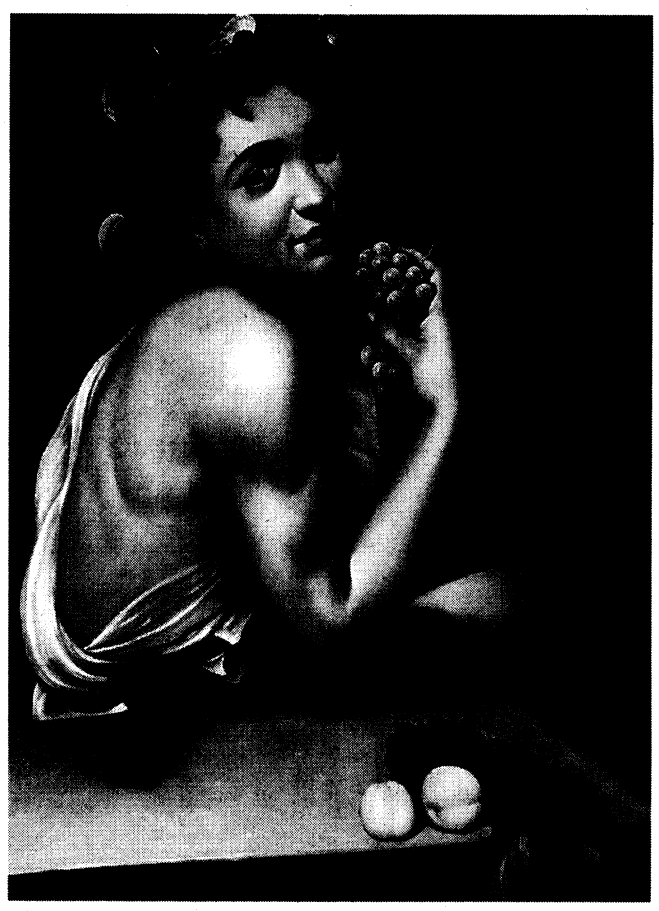
If only they knew that their kids spend less time in arts classes than they do watching commercials.



A self-portrait of Caravaggio as Bacchus. Let's be honest; he wouldn't last 10 minutes on The Sopranos.

LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE.

If the arts are indeed a vital part of your child's education and well-being (and they are), then you should demand your child's fair share. To find out what you can do to help, or for more information about the benefits of arts education, please visit us at AmericansForTheArts.org. Because, as Michelangelo Caravaggio would no doubt tell you, a life without art is torture.

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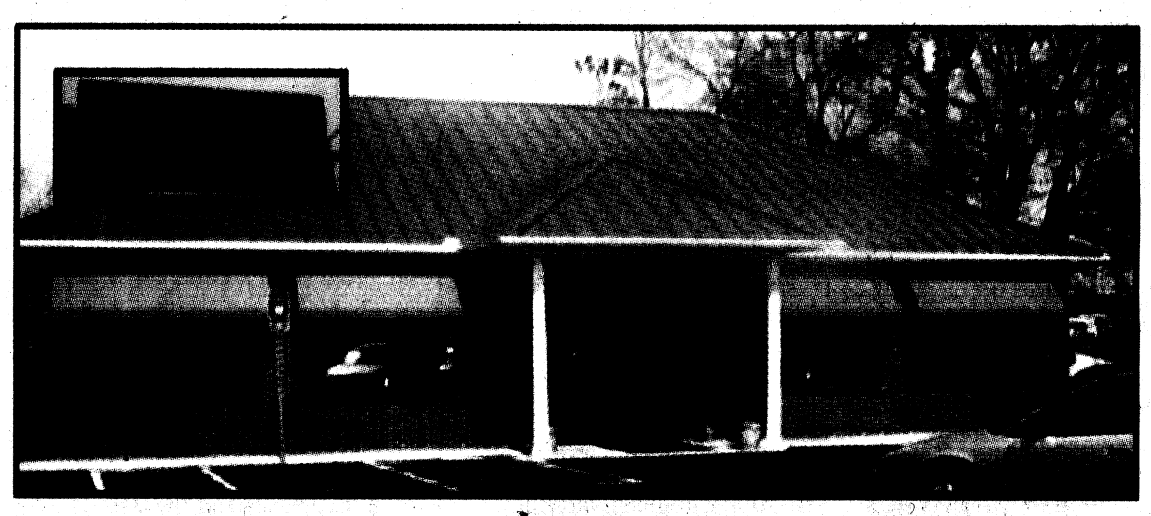

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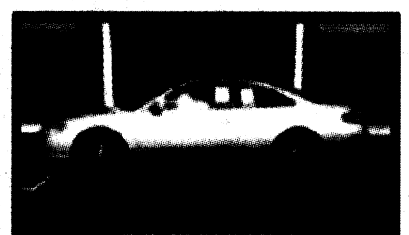

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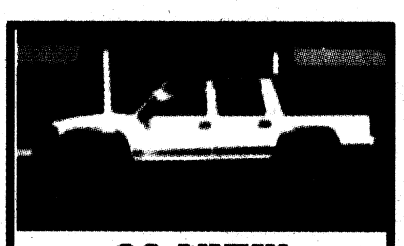

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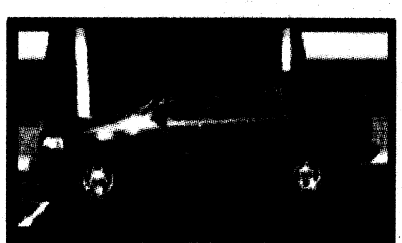

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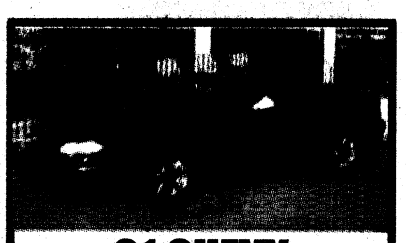

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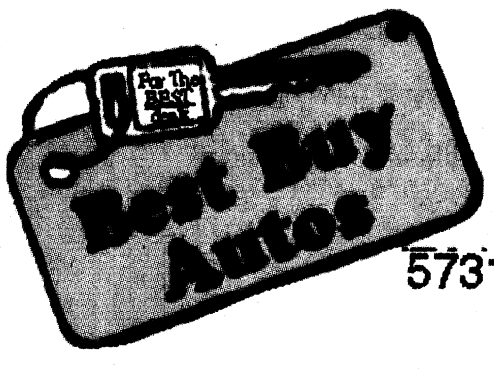

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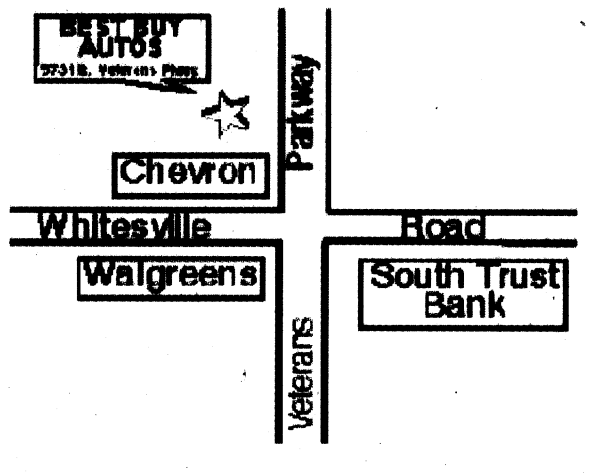

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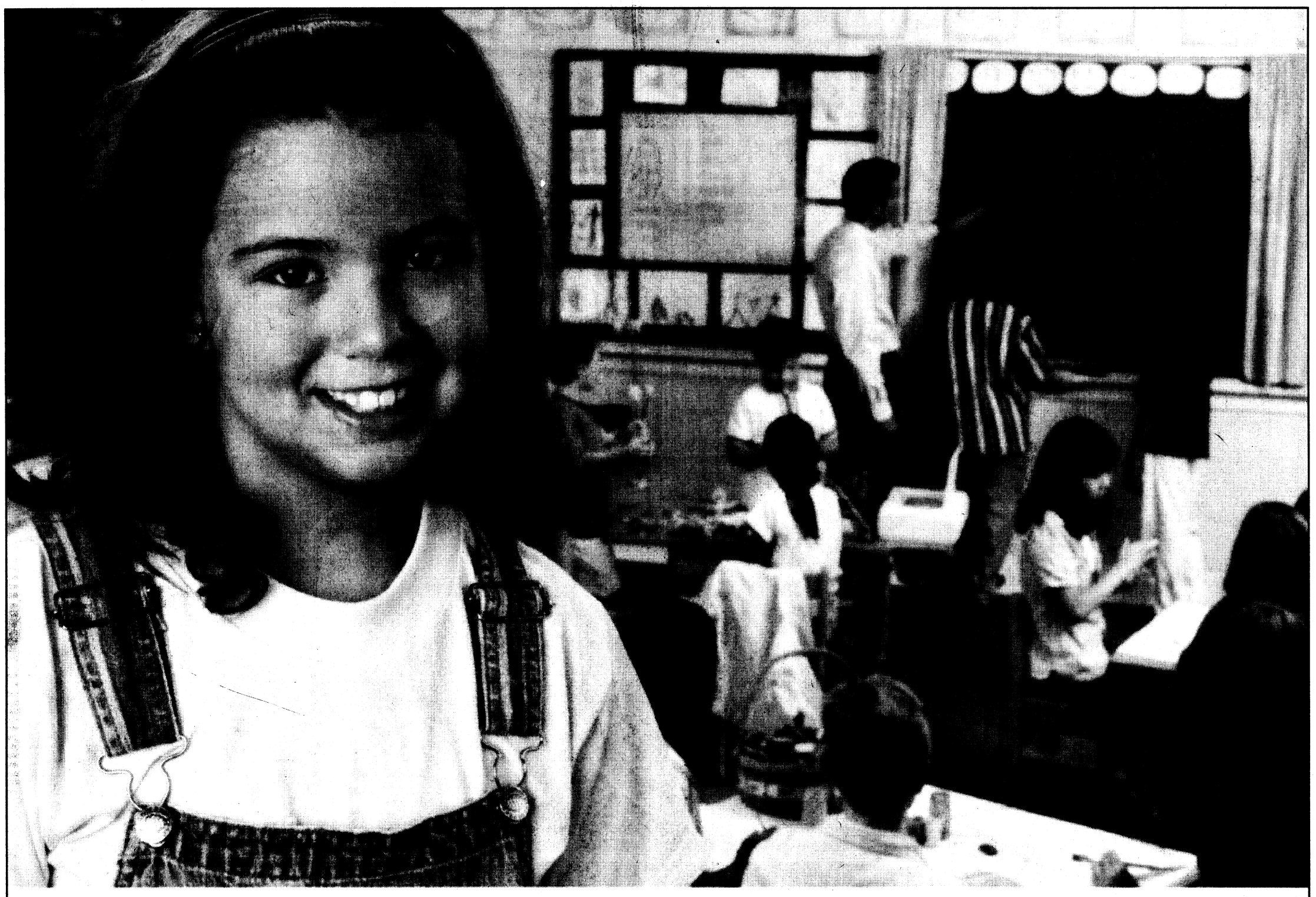



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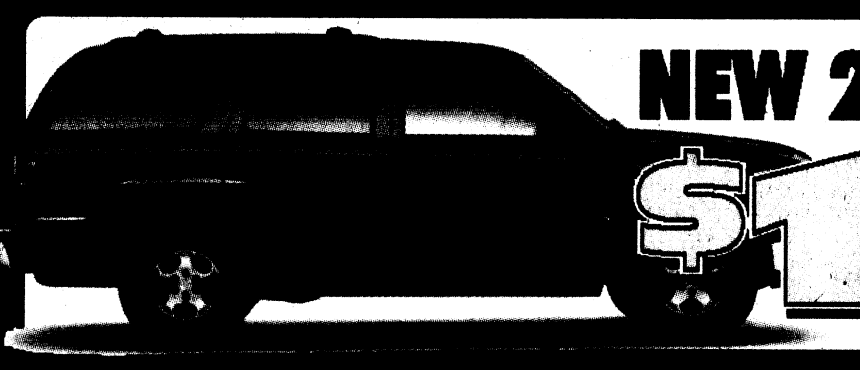

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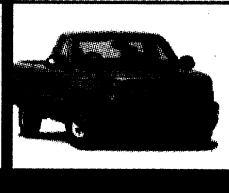
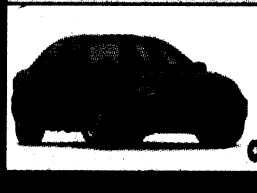
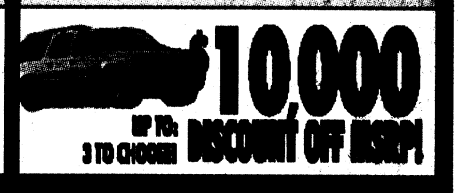
 IN STOCK NOW!	 STK# 429001 $129 A MO.	 $99 3 TO CHOOSE A MO.	 UP TO $10,000 3 TO CHOOSE DISCOUNT OFF MSRP!	 UP TO $10,000 3 TO CHOOSE DISCOUNT OFF MSRP!

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Accident kills 507th 1st Sgt.

Darsi Busler
USAIC Public Affairs Office

A Fort Benning Soldier was killed April 12 in a motorcycle accident as he returned from visiting his family in Florida.

According to initial reports, 1st Sgt. Ty Sariego, 39, was trying to avoid a deer when he lost control of his motorcycle on Alabama Highway 165, six miles northeast of Eufaula.

Sariego, who was assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, lost consciousness and was given CPR en route to the Alabama Medical Center in an attempt to revive him. He was pronounced dead at 6:23 p.m.

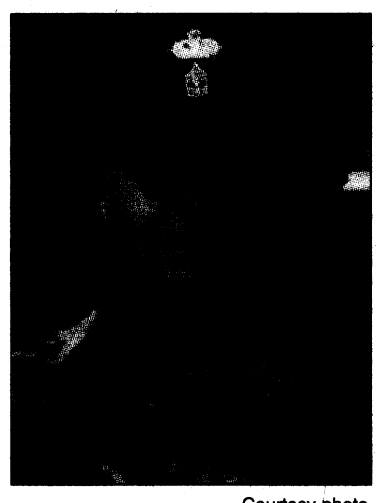
A memorial service will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Infantry Center Chapel.

"He was just a great person, a great Soldier, and a great leader. He was definitely a major asset to the battalion," said Lt. Col. Aidis Zunde, battalion commander.

"You'd be hard pressed to find someone that didn't like him ... he was a very easy going kind of guy who liked good jokes," said one of Sariego's Black Hat instructors, who wished to remain anonymous.

"He was a hundred percent military all the way, but at the same time, knew how to make the job enjoyable," he said.

Sariego is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two sons, Jonathan and Ty Jr.



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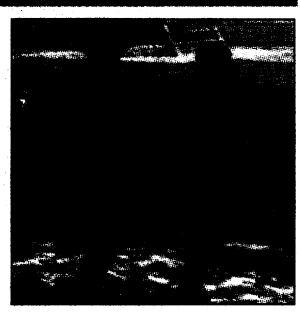

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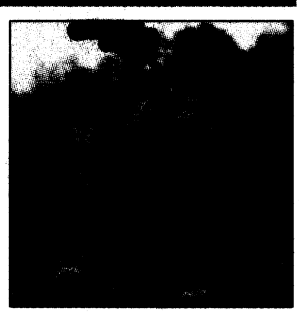

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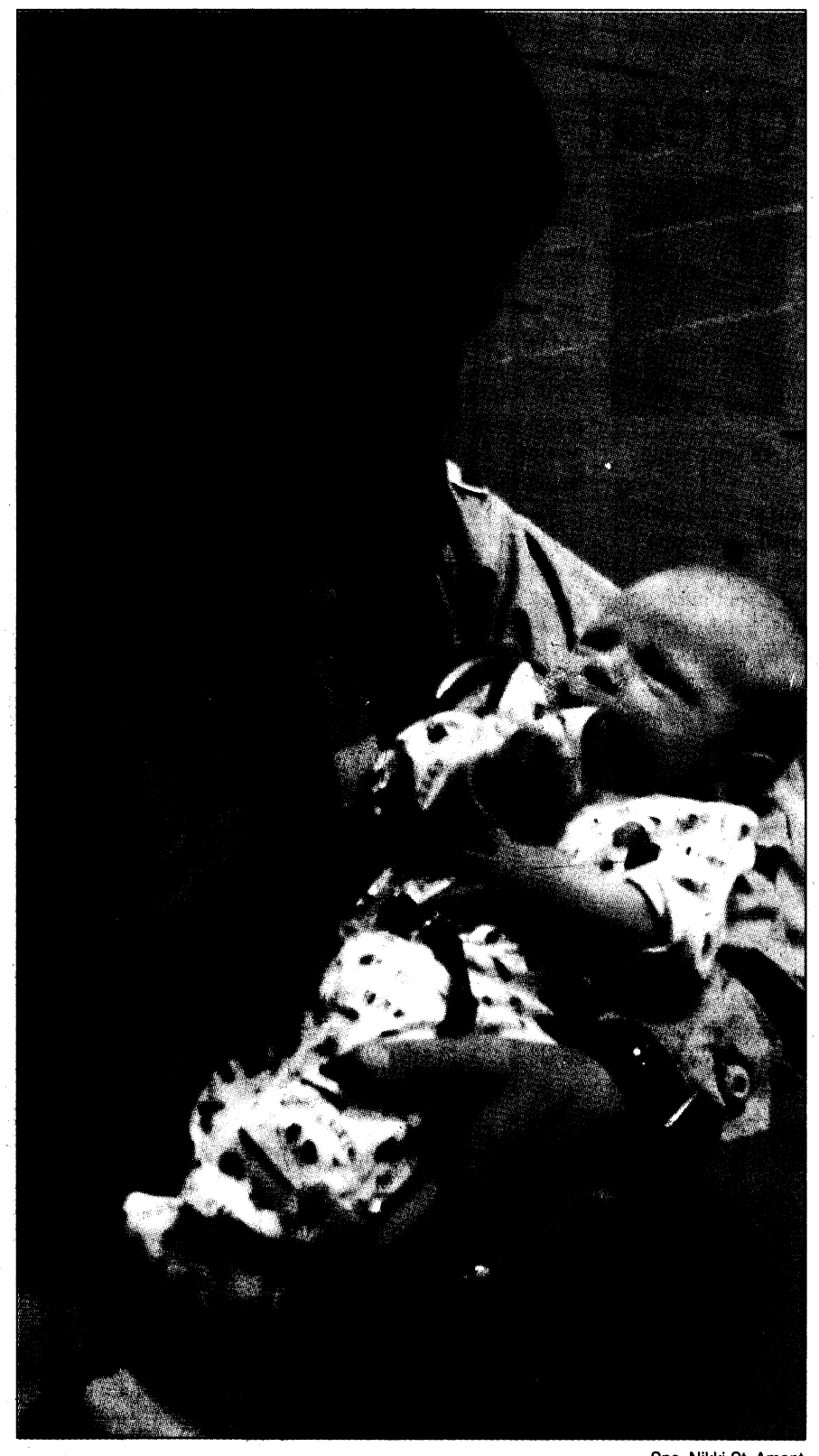

Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Staff Sgt. Aaron Blankenship, 608th Ordnance Company, 13th Corps Support Battalion, holds his five-day-old son, Aaron Jr., for the first time at the unit's redeployment ceremony Wednesday after spending a year in Iraq in support of OIF.

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

One hundred and forty members of the 608th Ordnance Company, 13th Corps Support Battalion, returned Wednesday afternoon from a one-year deployment in Iraq.

The plane carrying the 608th Soldiers, along with Reserve Soldiers of the 741st and 813th Adjutant General companies, touched down at Lawson Army Airfield on time at about 2:20 p.m.

Kim Douglass drove 14 hours from Maryland to welcome her son, Sgt. Carl Douglass, a crane operator with the 608th who was promoted while in Iraq.

"I was worried sick while he was gone," she said, "but I am so happy he is home now."

Kim said that while she doesn't completely support the war in Iraq, she is behind the troops 100 percent.

Jacquelin Simmons, mother of Cpl. Ron Simmons, said the worry she endured while her son was deployed tested her faith but, in the end, made her stronger.

"The feeling of having him home is unexplainable," she said. "He's the only son I have."

Ronnie's 5-year-old son, Darien Simmons, said having his dad finally on the ground is exciting.

Staff Sgt. Aaron Blankenship returns home a new dad after his son, Aaron Blankenship Jr. was born April 16.

Aaron Sr. said it feels great to finally be home and with

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Civilians to enter new personnel system

Darsi Busler
USAIC Public Affairs Office

If implementation goes as planned, Fort Benning civilian employees will be incorporated into a new civilian personnel system late in fiscal 2006.

The National Security Personnel System will introduce changes in how the Defense Department recruits, hires, pays, promotes, disciplines and fires its civilian employees.

"The NSPS represents a unique opportunity to develop a flexible and fair system that will help us attract, retain, reward, and grow a civilian work force to meet the national security demands of the 21st century," said Reginald J. Brown, assistant secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) in a memo to Major Army Command commanders earlier this month.

The NSPS will not change rules for health and life insurance benefits, retirement, leave and attendance policies or firefighter pay.

The new system will be flexible and will streamline processes to bring employees on board, said Hans Knoff, director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. "It will change who, how, and how fast we can get new employees," he said.

One of the biggest changes between the old and new systems is how civilian employees will be paid. NSPS will move away from the General Schedule grade classification and create three or

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Best Ranger Competition underway

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

When Maj. Michael McNally speaks of this year's Best Ranger Competition, using terms like "traditional" and "historical," he's not referring to the event's usual fare — the Buddy Run or Night Stakes or Darby Queen. No sir, McNally's got a few tricks up his sleeve, a few "mystery events" that would surely make Maj. Robert Rogers — *the* Rogers of Rogers' original Rangers — plum proud.

And that's all McNally has to say about that subject.

"Don't want to give away any secrets," he said with a gleam in his eye Tuesday, after giving the competitors a skeletal overview of what they can expect in the competition, which started today at 6 a.m.

McNally's the operations officer for the competition's host unit, the Ranger Training Brigade. As such, he's the one to credit or blame for blueprinting a plan that's likely to drop him a few notches in the popularity polls.

"I might make some people mad at me," he said.

With only 19 teams in this year's event, less than half the usual number at the start of competition, McNally and the 4th Ranger Training Battalion cadre who run the show figured they'd better throw in a few curves. After all, the decline in participation, a direct result of the Army's increased optempo with the war on terrorism,

> "Our goal is to design quality events that will stress them to their very limits. That's how you weed them out and identify the best Ranger team."
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> **Maj. Michael McNally**
> Ranger Training Brigade operations officer

may create too much down time and a *decrease* in optempo during the competition.

The start times for certain events are set in stone, McNally explained. So if 19 teams finish an event in less than half the time it would've taken 50 teams, there'll be far too much time to rest between events. And rest is the antithesis of the BRC, hence the lack of sleep time scheduled into the 60-hour event.

"Our goal is to design quality events that will stress them and push them to their very limits," McNally said. "That's how you weed them out and identify the best Ranger team."

Surprise events aren't the only changes in this year's competition. The scoring system, though still relatively complicated, has been simplified. One no longer needs an engineering degree to decipher it, McNally said.

See **COMPETITION,** A-7

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Melissa House
Bayonet staff



Call me a granola. I never have any trouble remembering Earth Day. It was yesterday. So was my husband's birthday. I'll get you a card today, dear.

But you know me, I'm the one who recycles everything I can. I sometimes have to pull homework or other important school papers out of the recycling bin because I was a little too zealous in my efforts.

But Monday, I got hit with a totally different sort of bug — a cousin of recycling, so to speak.

I was in Uptown Columbus and saw a new Georgia license plate with an aspen leaf. Under the leaf were the words "alternative fueled vehicle." The car was your standard, run-of-the-mill Ford Taurus. I had no idea that Ford, or anyone else, had such vehicles on the market.

So, as someone who's looking to replace an 8-year-old minivan sometime in the next few years, someone obsessed with gas mileage, but also needing to cart around three boys who will surely be over 6 feet tall in a few years, I thought I'd find out more about this "earth friendly" vehicle. What I found was the Taurus has quite a few friends in all shapes and sizes, running on a variety of alternative fuels. Some are already on dealer's lots and the rest are due out near the end of this model year.

If I want to go with compressed natural gas, I have a few choices. There's the Honda Civic, Ford F-150 and Crown Victoria, Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra. All have at least ultra low emissions. And the good news is I can get fuel for them right here in Columbus on Victory Drive.

My earth-friendly Taurus driver has the best of both worlds. His model, a flexible fueled vehicle, runs on either unleaded gas or E85 fuel- which is 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline — or a combination of both in his tank at the same time.

I did a quick search of alternative fuel sites and since there are no E85 sites within 100 miles of Fort Benning, I'm guessing he's running mostly on unleaded around here. The Mercury Sable and Mountaineer, Ford Explorer and Explorer Sport Trac, Chevy Tahoe, Suburban and Silverado and GMC Yukon and Sierra and even three Mercedes C320 models, round out the FFV list.

There are two bi-fuel vehicles out there as well. They carry two tanks — one for AF and one for unleaded. One model of the F-150 runs on compressed natural gas or unleaded, the other on liquefied propane or unleaded. Liquefied propane is also available at three locations in Columbus.

And now that we've all done our 2003 income taxes, I'll point out that there are both federal and state tax incentives for owners of AFVs to the tune of two to five thousand dollars.

And I don't mean to leave out the most fuel-efficient cars out there, the hybrid electrical vehicles that operate on an internal combustion engine and an electrical motor. They're Hondas Civic and Insight, Toyota Prius, Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra. These vehicles convert energy wasted during coasting and braking in to electricity which is stored in the battery until it is needed. The mid-sized Prius gets an unbelievable 60 mpg in the city and 51 on the highway, and unlike a purely electric car, doesn't have to be plugged in somewhere and charged.

And now I definitely don't want that Toyota Sequoia my husband thinks I need. It's the one that scores zero out of 10 for emissions on the Environmental Protection Agency's list of "green" vehicles. My current clunker rates an eight, and I'll consider it my way of helping the environment.

Rangers put on great show

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff



I don't like to exercise. My personal philosophy is run only when being chased.

So the first time I ever heard about the Best Ranger Competition, I thought, "Are these guys crazy?" Five years ago, I went out and watched some events. Crazy? No. Awesome? Definitely.

In July 1981, the Chairborne Rangers — a civilian organization that supports Rangers — asked the Ranger Training Department to design and conduct a "Ranger Olympics."

Dick Leandri wanted to honor his friend, Lt. Gen. David E. Grange Jr., former director of the Ranger Department and former commanding general of Fort Benning, with a perpetual competition. Thus, the David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition was born.

This year marks the 21st anniversary of the competition — there was no competition in 1991 because of Operation Desert Storm and no competition in 2003 because of the war on terrorism.

So, with all those historical facts, I invite each and every one of you to join me and many others this weekend in watching and supporting these Rangers.

A lot of these Rangers have seen combat, and some have just returned from overseas. What better way to support our troops than to come out and cheer them on?

And what they do will take your breath away.

The competitors start out at 6 a.m. today with a PT test, and go for 60 continuous hours with no programmed sleep.

The first day consists of a spot jump out of a helicopter, marksmanship test and a road march that lasts into the wee hours of the morning.

The second day has Day Ranger Stakes and the Prusik climb, held at Todd Field.

Day three includes a water confidence course and helocast at Victory Pond and of course, the Darby Queen obstacle course.

There are many other events that haven't been announced, including a surprise event for competitors.

I have to say my favorite event to watch is the water confidence course. By this time, the Rangers are exhausted and just all-around drained. They climb up the ladder (drawing gasps from the crowd when they miss a rung or two) and walk (and sometimes run, more gasps) across a beam over the water, shimmy down the rope, touch the Ranger tab and drop into the water.

This year, a special guest will be retired Lt. Col. Joe Rippetoe. Rippetoe's son, Capt. Russell B. Rippetoe, was killed in action on April 3, 2003, in Iraq. Rippetoe was with 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

Joe will award a bronzed combat boot trophy named in honor of his son to the Ranger team who wins the road march event.

So come out and join the new Rangers, old Rangers, friends, family, Soldiers and everyone else who will be out there.

These guys don't have to do it; they want to do it.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention my husband is in the competition. Good luck to him and his partner, and of course, the other teams.

Thank you for my freedom and thank you for the great show this weekend.

For more information about the events and to check the standings periodically, visit www.bestranger competition.com and www.benning.army.mil/RTB/best_ranger/bestranger2004.htm.

Food for thought, help for the hungry

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



I confess, I've got something for my mailman. It started a few years back. He left a note in my mailbox, and I thought, well why not? What will it hurt, just this once?

We've been conducting this once-a-year rendezvous ever since.

I know, I know, it's a terrible cliché, but it's a healthy relationship — a bit of give and take. And though I'm certain my husband knows what's going on, as long as there's food on the table when he gets home, he's not one to complain. He's a team player.

Well it's that time of year again, and any day now, the mailman will leave a note in my box.

It's time to come clean. It's time to clean out the pantry.

It's time for the annual Stamp Out Hunger Campaign.

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Fort Benning's food locker relies largely on the Stamp Out Hunger Campaign, which accounts for as much as half of the locker's annual food supply.

Last year, Fort Benning folks fell short of our usual generous donation, probably because so many of our Soldiers were deployed and their families took the opportunity to head home for the duration.

Let's see if we can't make up for it this year. I'll leave two bags for the mailman if you will.

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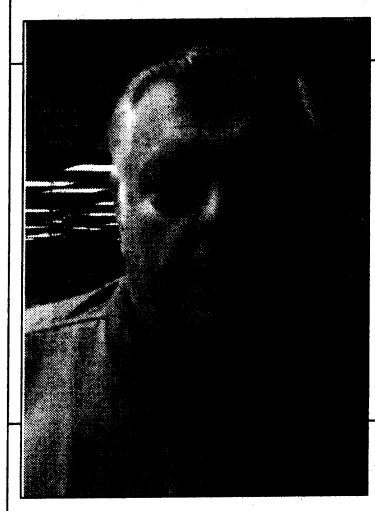
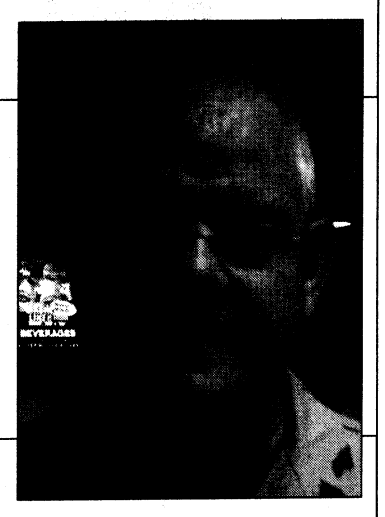
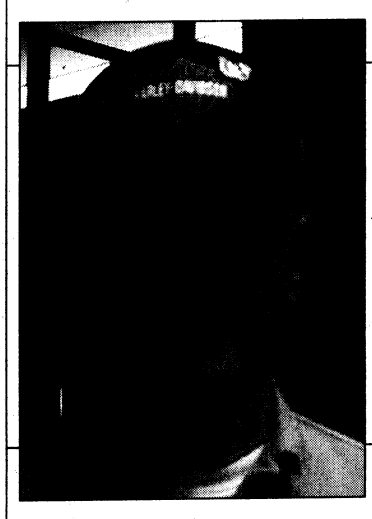


Retired Tech. Sgt. Tommy Thomas, Pine Mountain, Ga., — "Have an organization fundraiser. If the whole organization collects cans and bottles, then you can raise a lot of money."



Sgt. 1st Class William Guyton, 877th Engineer Battalion — "Take egg crates and make decorations out of them for around the house. You can also plant seeds in bottles."



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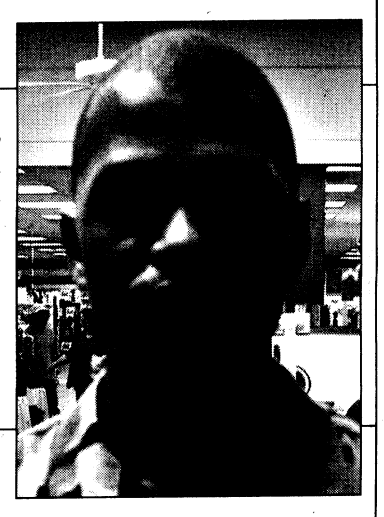
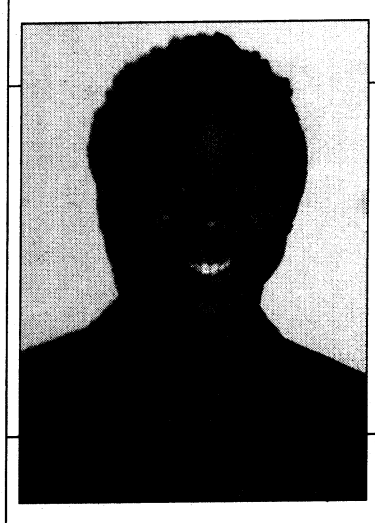
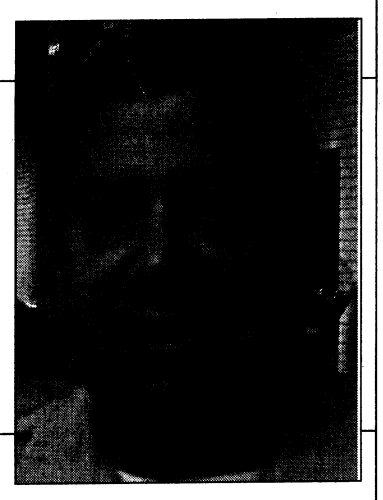


Staff Sgt. Walter Smith, BNCOC — "Do something in the neighborhood to make the area look better. If everyone pitches in, a lot can be accomplished."



Spc. Rominica Wade, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison — "Have some type of contest or build something out of the items. You can always use stuff for beautification."



Retired Sgt. 1st Class Fabio Vargas, Columbus — "Save anything you can make useful. Landscaping around the house is something I like to do."

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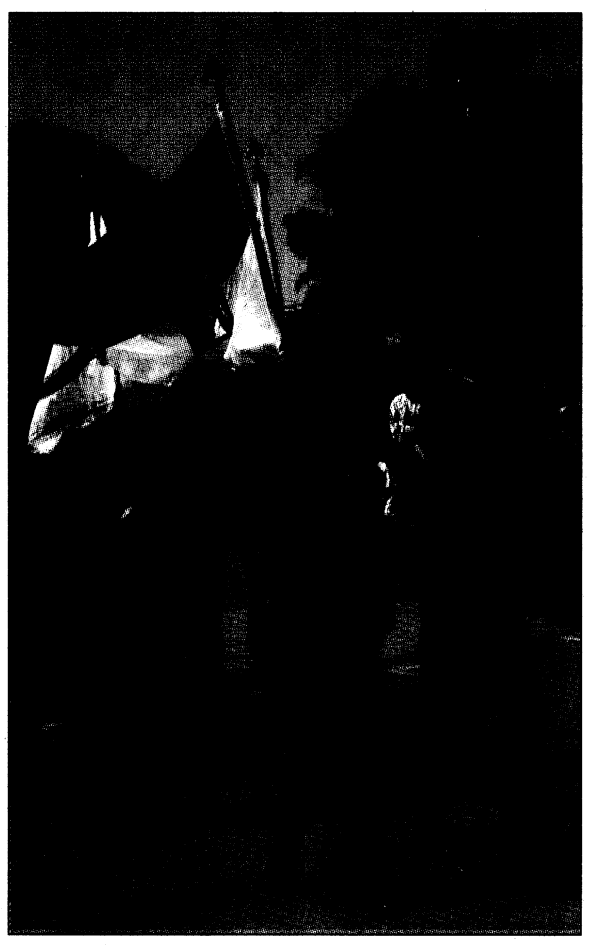


Soldiers from 1st Bn., 507th Inf. Regt., march into the Airborne Awards Festival April 15 held on Eubanks Field. All airborne units were represented by their colors at the event.

Pfc. Chris Stephens

Former 'hunter from sky' returns to Benning for Airborne Festival

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Retired Chief Warrant Officer Thad Selman never expected to see the airborne legacy carried on. A member of the original airborne test platoon, he never even expected to make it home from World War II.

But somehow Selman — and every other member of the platoon, for that matter — did make it home. And some 50 years later, he hasn't forgotten his roots.

The paratrooper was on hand for the 27th annual Airborne Awards Festival on Eubanks Field April 15.

The festival, hosted by 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, was an opportunity to honor and remember those who didn't make it home.

> "When we were going through (airborne operations), all you could do was jump out of the plane and wait to land."
>
> **Retired Chief Warrant Officer Thad Selman**
> Member of the original airborne test platoon

But it also gave the former "hunter from the sky" and his fellow veterans an in-depth look at today's airborne Soldier through demonstrations and some hands-on time with a few of today's weapons.

"A lot has changed since I began as an airborne Soldier," Selman said. "The training they provide today is better than what we received."

The festival was also chock-full of aerial action. Fort Benning's parachute demonstration team, better known as the Silver Wings, made its first jump since 2000, followed by the annual airborne assault on Fryar Drop Zone.

"The airborne assault shows how powerful our Army is," said Command Sgt. Maj. Donovan Watts, 1st Bn., (Airborne) 507th Inf., command sergeant major. "When we can project ourselves anywhere in the world, at any time, and under any conditions, it is one of the rawest displays of our national power."

The demonstrations were a little different than the tricks Selman and his cohorts used in their day.

"It's amazing what people can do today with a parachute," Selman said. "When we were going through it, all you could do was jump out of the plane and wait to land. You couldn't do all of these tricks you see them doing today."

Benning, Columbus celebrate Law Day, landmark case

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Standing before a crowded room of his peers, he remembered vividly where it all began.

It was 40 years ago when this day first took on special meaning for him.

He was 17 years old then — an ambitious, young black man caught in the middle of an era in which racism was the norm.

Despite that, he entered a local essay competition, which he won, and attended his first Law Day luncheon to receive his award.

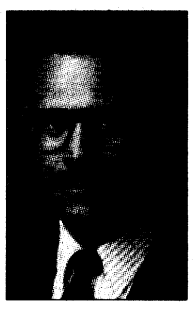
Four decades later, on April 15, Congressman Sanford Bishop again attended the annual luncheon — this time as its guest speaker.

"This is such a special opportunity for me, because that first Law Day luncheon was truly what heightened and peaked my interest in the law," Bishop said.

Every year, in cities across America, members of the legal community gather to celebrate the country's legal system, the milestone laws it enacts and the cultural changes that come about because of them.

Fort Benning's legal professionals join forces with community legal professionals to celebrate, this year at the Columbus Trade Center.

Adding to the day's meaning for Bishop was the theme of the luncheon — a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the 1954 Supreme Court decision in Brown v. The Board of Education.



Bishop

Bishop was 7 when that ruling was announced, and he said he remembers very clearly the night it hit the six o'clock news.

"At the time, I didn't know the significance of that decision," he said. "But my parents did, and they sat me down and explained to me how it would open up so many opportunities for me."

And indeed it did, he said. It was because of Brown, because of the precedent that decision set, that Bishop was able to attend Emery University and become a lawyer, he said.

It was because of that decision that he was admitted to the Columbus Bar — known as the Columbus Lawyer's Club at the time — and became one of its first three black members.

"My parents said to me, 'You will have opportunities and doors swing open for you, and you must be prepared,'" Bishop recalled.

"And it is a very emotional experience to see the changes in my lifetime that my parents predicted," he said, "to fulfill what they told me when I was 7 years old."

But more than that, Bishop said, Brown served as the basis for the civil rights movement and all the civil rights acts that followed.

"This decision changed the history and culture of this country forever," he said. "It is an understatement to say it was a landmark decision."

Today's children face a better America than the one he faced as a child — maybe not perfect, but better, Bishop said.

"Perhaps we're not where we want to be, and perhaps we're not where we're going to be, but as José Williams used to say, 'Thank God we ain't where we used to be,'" he said.

Among the kids recognized for their art and essay submissions were nine Fort Benning children who competed in the post's contest:

- Sixth to eighth grade essay: 1st place, Kate Vail; 2nd place, Breanne La Camera; 3rd place, Damias Lyles
- Third to fifth grade art: 1st place, Laura Becker; 2nd place, Marinel Rincon; 3rd place, Omari Anyabwile
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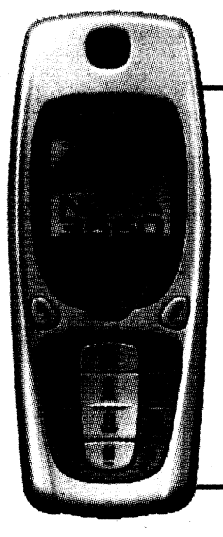

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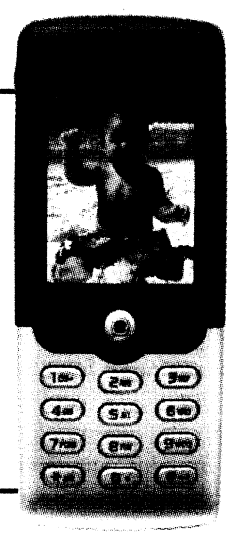

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Benning is home to 'miracles'

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Fort Benning has a special distinction among the Army's many installations — it's a place where dreams and wishes come true.

Just ask the post commander — he'll tell you.

Not long ago, Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley said, Malcolm Mobley, a 17-year-old family member, wished he had a place to ride his skateboard. Saturday, the post celebrated the grand opening of its first skate park.

Before that, a woman by the name of Kim Akers wished for a way to bring the women of Fort Benning together — officer and enlisted spouses alike. A few months ago, about 200 women gathered at the Fort Benning Officers' Club to celebrate the post's first women's conference.

And even before that, the post chief of staff's wife wished for a venue to offer the post's theatrically inclined a place to exercise their dramatic skills and a place for Fort Benning residents to enjoy tasteful dinner theater. Lo and behold, Benning Backstage was born.

"Fort Benning is a place where miracles happen," Freakley said at the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony Wednesday.

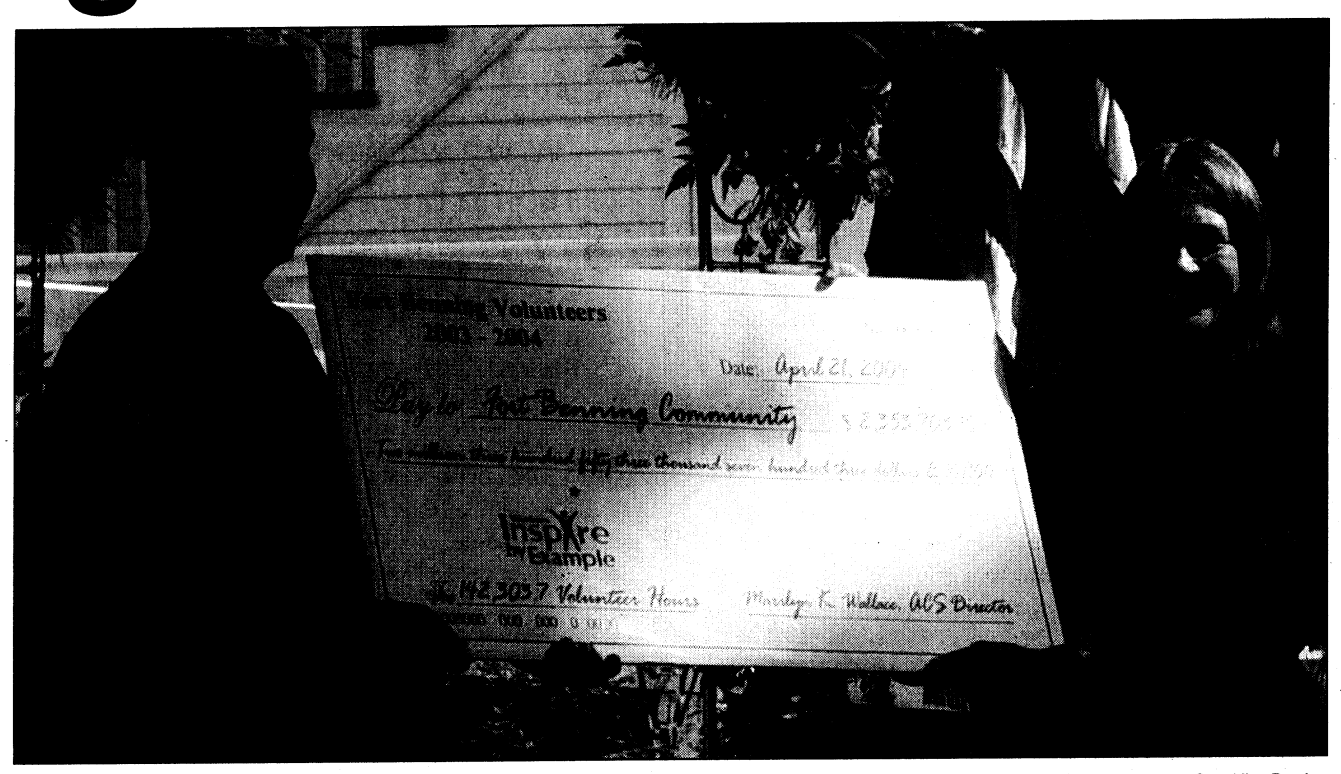
"It's a unique installation, and it has nothing to do with the equipment or the architecture," he said. "It has to do with the love of community. It has to do with the people who pull together to make it better."

And the general wasted no time in crediting those people.

"Miracles happen here because volunteers make them happen," he said.

Volunteers are the ones who "make Fort Benning happen," he said.

Had it not been for Mobley's hard work collecting 350 signatures lobbying for a skate park, Fort Benning never would have seen Saturday's grand opening.



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Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, commanding general, left, and Marilyn Wallace, Army Community Service director, hold up a symbolic check for $2,353,703.10. The check represents the wages "earned" by post volunteers during the past year.

Had it not been for Akers' tireless efforts, seeking a $2,000 grant, coordinating with women on post, seeking sponsors and organizing the event, the women's conference would still be a dream.

Had it not been for Peggy Cornwell, Benning Backstage's founder, the post would still be without a home for its thespians and lacking a great entertainment venue.

And these examples are just a few of hundreds, Freakley said.

Volunteers are everywhere on this installation, he said — whether it's the American Red Cross, the chapels, youth sports, schools, libraries, scouts, Army Community Service or the hospital.

And they've been the heart of Fort Benning for decades, he said, pointing to the poignant example of Julia Moore.

Moore was the wife of retired Lt. Gen. Hal Moore, the former commander of the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, and a main character in the book and movie *We Were Soldiers Once ... And Young*. She passed away Sunday, and was laid to rest in Fort Benning's cemetery Thursday.

But her legacy — the example she set while her husband was commanding in the jungles of Vietnam — lives on, Freakley said.

The movie was slightly inaccurate, he said, because when her husband deployed, the Army told her, "You can leave Fort Benning. You have five days."

And yet when she heard that yellow taxi cabs were delivering death telegrams to the families of fallen Soldiers from the 1st Bn., 7th Cav., she volunteered, Freakley said.

She volunteered to deliver those telegrams family by family, and she volunteered to go to their funeral services and be with their families. And she raised such a fuss with the Army, Freakley said, that not much later, an officer and a chaplain became the bearers of such news.

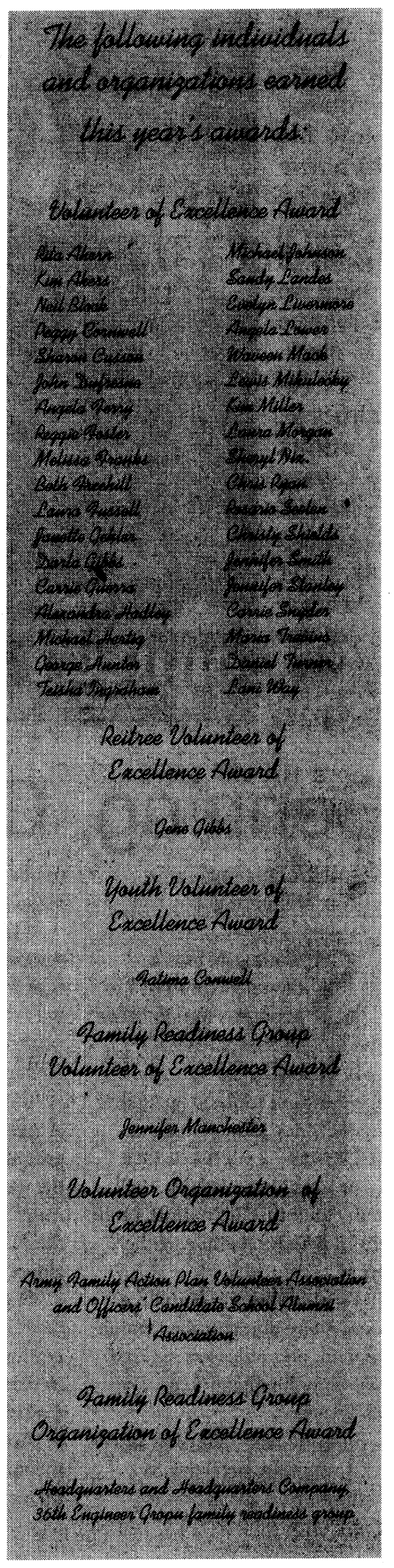
She was a volunteer, she was an inspiration and she was a hero. Because volunteers are America's true heroes, Freakley said.

Volunteers like Red Cross volunteer coordinator Gene Gibbs, a retired Soldier who's "made volunteering his full-time job," according to his Retiree Volunteer of Excellence Award citation.

Volunteers like Jennifer Manchester, who coordinated a communitywide effort to collect goods for deployed Soldiers, who made a "direct impact on the Soldiers on the front lines," according to her award citation.

Volunteers make this community a better place, Freakley said, not only through their efforts, but also through the money they save the installation.

During the ceremony, Freakley was presented a "symbolic check" for $2,353,703.10 — that's how much unpaid work Fort Benning volunteers performed during the more than 142,303 volunteer hours they put in during the past year.



Post honors top troops

NCO, Soldier of Year overcome board competition

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

They are Soldiers who set the "extreme example," Soldiers who distinguished themselves from their peers. And Tuesday, they were front and center to be officially recognized as Fort Benning's 2003 NCO and Soldier of the Year.

Friends, family and fellow Soldiers gathered to look on as Staff Sgt. Andrew Bullock and Pfc. John Valdez were presented the Army Commendation Medal and several awards from sponsors throughout the tricommunity.

The Soldiers faced a long board process to earn their way into the limelight. After graduating from company, battalion and brigade boards, both troops competed at the post level for selection as NCO and Soldier of the Quarter.

Then it was on to the year board, where they were scored on a written exam, various Soldiers tasks, day and night land navigation, an Army physical fitness test, a six-mile road march and a verbal board.

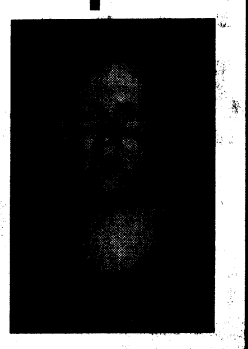
Bullock, an instructor with 5th Ranger Training Battalion, Ranger Training Brigade, said the road to success was tough, but well worth it.

"I've learned a lot through this board," the San Diego native said. "And it's given me a chance to represent the 5th Ranger Training Battalion — we can be kind of forgotten up there."

This was especially important in light of the support he received from his unit, Bullock said.

"My chain of command was excellent about giving me the proper time to prepare for the board," he said.

In 5th RTB, instructors work on a rotating "24 hours on, 24 hours off" basis, Bullock said.



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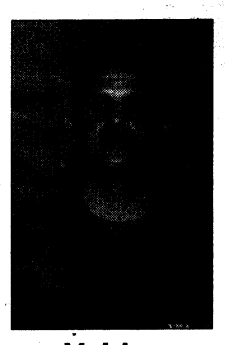

Valdez

Although he was still expected to pull his shifts, his command worked with him to allow him to make the most of his time and study for the board.

"Instead of walking along with the students and grading them, they would have me at the command post, where I could study," he said.

And that study time came in handy for Bullock, whose biggest challenge was the verbal board.

Meanwhile, Valdez, an infantryman with B Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, said he did most of his studying in the motor pool.

Valdez's whole platoon went through the board process at the company level, but Valdez's performance was above and beyond, said Staff Sgt. Edward Sigler, his squad leader.

"He's a high speed Soldier — a PT stud," Sigler said. "He's always ready to do anything we ask him to — he's a good Soldier."

Valdez, who's spent a year and a half in the Army, will be promoted to specialist and will more than likely be given a team leader position, Sigler said.

For Valdez, though, most of the glory is in knowing what he's accomplished.

"I just wanted to win — I don't like to lose," he said.

Valdez said he encourages his peers to use their down time in the motor pool to study up and get active in the boards.

Meanwhile, the 19-year-old San Antonio native has turned his sights on a new goal: "to win the Army 10-miler," earn a bachelor's degree in business management and open up a paintball store.

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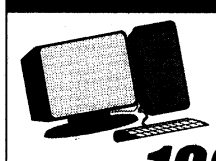

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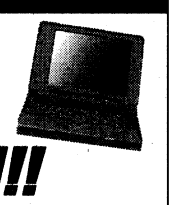

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New infantry museum designer selected

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The National Infantry Foundation announced Tuesday Boston architectural firm E. Verner Johnson and Associates as the architectural firm selected to design the proposed new National Infantry Museum complex.

The NIF, a private, nonprofit organization, will oversee the construction of a 200-acre facility, said Cyndy Cerbin, the foundation's director of communications.

E. Verner Johnson and Associates is the only architectural firm in the nation that specializes exclusively in museum planning and design and has built more than 140 museums, including work at the Louvre, a museum in Paris, and projects at the Smithsonian Institution.

The planning, fund-raising and construction of the facility, when it commences, is a huge undertaking, said foundation official, retired Maj. Gen. Jerry White, and the choosing of one of the most crucial partners in the endeavor was no small task.

Through portfolio submissions and presentations, an initial field of 18 architectural firms was pared to the three finalists, and a mixed-bag committee of local leaders and NIF officials traveled to sites created by all three of the firms before convening to choose one, Cerbin said.

The current museum on post is only 50,000 square feet and can only display 10 percent of its collection, said National Infantry Museum director and curator Frank Hanner.

"I think (the new museum) is way overdue," Hanner said. "There is not a war our nation has completely won that hasn't been won by the infantry — the last 100 yards belong to them."

The blueprints for the new complex detail a 150,000-square-foot main building that will house eight 5,000-square-foot galleries, a cafe, themed cafeteria and gift shop centered around a grand rotunda. The new structure will provide climate-controlled, protective storage for undisplayed items.

Aside from the main building, the site will be home to five outdoor bronzed vignettes depicting scenes from major conflicts in the infantry's past; a World War II Company Street with authentic, restored buildings from the post's WWII era; a quarter-mile Memorial Walk of Honor lined with



Courtesy graphic

The new complex will have a WWII Company Street with authentic, restored buildings.

dozens of monuments and memorials in garden settings; and a five-acre parade field, complete with covered seating for 1,500 which can be used by the more than 30,000 infantry, airborne and Ranger students who graduate each year.

E. Verner Johnson, the firm's founder, said they are exploring the possibility of an IMAX theater, a three-dimensional theater, which uses holograms, special effects and simulators.

Both Cerbin and Johnson said the foundation hopes to break ground before the end of the year.

Although fund-raising efforts have already netted $26 million of the projected $70 million budget, two-thirds of the funds remain unsecured — a gap Cerbin said the foundation hopes to close with the projected launch of a national, grass-roots campaign in August, further federal funding and untapped donor resources in the defense industry.

Fort Benning's commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, said he is proud to be a partner in the move to properly honor and commemorate the sacrifices of infantrymen past, present and future.

"We owe it to these men," Freakley said, "who came forward and said, 'I will serve, and I will do my duty for my country to preserve freedom.'"

With an estimated 300,000 visitors a year, Columbus Mayor Bob Poydasheff said Columbus State University's Abbott Turner College of Business anticipates the museum will have a $40 million annual impact on local businesses and will create 400 jobs, while revitalizing ailing South Columbus.

"Look at what this project is going to do for this town," Poydasheff said. "This is one of the greatest things that's ever happened to Columbus, Georgia.

"But more importantly," he said, "it impacts and continues to cement the relationship that this city has always had with Fort Benning."

New AAFES facilities to improve life on Benning

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
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If you find yourself waiting in line at the gas station for half an hour wishing those in front of you would hurry up — relax, help is on the way.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is in the beginning stages of design, development and construction of new facilities around post that will make shopping, pumping gas and eating out a less frustrating experience.

In April 2001, AAFES representatives from the real estate division visited Fort Benning and decided the facilities provided by AAFES were too small for the size of the installation, said Glenn Schubert, Fort Benning's AAFES general manager.

Now, the post will receive facilities that will better accommodate its community, Schubert said.

Part of the AAFES master planning process, the AAFES-funded projects include gas stations, mini malls, fast food venues, shopettes, a new Post Exchange Shopping Center and other services, Schubert said.

Kelley Hill is the first project site to break ground. The project includes a gas station, drive-thru Burger King and an 8,000-square-foot mini mall, complete with a barber shop, an arcade, a dry cleaner and two concession carts.

The $4,300,000 project is expected to be completed by January 2005 and will be located next to the existing recreation center and Subway, Schubert said.

"This is a sorely needed addition to Kelley Hill," he said. "The shopette on Kelley Hill is too small, and Soldiers stand in line outside of the store because they don't fit inside."

Right now, there are only three gas stations on post — two on Main Post and one at Harmony Church. Ongoing plans call for three new gas stations on Fort Benning.

The current 24-hour shopette will be replaced by a shopette on Dixie Road in the empty field next to Soldiers' Plaza, Schubert said. This location will be more accessible.

Although the project is only 50 percent into its design phase, the expected groundbreaking date is in October, and the opening is projected for November 2005.

The 8,967 square-foot building's projected cost is $3,996,000 and will include a Class VI, Church's Chicken, a drive-thru car wash, and a gas station with diesel, ethanol and regular gas, Schubert said.

The clearing between the fire station and Interstate 185 on Custer Road will become home to a 6,120 square-foot facility with a Blimpie's drive-thru, a Class VI, a gas station and a shopette. The facility is slated to open in November 2006.

Schubert said the Custer Road shopette will support the McGraw Manor and Custer Terrace housing areas.

The Burger King on Main Post will be replaced by a $2,290,000 dual food facility that will include a Taco John's and a Burger King with a playground.

The mini mall will be located in front of the library and include the same services the current mini mall offers with a few additions.

"There will be a food court area, a Class VI and a troop store — all under the same roof," Schubert said.

This is a $4, 572,000 project and is expected to open in December 2005.

Another project still on the drawing board is a new Shopping Center. A 224,000 square-foot modern main PX will be built on the opposite side of the Commissary. The new design is similar to a mall, with a separate food court area and a larger selection of products, Schubert said.

The old PX building will be turned into a Soldier Center, where all the services from Soldiers' Plaza will be moved, Schubert said.

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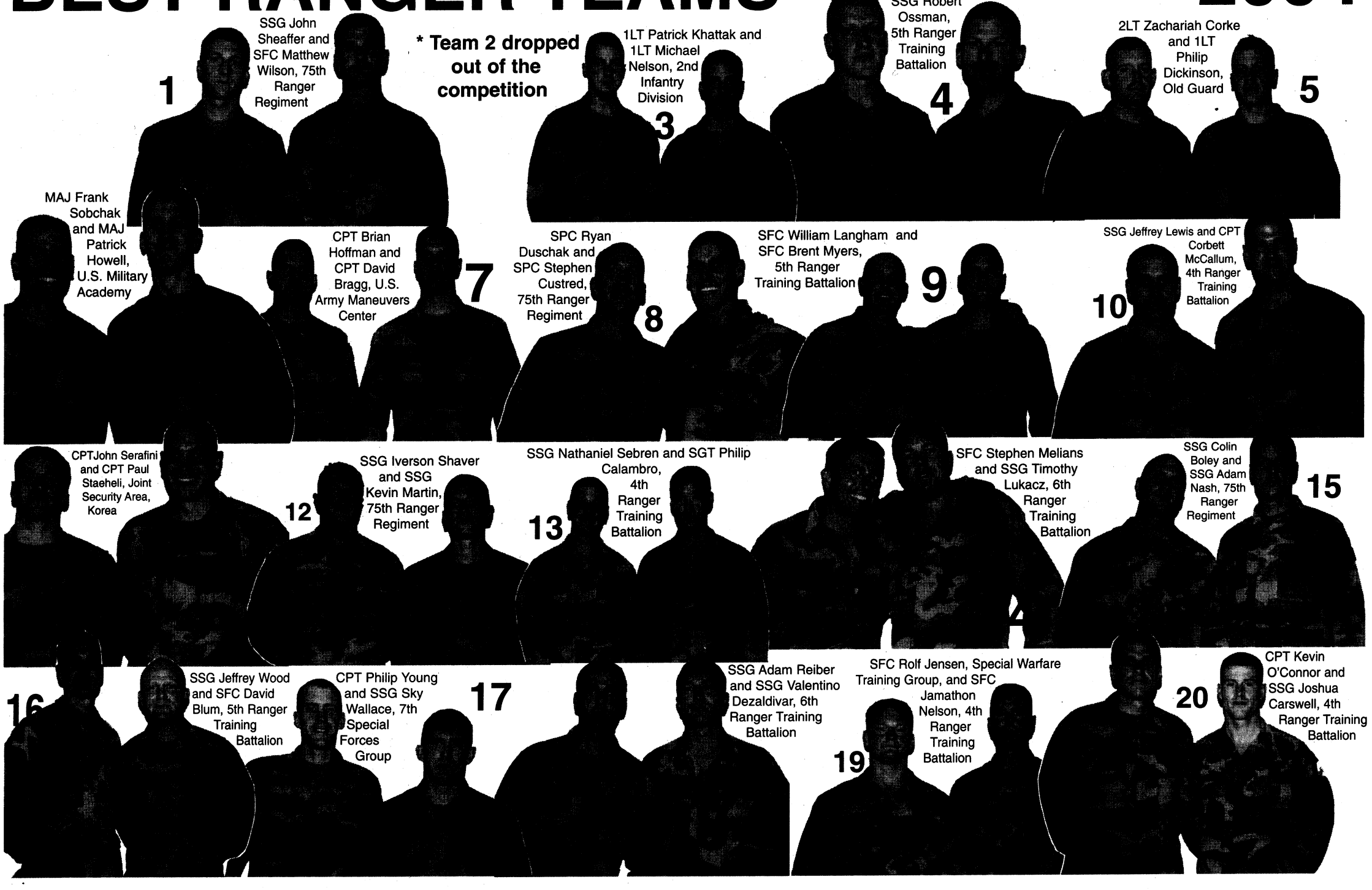

Competition: Sure to be full of surprises

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Events will be "weighted" on a scale of two to five points, five being reserved for the foot march and land navigation course, which typically render the most eliminations. Standings will be updated regularly and posted at each event site so spectators can stay abreast of the scores.

Spectators will also find yards and yards of yellow tape along the competition route. The tape marks designated holding areas where competitors wait between events. A word of caution, McNally said, spectators must not cross the tape and should refrain from chatting with competitors before events.

"When they're in there waiting their turn, they need to be resting and preparing mentally," he said. "Unless you're certain your Ranger is the kind of person who thrives on encouragement and support before the event, it's best to wait till he's returned to the holding area after he competes. Then it's probably OK to talk to him."

Though talk is OK, any form of assistance is prohibited, McNally said. Physically assisting a competitor, handing him notes, water, food, etc., will result in his disqualification, no matter what the intent.

With the smaller number of teams in this year's BRC, it's anyone's guess how many spectators will be on hand. More than 4,000 attended in 2002.

Last year's competition was cancelled because of the war. That meant most of the RTB Soldiers experienced in the planning and execution of the competition are no longer here. Challenging indeed, but in some ways, the lack of "subject matter experts" worked to the unit's advantage, said Lt. Col. Terrence McKenrick, 4th RTB commander. It allowed for the element of creativity (read: surprise!) that McNally is so proud of.

"We've put a lot of time and effort and energy into this thing, and I think the end result will show it," McKenrick said. "From a Ranger's perspective, this year's competition will showcase the Army's very best Soldiers, and right now, while we're mired down in the fight against terrorism, it's a good chance for people to see, here at home, the caliber of Soldiers who are out there fighting for their freedom."

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> Commander of the 4th Ranger Training Battalion

The BRC exemplifies "warrior ethos," something Army officials have been preaching loud and long, said Maj. Dean Weiler, the 4th RTB's operations officer and a former Best Ranger competitor.

"The kind of people who come here to compete are not the kind to quit," he said. "They're the Soldiers who sow the seeds of warrior ethos for the whole Army."

For more information about the Best Ranger Competition, maps and event schedules, see D-4.

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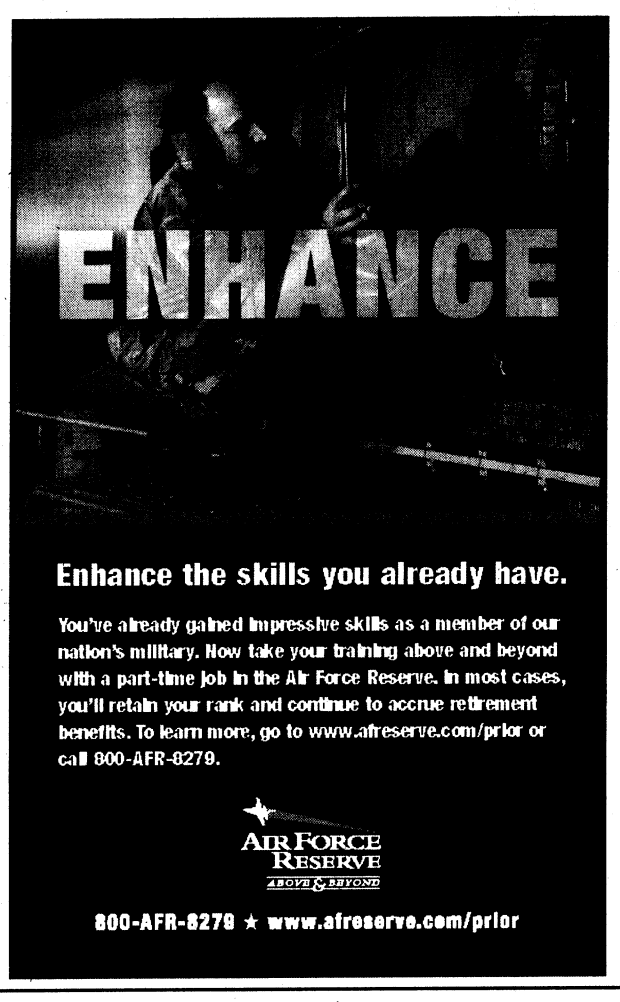

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Benning hosts JROTC competition

8 local high schools wage 'war' for title

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Trey Pratt, left, and Clarence Hudson navigate an obstacle with encouragement from a 29th Inf. Regt. volunteer.



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Will Miller, Jordan High School, tackles one of the challenges posed by the obstacle course as part of a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Leader Challenge competition Saturday.

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs at eight local high schools fielded 25 teams for a JROTC Leaders Challenge competition Saturday on Fort Benning.

More than 100 students competed in the 11th annual event, said H.W. Fails, a civilian logistics employee with the local JROTC headquarters that coordinated the event.

Planning for the event started more than a month ago, Fails said, and required the assistance of not only the schools and JROTC programs, but also Fort Benning's range control and Soldiers from the 29th Infantry Regiment, who were on hand to serve as graders and instructors.

The command sergeant major of 2nd Battalion, 29th Inf. Regt., Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Patton, said his Soldiers volunteered for the extra weekend duty because they believe the relationship between the Army and the JROTC program is important.

"I think the 29th has a lot of good things the JROTC program can benefit from," said Patton. "I've had sniper instructors go out on their own time and teach basic rifle marksmanship skills to JROTC rifle teams."

Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Thompson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Inf. Regt., whose son Phillip is a student at Spencer High School and was a competitor in Saturday's competition, volunteers his services as a physical training instructor to JROTC cadets at Spencer from 7:30 to 10:45 a.m. three days a week.

"(JROTC) is giving young kids a sense of direction," Thompson said. "It's good for them."

It was a long day that began at 7 a.m. for the volunteers, competitors and spectators.

The event launched with an Army physical fitness test at Olive Watson Physical Training Field, complete with a two-mile run, which some of the competitors completed in BDUs and combat boots.

After the APFT, the cadets were given a short rest period before beginning staggered rotations through four separate task stations. Points were awarded for the four timed events, which included a search and recovery mission, the assembly of a functional rope bridge, a leadership aptitude drill, a 100-question written exam and completion of the 11th Regiment obstacle course near the Central Issue Facility, said Capt. Brian Schmanski, commander, HHC, 29th Inf. Regt.

Local JROTC headquarters official Maj. Allen Brinkman said the competition this year was extremely successful and fulfilled its goals.

"The idea is for (the cadets) to demonstrate not only teamwork," Brinkman said, "but leadership, as well."

The teams designate leaders at the beginning of the day, he said, but the leadership can be switched between events.

All events are affected by each individual's performance, and because of the nature of the scoring system, a blowout on even a single event makes it virtually impossible to win the competition.

This scoring system, Brinkman said, ensures that the winning teams must demonstrate strength in all five events.

All team members of the top three teams in both the male and female categories receive medallions, he said.

Winners for this year's event are:

Boys

1st Place - Carver High School Blue Team

2nd Place - Columbus High School Blue Team

3rd Place - Hardaway High School Red Team

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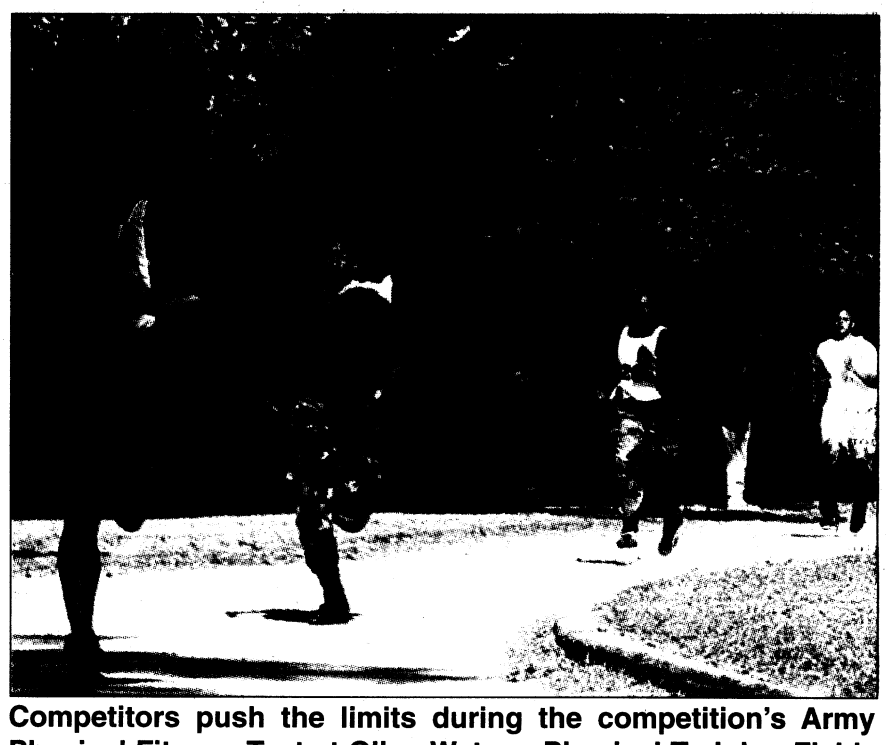
2nd Place - Carver High School Red Team

3rd Place - Columbus High School Orange Team



Competitors push the limits during the competition's Army Physical Fitness Test at Olive-Watson Physical Training Field.

'Can Do' Soldiers wage urban warfare

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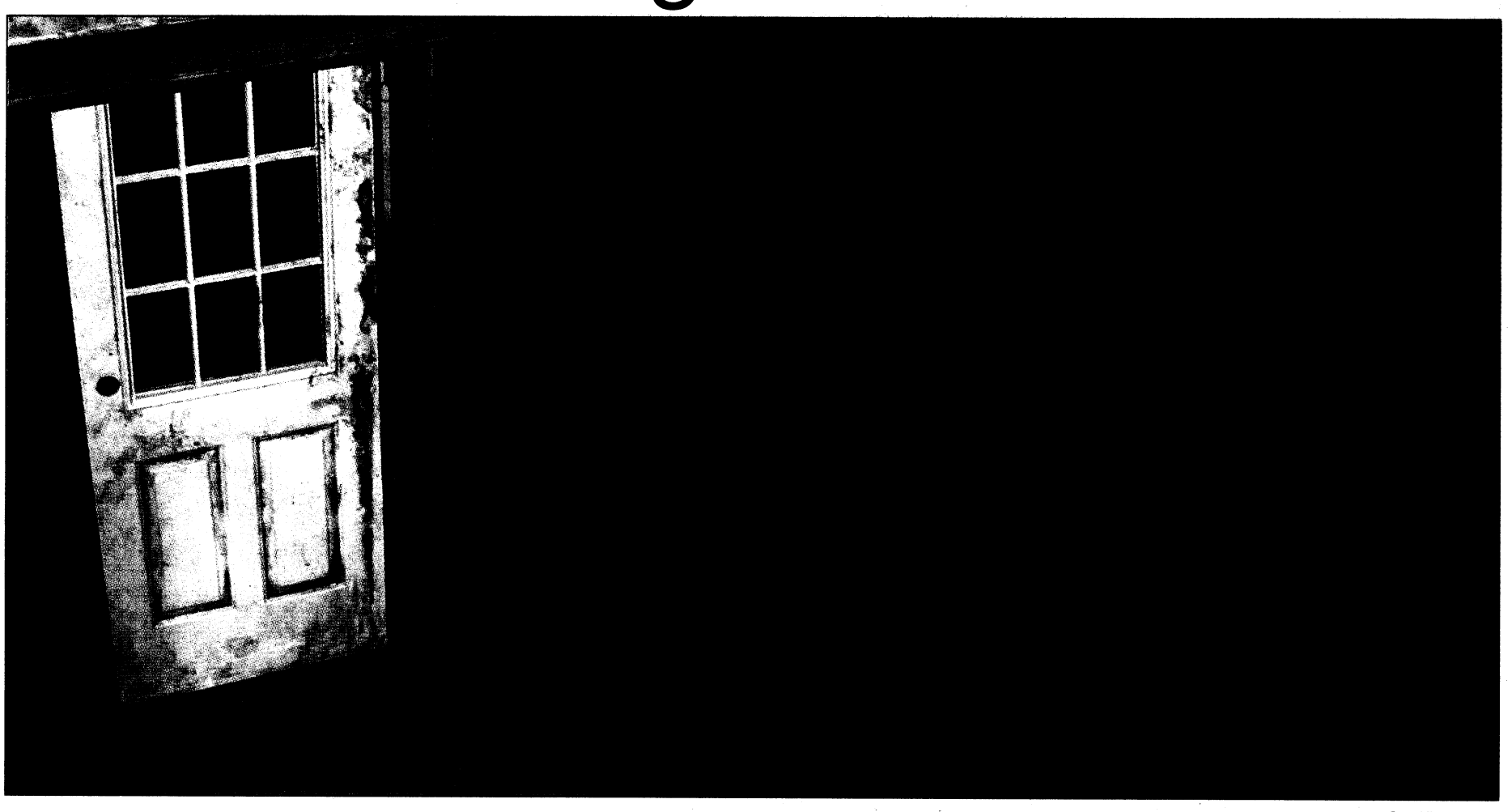

Sgt. Kim Dooley

A four-man team from C Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, readies to clear a room in a "shoot house" during its FTX.

Inside, it was still, dark and quiet. But was it empty? The Soldiers couldn't be sure. Huddled close in a four-man team, they moved through the building, searching for enemies, friendlies and contraband.

It's a scenario that many 3rd Brigade Soldiers are familiar with after their tenure in Iraq last year, and one the troops of C Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, will be ready for when the brigade returns for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3.

The company wrapped up an eight-day field training exercise at Brann Range Wednesday. Their focus? The "big four," said Capt. Vern Tubbs, company commander — marksmanship, physical training, battle drills and medical skills.

The Soldiers left Kelley Hill on foot last week on a 12.7-mile road march to the range. Once there, they trained on combatives, close-quarters marksmanship, breaching, clearing buildings and applying tourniquets.

The Soldiers practiced combatives daily, led by the unit's five Level II trainers. By the time the unit headed home, 90 percent of its troops were Level I-qualified, Tubbs said.

The marksmanship training, meanwhile, familiarized the Soldiers with firing outside the foxhole — kneeling, standing, turning and running.

"Close-quarters marksmanship isn't as accurate, but it's quicker," Tubbs said.

And in an environment like the urban areas of Iraq, it's what the Soldiers are more likely to use.

Breaching techniques are used to remove obstacles, like locked or barricaded doors. The troops learned and practiced explosive, ballistic and mechanical breaching. Explosive breaching employs demolitions, ballistic breaching calls for a shotgun and mechanical breaching uses manual tools, like a sledgehammer or hooligan tool.

These techniques were new to many of the Soldiers, even though many of them encountered these barriers in Iraq, said Cpl. Shawn Rice, a team leader.

"In Iraq, we were kicking in the doors, and using shotguns. But for a lot of guys, the first time they used a shotgun was (to breach a door) in Iraq, so they weren't familiar with it," he said. "It kind of messed them up."

The techniques they learned during the FTX will help them breach faster and save them energy, Rice said.

The Soldiers got to put those techniques to the test in two "shoot houses," where they practiced entering and clearing rooms in four-man teams.

Using a "building block" approach, the troops started off as single teams clearing single rooms, Tubbs said.

Once they had that down, they began adding variables — multiple rooms, doors, furniture, enemy targets, friendlies — eventually working their way up to multiple-team, multiple-room missions.

The Soldiers performed several runs through the shoot houses — dry runs with no ammunition, then runs using blanks and later live rounds, Tubbs said.

Having two shoot houses and the ability to vary the rooms enhanced the training, Rice said.

"When it's just one shoot house, you'll practice, practice, practice to the point that you know what it looks like — you don't have to think anymore," he said. "But with the second shoot house, it's a whole different (set-up), so it surprises you. It's more realistic."

As the FTX drew near its end, the Soldiers were able to flow in putting together everything they had learned, Tubbs said.

They entered the shoot houses, breached doors, engaged enemy targets using close-quarters marksmanship, used their combatives skills to detain a resistant "bad guy" — a combatives trainer in an impact reduction suit — and cleared the building.

For Pfc. David Mulligan, the FTX was vital training.

Mulligan, 19 and already a team leader, wasn't with the unit during its first bout in Iraq, but he will be when it heads back.

"This gave me some hands-on experience, actually getting a feel for how to enter and clear a room," he said. "It gave (my team) a chance to learn each other's jobs and just do a whole bunch of training."

And training is something Mulligan takes seriously.

"The bottom line is that we're going back to Iraq," he said. "And over there, it's a life or death situation when you go into a building.

"I know I'm coming back alive, and I'm bringing all my men back alive."

608th: Returns from yearlong deployment

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a newborn child.

"I'm a little scared and a little nervous to be holding (Aaron Jr.) for the first time," he said, "but its amazing."

The proud new father said he was sorry he missed his wife's nine months of pregnancy after he came home on emergency leave in July, but is glad he didn't miss as much of his newborn's life as some of his comrades.

As he got into a limousine rented by his family, Staff Sgt. Dorian Williams said it was awesome to be back and said he appreciated the support shown by those at the redeployment ceremony.

A rear detachment of 23 Soldiers remains in Camp Doha, Kuwait, and will supervise the transport of the unit's vehicles and gear before returning home in about two weeks, said Lt. Col. Matthew Higginbotham, 13th CSB commander. The 608th was the last of the original units deployed to Iraq from Fort Benning to return home.

"While deployed," Higginbotham said, "the 608th provided ammunition support to supporting units in the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater."

"Our families have done a superb job in supporting our Soldiers," Higginbotham said. It is solid family support, he said, that helps ensure the success of the 13th CSB's deployment procedures.

"I'm surprised at the energy of our Soldiers," Higginbotham said. "(The 13th CSB) has and extensive reintegration and recovery program required of all redeployed Soldiers. Our leadership is committed to ensuring Soldiers receive a smooth transition back to home station and receive all necessary assistance from post agencies — who, by the way, have done an outstanding job.

"We're learning the key to handling deployment turmoil is to constantly communicate with the Soldiers," he said. "They mainly want some type of predictability."

With the return of the 608th, the battalion is as close to full-strength at home as it has been since Higginbotham's assumption of command in June 2003. The 233rd Heavy Equipment Transport Detachment returned from Iraq in August 2003 and the 104th Transportation Company returned in March 2004, but the 233rd deployed again in January, Higginbotham said, and no redeployment date for that element has been set.

The elements of the 13th CSB that returned earlier were hard at work as well these past months.

In February, the 13th CSB deployed to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., in support of the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Inf. Div., and is currently ramping up for an upcoming Joint Readiness Training Rotation in Fort Polk, La. scheduled for August.

Upon return from the block leave Higginbotham said the Soldiers will focus on receiving equipment from Iraq and will start an extensive training cycle to regain proficiency in critical Soldier skills.

Attached to 3rd Brigade, the unit is preparing for the certainty of a return trip to Iraq, Higginbotham said.

Goals for the JRTC rotation, he said, are to exercise base defense and convoy security operations. Despite the enormous call the unit has responded to in support of the global war on terrorism, Higginbotham said morale is good and reenlistment numbers are high. "I am proud and amazed at the professionalism and dedication of our Soldiers in supporting our mission in Iraq," he said.

"Most of them understand the importance of our job and are totally committed to accomplishing whatever logistics mission we are called to do."

System: Changes

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four pay bands.

Under this system, employees would no longer receive within grade step increases, cost of living or annual across the board pay increases. Instead, a pay for performance system will be created where an employee's supervisor will determine pay.

"A supervisor will have to rate performance on a bell-shaped curve. Most employees will rate in the middle ... but the best and brightest should be rewarded handsomely," said Knoff. Currently, there are no set guidelines for this.

How well the pay-for-performance system is implemented, how much money is in the pay pool and how well management makes the differentiation between employees' performances will determine an employee's salary, Knoff said. Performance will also determine reductions in force and promotions, unlike under the current system, in which seniority makes many of those determinations.

But before any of these changes can be made, implementation procedures must be worked out with the national labor organizations so rules can be implemented systemwide and do not have to be negotiated with local labor organizations at each installation.

"Unless this piece is accomplished, none of the others can fall into place," said Knoff.

At the end of November, the Pentagon will publish proposed regulations on the new rules for union negotiating. If accepted, proposals for performance-based pay and for filing appeals in disciplinary cases will be issued in January. Once these proposals are passed, a representative group of employees will enter into a six-month pilot personnel program. Once completed, DoD will evaluate it using input from employees and the Office of Personnel Management and make any necessary changes before launching a second group of employees into a 12-month pilot program, scheduled for February or March 2006.

By the time a third group phases in, 300,000 employees will be under the new system. With approval from OPM, DoD will expand the system including the remaining 400,000 civilians in the work force. Changing systems will be a slow process, he said.

"It's not something to be concerned about in the right here and now," Knoff said.

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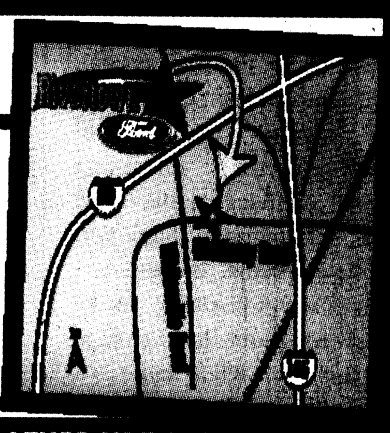

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Friday, April 23, 2004

COMMUNITY

Cancer survivor shares 'lesson learned'

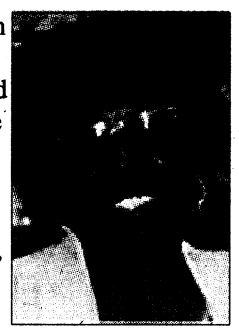
Early detection key to breast cancer survival

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Ann Justice was handed a clean bill of health and headed out the door when something told her to ask one more question.

"Don't you think I need a mammogram?" she asked her doctor.

With no family history of breast cancer and no reason to suspect the small lump that lurked below the tissue of her right breast, Justice believes it was God that prompted her inquiry that day in 1990.



Justice

"I even shocked myself. I had one foot out the door when I heard myself ask him that," said Justice, a fifth-grade teacher at Fort Benning's Stowers Elementary. "Later, I understood. As a Christian, I know it was the Holy Spirit directing me."

Justice was "at that age," when doctors recommend women have their breasts examined annually, but it had been two years since her last mammogram. Her doctor ordered an immediate exam. Three days later, Justice found herself in a surgeon's office.

Stage one cancer, he said, and recommended an immediate lumpectomy and radiation.

"I believe I'm alive because we caught it early," she said. "The message for everybody is the importance of mammograms — women and men. You know, men get breast cancer, too. There was a man at my church who was diagnosed with breast cancer about the same time I was. By November, he was dead. We're all human — we all have mammary glands."

Justice's message is one the American Cancer Society has been stressing for some time now; breast cancer is not a woman's disease. In fact, according to the ACS' most recent statistics, 1,500 men were diagnosed with it in 2002.

Though women are a hundred times more likely to get breast cancer, they're also more likely to detect it in its earliest stage, when it's 98 percent curable.

That's why it's important to ask for a mammogram, Justice said.

"Don't wait for the doctor to suggest it," she said. "I can't emphasize it enough."

In 1990, when she was the assistant principal at Stowers, Justice called a faculty meeting and encouraged her coworkers to learn from her experience.

"I'm the kind of person, if something's going on in my life,

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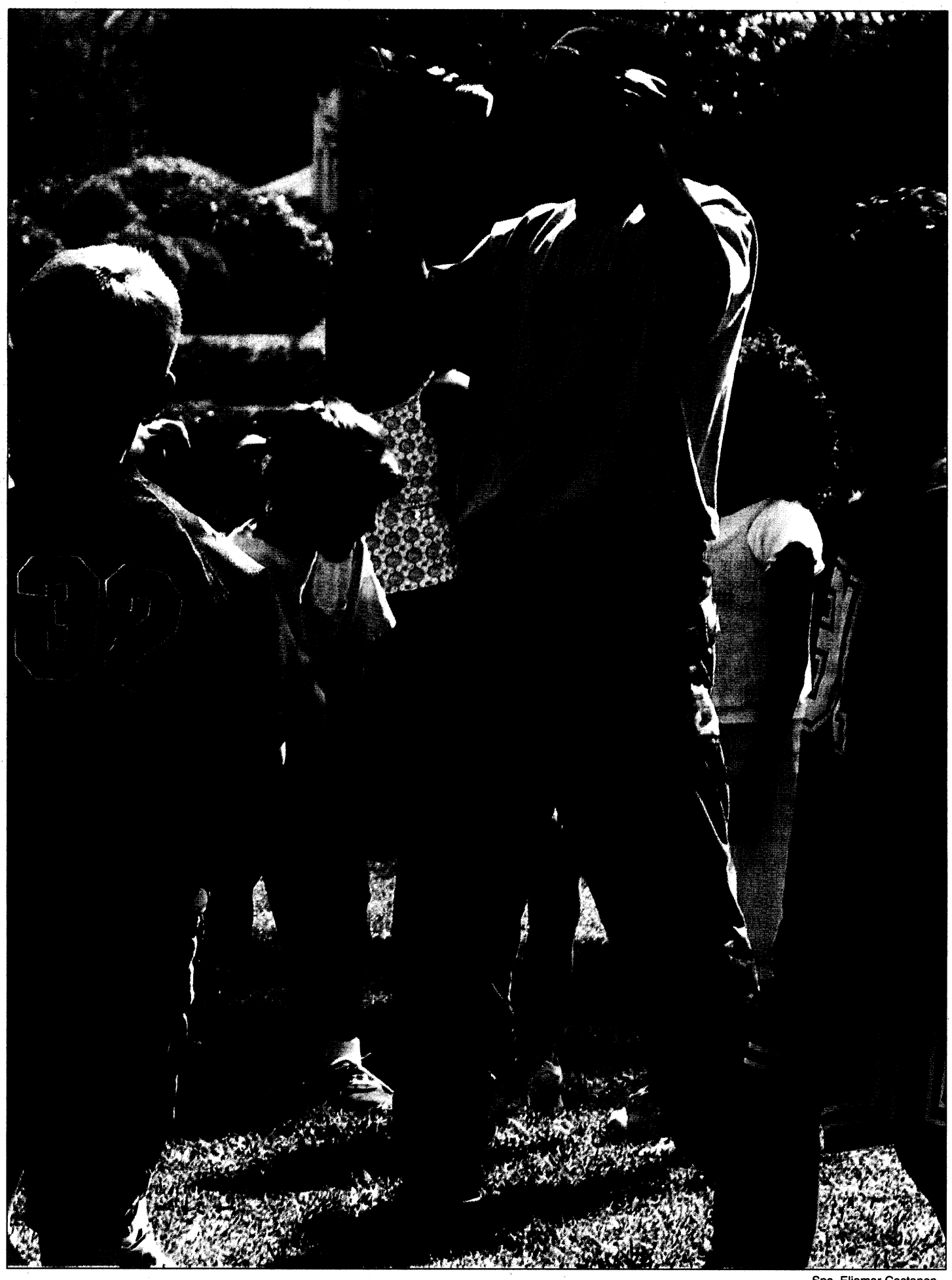
CLOSER LOOK

Survivors like Justice will celebrate life at the 11th annual American Cancer Society's Relay For Life May 14 and 15 at Kinnett Stadium in Columbus.

- The event begins at 7 p.m. with a Survivors' Lap and features various activities, including a luminary lap.
- Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's premier fund-raiser.
- Teams of 10 or more raise funds through pledges, car washes, bake sales, etc.
- For more information, call 324-4573.

Rock on at Riverside

Spc. Alfonso James sings during a Sunday concert on the lawn of Riverside, the home of Fort Benning's commanding general. Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley invited the Fort Benning community to enjoy the Infantry Center Band's rock group, Iron Mike. More than 100 families attended the concert, where they enjoyed songs like *Sweet Home Alabama*, *Come on Elleen* and other favorites. James kept his audience involved by dancing with the crowd of children and teaching them to do the electric slide. This is the first of a series of concerts at Riverside. The next Concert will be at 3 p.m. May 23 and is featuring the USAIC Concert Band performing Marches, Musicals and More.



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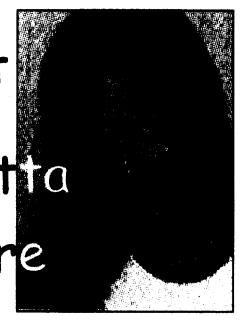


Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

As it was so tactfully pointed out to me by my swell buddy, Trinity, last week's "Get Outta Here" sent readers on a search for a bar called Papa Top's. Wrong, wrong, wrong. It's actually Pop-A-Top Lounge. It's still on 2nd Avenue, though, and it's still a good place to go — just ask Trin. So, my apologies to 1st Sgt. McGurk (the reader who tipped me off on the lounge's bounty of recreation activities and free barbecue on Saturdays) and the Pop-A-Top Lounge for the name change. Now onto this week's GOH ...

Lucky you, Columbus. Riverfest weekend has finally arrived.

What's Riverfest, you ask? Well, allow me to enlighten you.

Concerts, a carnival, a barbecue cook-off, fireworks, arts and crafts, demonstrations, face painting ... the list goes on. And it's all conveniently located just down the street, so to speak, in Columbus' Historic District.

Now, the folks behind the scenes are really rolling out the red carpet on this one.

Grammy-winners Blues Traveler and country star Tracy Byrd top the list of 30 or so local and national performers in every genre from rock to classical.

And when you've had enough on the music front, fill up on barbecue samples from more than 30 competitors in the Pig Jig Barbecue Cook-off and cast your vote for the People's Choice Award.

Not into barbecue? No problem. Food vendors apparently "flock" to this festival, offering up every culinary creation you can think

See **GOH,** B-3

Faith science students get national nomination

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

When Curtis Phelps' science teacher gave him an envelope to take home, he thought he was in trouble.

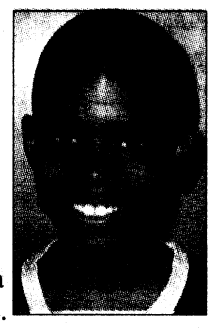
The Faith Middle School student took the envelope home, gave it to his father and expected the worst.

To Phelps' relief, he wasn't in trouble. Staff Sgt. Calvin L. Phelps, a small arms repairman with the 203rd Forward Support Battalion, was proud to inform his youngest son he had just been nominated for the U.S. Achievement Academy Award for Science.

The national award is an honor that fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students receive.

And Curtis isn't even in high school, he's 13 years old and one of 17 seventh-graders from Faith who were nominated by their science teacher, Mary Matthews, for this award.

Matthews received a letter from USAA asking her to submit the names of her top science students. So she sent in the list, and not much later, she received the envelopes inviting the parents to submit their children's biographical information to include in the academy's 2005 yearbook.



Curtis

Matthews said she believes it is important to show kids they're doing a good job at this age.

"Any time you can do something for middle school kids, it's a good thing," she said. "They're in a time of their lives when a pat on the back every once in a while feels great."

Curtis and his classmates may now appear in the official 2005 USAA yearbook and qualify to receive college scholarships from $1,500 up to $2 million.

Matthews said she hopes these nominations will show her students they have an aptitude for science and encourage them to consider it as a career.

"If kids work hard, they can follow their dreams and have more opportunities to do good things in life," Curtis said.

Curtis' dream is to someday build a giant robot or a car that turns into a credit card to avoid car theft.

He recently applied for the National Honor Society and hopes to be accepted, though he won't find out until the end of the school year.

As for right now, he's just waiting for the summer to come to have some fun, volunteer at the hospital and get to wear his Chuck Taylors again.

Matthews nominated the following Faith students for the award: Curtis Phelps, Hannah Henry, Shevonna Hill, Bobby Seawright, Crystal Austin, Matt Melhado, Shannon Wright, Tyler Foster, Clara Buchanan, Buddy Dyer, Maggie Gallagher, Bethany Hart, Chelsea Middleton, Paul Miranda, Vianca Torres, Yaro Ortega and Thomas Esposito.

BIRTHS

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Daylin Shay Love — born April 8 to Spcs. Silver and Jeffrey Love Jr.

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Kaitlynn Ann Strong — born April 7 to Christina and Spc. Shaun Strong.

Charlee Helen Hubb — born April 7 to Heather and Staff Sgt. Daniel Hubb.

Rebekah Anne Pace — born April 9 to Melinda Smith-Pace and Spc. Michael Pace.

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Cassidy Rose Welsh — born April 11 to Brittnie and Tech Sgt. Jarrod Welsh.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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School board meeting — The next Fort Benning School Board meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at Loyd Elementary School, located at 900 Santa Fe Road.

An agenda will be posted in the schools after noon today.

For more information, call 545-7276.

Lifeguard training — The American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The class is $125 and is held at Briant Wells Indoor Pool and American Red Cross Office.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Greetings from Italy — Customers at the Main PX can buy specially imported items from Italy through Wednesday.

Items like collectible bottles and molds, contemporary white porcelain dinnerware, Lemon Fabbro, ceramics, glass pieces, wooden trays, aprons, pasta, Italian oils and dipping sauces are among those available.

Also, customers can enter the Italian Sweepstakes. The grand prize package is valued at more than $400 and includes dinner at the Olive Garden, transportation via limousine, a bottle of wine, a chandelier and a treasure chest loaded with prizes. First prize is a dinner at the Olive Garden and a treasure chest. Second prize is a treasure chest and third prize is a bottle of wine.

For more information, call Jo Bradley at 689-8025, ext. 140.

Thrift Shop new hours — The Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop has new hours.

The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 687-4830.

Educational Task Force — The garrison commander would like to recruit volunteers to serve on a new Educational Task Force.

The task force's responsibility will be to report to the garrison commander on issues affecting military families and students in surrounding school districts.

The task force will be comprised of parent volunteers who have students in each of the following school districts: Russell County, Harris County, Lee County (Ala.), Phenix City, Fort Benning Dependent School System, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County.

If you are interested in joining the Educational Task Force, call Dewayne L. Baldwin, at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

CYS drop box — There is now a drop box by Central Registration, Building 359, for patrons who wish to make Child and Youth Services payments during and after business hours.

Payments must be in the form of check, debit or credit card. Do not leave cash. Payments will be posted the next business day.

Envelopes will be provided for the patrons convenience; please follow envelope instructions. Patrons should also be aware that payments in cash, check or money order can be made for any CYS program at all program sites except the Youth Center, Building 1056.

For more information, call 545-2079.

New home-school activities — There are new activities for home-school families. They are:

- Computer lab, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays; fifth grade and younger from 1 to 2 p.m., sixth grade and older, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Swimming activity at Briant Wells, Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Swimmers must pass swim test to participate.
- Youth Services Gym, Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

All participants must be registered with Child and Youth Services to use these services.

For more information, call the Central Registration Office at 545-2079 or Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

Mother of the Year contest — The Main Mall Post Exchange is holding Fort Benning's first Mother of the Year contest. Participants must be a military dependent — active-duty or retired — to submit a letter about why your mother or spouse should be chosen. Turn in letters at the Main PX drop box at the front of the store from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through May 3.

The letters will be judged May 4 to 5. The winning mother will be notified no later than 8 p.m. May 6 and will be awarded at 11 a.m. May 8 in front of the Main PX entrance. The letter of submission must include: author's name, telephone number, address and relationship to the mother, the mother's name and 100 words or less about why this mother should be chosen.

The winner of the contest will participate in special events throughout the year and will be a liaison between the Main PX and the military community until next year's winner is chosen.

For more information, call 687-0385.

Car buying seminar — The seminar, "How to Buy a Car Without Being Taken for a Ride" will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 4 and is sponsored by the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program.

Attendees will learn how to buy the car that best meets their needs, at the best possible price and with the best possible financing.

The seminar will teach all the steps in the vehicle purchasing process and how to avoid getting tripped up walking through those steps.

Reservations are requested to ensure enough materials and can be made by calling the ACS Financial Readiness Program at 545-5485 by April 30.

California Suite — Benning Backstage will present a dinner theater production of *California Suite*, a comedy by Neil Simon, May 21, 22, 28 and 29.

Dinner and the show will be held at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., dinner and opening entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $19 for adults and $12 for children 12 and under and include dinner and the show.

Tickets are available at the Officers' Club and Omega World Travel Center.

Dinner includes chicken fettucine, sliced roast beef, vegetable medley, Caesar salad, dessert and a glass of wine, tea or coffee.

The show is open to the public.

For ticket information, call the Officers' Club at 682-1120.

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative has mailed out surveys to current family housing residents.

The surveys ask respondents to comment on how well on-post housing needs are being met.

The results of the survey will assist RCI in providing the services and facilities that are important to military families.

The cut-off for receiving responses is June 25.

Family housing residents are encouraged to fill out and return their surveys.

For more information, call Lillian Salazar at 545-0667.

ACS Food Locker — Eligible personnel (active duty, retiree families and widowers of deceased Army personnel) who wish to use the Army Community Services Food Locker should visit the ACS Center, Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

After completing an application, signed by either a unit first sergeant or commander (active-duty personnel). The client will be directed to the Food Locker, where they can select a two-day supply of food items from stock.

ARC Summer Youth Program — The Fort Benning Red Cross is gearing up for its Summer Youth Volunteer Program for children, ages 13 to 18.

This program will run 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday between June 7 and July 16, with volunteer hours available from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Youth will have the opportunity to volunteer at Martin Army Community Hospital, the Veterinary Clinic, Sayers Library and many other places.

Youth packages are now available and ready to be picked up.

There will be a parent question and answer session from 6:30 to 8 p.m. May 4 at the Red Cross Office in Building 2626 at Soldiers' Plaza.

Applications are due by May 21.

Writer looking for military spouses to interview — Hugs to Kuwait founder Pamela Bates is looking for military spouses to interview concerning "Making Military Housing into a Home" for a new publication, Military Spouse Magazine, which begins publication in August.

She is looking for both decorating ideas and ideas to use to keep the family going during long deployments and training separations.

For more information, call Bates at 689-5411 or e-mail hugstokuwait@hotmail.com.

16th Infantry Regiment Association — The 16th Infantry Regiment Association is looking for former members of the regiment. The 16th Inf. Regt. Association is a non-profit veterans organization founded in 1989.

Its sole purpose is to perpetuate the history and heritage of the regiment and to sponsor and support activities for the regiment and the Society of the First Infantry Division.

Visit the 16th Inf. Regt. Association Web site at http://16thinfantry-regiment.org/

To volunteer or for more information, call Lt. Col. Tony Turner at 689-9449.

Food program — The Department of the Army announces the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. The same meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled participants at the centers listed, regardless to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

The centers are: Main Post CDC, Santa Fe CDC, Tot Town CDC, School Age Services, Middle School, Teen and various Family Child Care Homes.

For more information, call Astrid Moore at 545-9264.

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AUSA Job Fair — The Association of the U.S. Army is sponsoring a job fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 14 in Infantry Hall.

The job fair is open to Soldiers (active duty and retired), Department of the Army civilians, family members and the general public. Interested parties should bring 20 copies of their resumes for possible on-site interviews.

For resume assistance, call the Army Career and Alumni Program Transition Assistance Office at 545-2308 or the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program at 545-6969 or 545-5516.

Summer camp open house — Camp Woodmont, located in Cloudland, Ga. on Lookout Mountain, invites the community to a summer camp open house from 2 to 5 p.m. May 16.

The open house will feature tours of the facility, refreshments and discussions with the camp owners, directors, counselors and former campers.

For more information, call Camp Woodmont at (770) 457-0862 or visit www.campwoodmont.com.

Columbus Saves — Trying to save for a rainy day? Dreaming of buying a home?

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To enroll, call Joanne Cavis at 653-4200.

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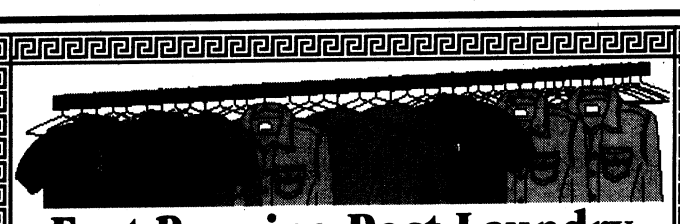

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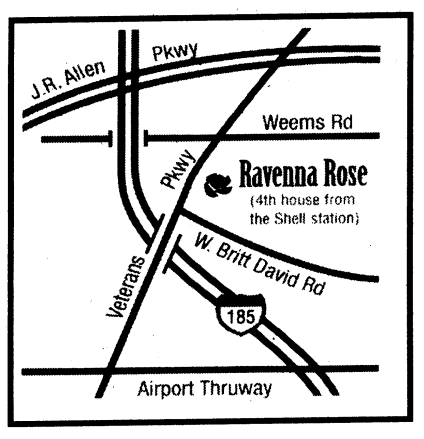

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Red Cross offers post water safety classes

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Bayonet staff

In 2000, there were 3,482 unintentional drownings in the U.S., an average of nine people per day — 943 of those victims were children between the ages of 1 and 14 years old, according to Center for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

Drowning remains the second leading cause of injury-related death for children between those ages.

With summer right around the corner, the Fort Benning Red Cross Station has started its Learn-to-Swim and lifeguard training programs to ensure everyone is prepared to get in the water.

One of the classes offered is the Mom and Tot class for mothers and babies from 6 months to 3 years.

The Moms and Tots and the preschool lessons are designed to get children comfortable with the water before they learn to swim or move on to lessons, said Michele Walton, Red Cross health and safety director.

Meanwhile, parents learn how to keep their child safe, whether it's in the bathtub or the pool.

"Swimming is a necessity for everybody, I don't care how old you are," Walton said. "You never know when it can save your life or ... somebody else's."

The Learn-to-Swim program is a progressive swimming program that introduces children to swimming and develops their swimming skills.

"Even if it's not with the Red Cross, all parents need to take their children to swimming lessons," Walton said.

Each level has its own safety portion that goes along with the class. Students learn the fundamentals of using life jackets, safe diving rules, how to open an airway for breathing and eventually become familiar with CPR without mouth-to-mouth contact.

The lessons are taught by certified Red Cross instructors who cover the following levels:

• **Level 1 - Water Exploration** provides an orientation and a sound foundation for aquatic and safety skills.

• **Level 2 - Primary Skills** expands on fundamental aquatic locomotion and safety skills.

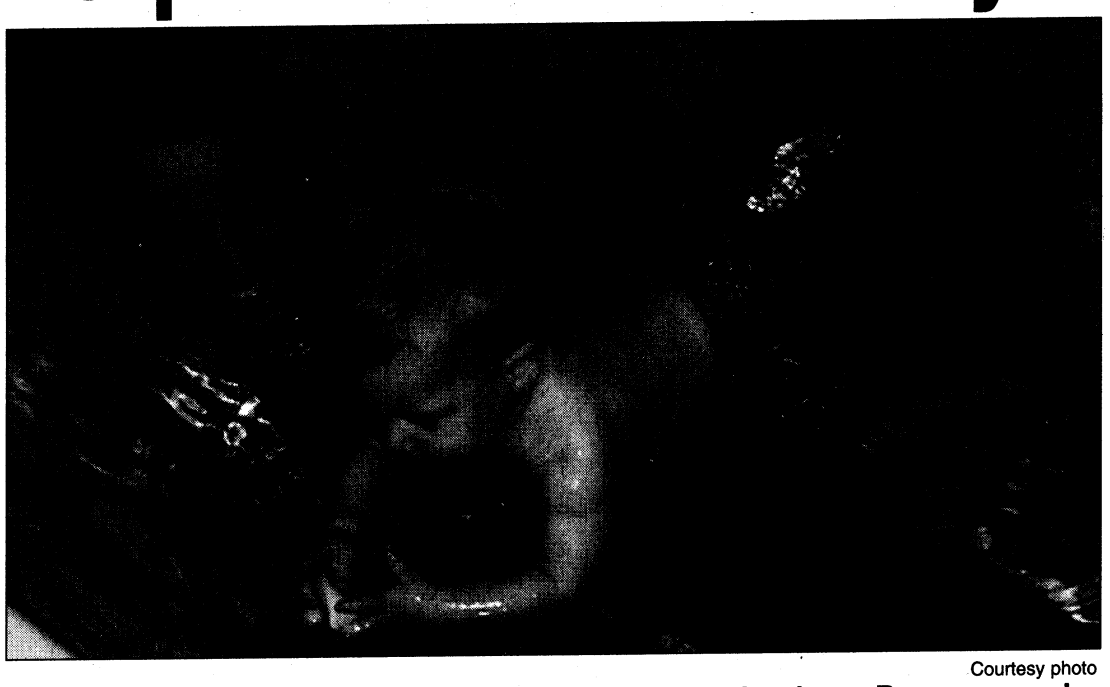
• **Level 3 - Stroke Readiness** increases competency and teaches safety and non-swimming rescue skills.

• **Level 4 - Stroke Development** introduces the breast and side stroke and develops confidence and competency in strokes and safety skills.

• **Level 5 - Stroke Refinement** continues stroke refinement and introduces the butterfly, surface dives and springboard diving.

• **Level 6 - Stroke Proficiency** develops maximum efficiency and endurance and introduces flip turns.

• **Level 7 - Advanced Skills** encourage lifetime fitness, refine strokes learned in previous levels, develop springboard diving and learn advanced rescue skills.



Courtesy photo

Georganna Rapaport and her nine-month-old baby boy, Brennan, swim together during the Red Cross Mom and Tot swimming lessons.

Lessons are held Monday through Friday for two weeks and are for military and Department of Defense ID card holders. The next Level 1, 2, Preschool and Mom and Tot classes are June 7 through the 18. Each class is $30.

For the teen-agers 15 and older interested in lifeguarding during the summer, the Red Cross also provides lifeguard training classes.

All teens who want to take this class must pass a prerequisite swim test before they may participate in the course, Walton said.

The prerequisite test involves a 200 meter freestyle swim, a 100 meter breast stroke, a 200 meter freestyle or breast stroke swim without stopping, a 20 meter swim, dive to a minimum of nine feet to pick up a ten pound object and carry the object to the staring point.

If the teen-ager does not pass the test they cannot begin the course. The next class begins Saturday and costs $125.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Survivor: Advocates early detection in women, men

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everybody's going to know it," she said. "I put them all on alert. I said, 'This is what's happening to me. Now go get a mammogram.'"

Justice speaks to women's groups and church groups whenever she's given an opportunity. She believes teaching children is a ministry, and God spared her because her work is not finished.

But she also believes God wants her to share her survival story with others.

When Justice lost her mother to pancreatic cancer in 1984, few were willing to talk about the disease, she said. The silence left many ignorant to the overwhelmingly encouraging statistics about survival rates among those who detect early.

"Back then, people didn't even want to say the word. They called it the 'big C,'" Justice said. "They had all kinds of misconceptions about it. Mostly, they thought it was a death sentence."

Now, Justice said, more and more people realize that early detection is the key to survival, and the key to early detection is education.

"It's important for people to hear the success stories," she said. "It makes people realize they can live through cancer."

GOH: Festival hits town

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Once you've finished indulging your taste buds, loosen up that belt and head over to the Folklife Village for some visual stimulation. Folk art, fine art, "old town" art, and a Native American primitive skills demonstration oughtta satisfy your aesthetic side.

Got kids? Still a kid at heart yourself? Good. There's more.

The Children's Hands-on Interactive Area has face painting, a petting zoo, chalk art, sand art sculpturing and karate. Top it off with a little crafts project with three nationally known folk artists.

So when does all this entertainment kick off? Well, it started yesterday, but it's not too late.

Riverfest will be going strong all weekend long.

Tickets are only $5 a day for adults for all activities except the main concerts and $10 a day, concerts included. Youngsters older than 6 are only $2.

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Author visits Loyd

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Loyd Elementary School students got a special treat Thursday morning.

Popular children's author Eddie Bowman — better known as "Chester Drawers," the hillbilly comic — paid them a visit to read a few of his books and sing some of his songs.

"The children loved his performance," said Mitzi Crow, the school's information specialist.

"They had a great time listening to him read his stories and seemed to really enjoy the jokes he made," she said. "Their favorite part was singing the songs along with him as he played them on his guitar."

Bowman, a native of Branson, Mo., is not only an author, but an entertainer and motivational speaker, as well.

By the time Bowman arrived, the children were already familiar with many of his works — books like *Sonny the Trick Horse, Roddy the Rooster* and *The Dust of the Butterfly Wings.*



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Loyd Elementary School students clap along with children's author Eddie Bowman Thursday.

"Before he came, we got to read some of his books," said second-grader Destiny Gonzales. "They were real funny, and I was excited that he was coming here."

The visit was also a first brush with fame for some of the students.

"I had never met an author before," said second-grader Filsan Olhaye. "It was nice that he read to us and let us forget that we were in school."

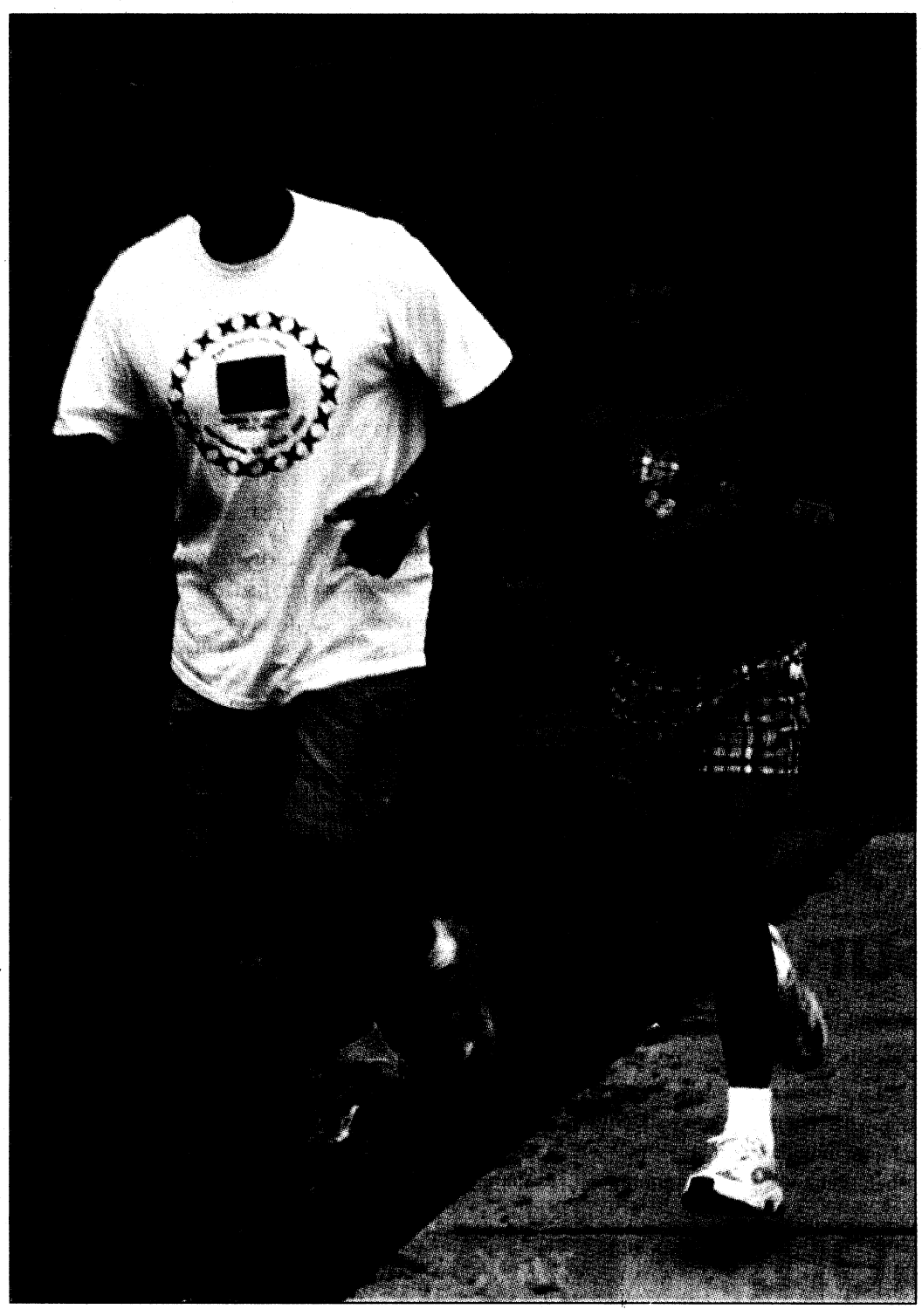
Second-grader Bianca Trevino said she was looking forward to getting Bowman's autograph.

"I like to get autographs from famous people," she said. "It's cool when you collect a lot of them and can show your friends all of the ones you have."

Crow said the school highlights many authors throughout the year, so to have one of them visit the school is great.

"It's nice for the children to put a face to the author of a book they read," she said. "A lot of them will remember this for a long time."

Run like the wind



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Staff Sgt. Roy Trevino, left, a student at Fort Benning's Drill Sergeant School, runs with his daughter, Bianca, 8, during a one-mile run in physical education class at Loyd Elementary School Wednesday. Parents were invited by the school to run along with their children during the class.

Students celebrate Earth Day

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Throughout the week, Loyd Elementary School students were preparing for Earth Day, which was Thursday.

As part of their preparation, the students learned about effects of pollution caused by garbage.

"We want the students to learn early in their life what happens to the environment when we decide to throw our trash on the ground," said kindergarten teacher, Katherine Walker. "We tried to raise their awareness, so they can go out and help keep the Earth clean."

Kindergartner Bruce Summers said he would be cleaning up his backyard for Earth Day.

"My dog got into stuff and there is a lot of trash around," he said. "I didn't make the mess, but I'm still going to help out."

As part of their Earth Day celebration, the students participated in a parade.

But this was not an ordinary parade. The students marched in costumes they made out of items that could have been thrown away or recycled.

"We told the students to be creative," Walker said. "We told them to use plastic bottles, newspapers and other stuff they would have otherwise gotten rid of."

"When you see 400 students marching around the school in newspapers, plastic bottles and soda cans, you see how much trash we really throw away. And that's just in one school. Imagine if we all put our trash together, how much that would be."

Kindergartner Celeste Huff said she had fun making her costume for the parade.

"My costume is cool," she said. "It is made out of plastic bags, and it has a butterfly on it made out of newspaper. I also have a crown I will put on my head that is made out of newspaper."

The students also had the opportunity to make noisemakers out of paper towel rolls.

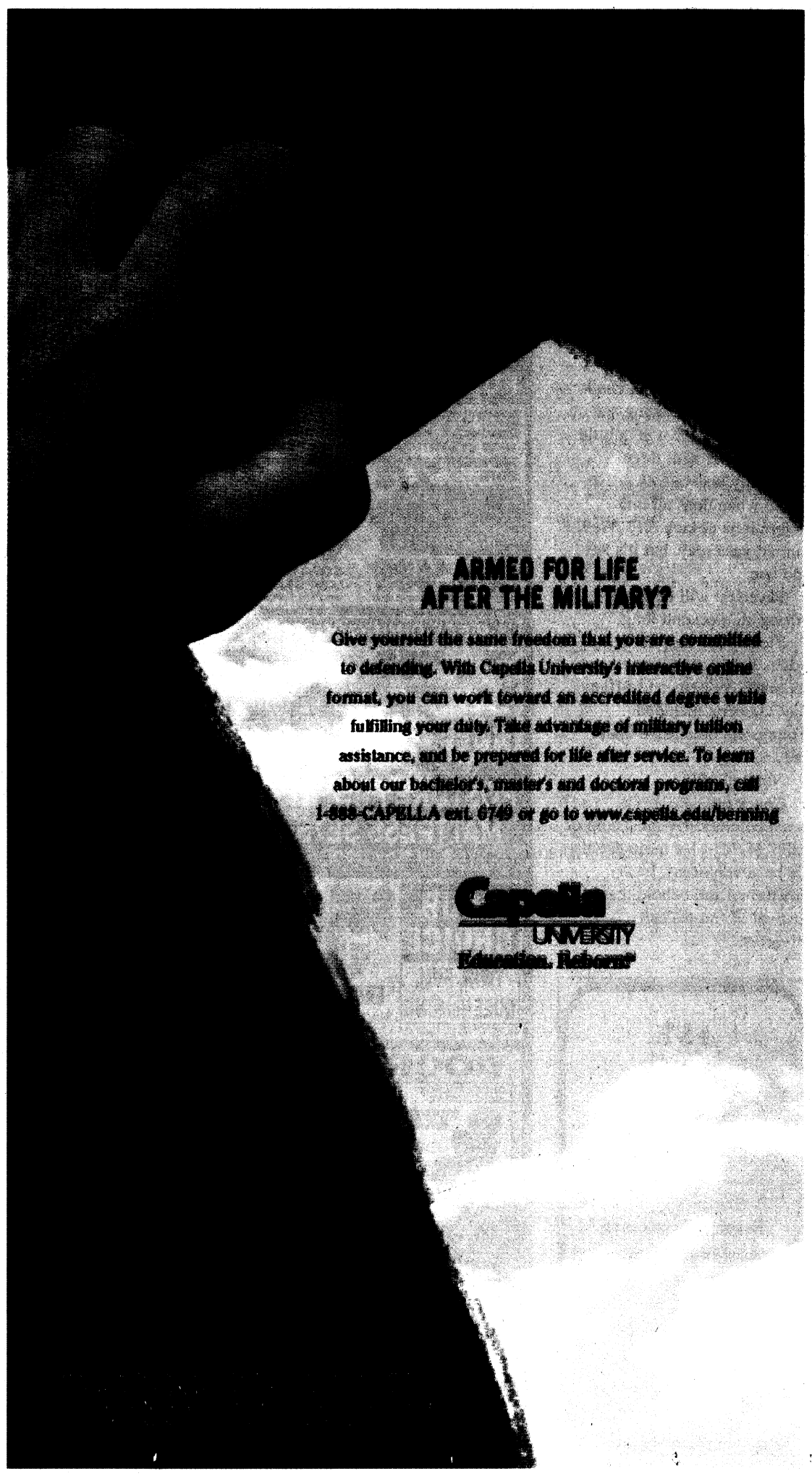
"I can't wait to use them," said kindergartner Chasity Twyman. "I want to shake it and make a lot of noise."

Walker said many of the students will continue to try to keep their area clean.

"We told them that Earth Day isn't the only day they should help out," she said. "They know they have to help keep the Earth clean everyday, so that there is less pollution."







Learn to take ownership of your moves

Chaplain (Maj.) Luis Scott
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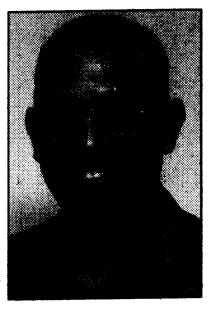
There are many theories regarding success. We can approach the discussion on success with the kind of things that make people successful, or we can begin with a definition of what is success. I believe that success is an attitude of the heart. We do not need to be rich, or to lead a large corporation to be successful. All we really need is to develop life-giving abilities. If we can share our lives with others and in that process we help them find enjoyment in their relationships with God and others, we will be successful. Let me share with you what I call two principles for successful living.

• Only keep your own score. I have been playing golf for more than 20 years. I have not gotten very good at it, but I play well enough to enjoy the game. In my first 8 years of golfing I spent a great deal of energy and time keeping mental score of other players' games in my foursomes. I would finish games upset and exhausted. One day I joined a gentleman for a round of golf. I remember very distinctly that he was not as good as I. We came upon the 12th hole, a par five, as I recall. I had a couple of decent shots and ended with up with a bogey six. I was satisfied. I had seen my partner take shot after shot and not make a great deal of progress. I counted as many as 11 strokes, but to my amazement at the end of the hole he declared triumphantly that he had scored a five and had parred the hole. I figured that he shaved at least six strokes. Even though I am a slow learner, several questions hit me at once. What was it to me whether my golf partner is successful or not? Why not celebrate his good shots and mourn his bad shots? I cannot be successful if I am always comparing my score to that of a person next to me. Keeping my own score means that my personal success is not limited by other's successes.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• Take ownership of self — A world-class chess player once said that if he was able to make his first 10 moves without resistance from his opponent, he could win every game in less than 30 moves. He believed he could control the board to such an extent that he could put the other player in a constant defensive posture. In playing chess, I learned quickly that while I have to react and respond to my opponents' moves; it is always up to me HOW I respond. Every move I make requires that I pick up my chess piece and move it where I want to. I make choices when to sacrifice a pawn, bishop, or a knight. But it is always my decision. I cannot point fingers at anyone else. All I can do is learn to play the game well enough so that I make the best possible moves with the knowledge and experience I have acquired.

Taking ownership of my moves means that I must strive to know, to the best of my abilities, how the game of life is played.

CHAPEL NOTES

Spring revival — The Sightseeing Road Chapel Gospel congregation invites the public to its Spring Revival today, Saturday and Sunday.

The revival will feature Pastor Stanford L. Anderson of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Bellville, Ga., with Chaplain (Maj.) Luis R. Scott officiating.

The revival will begin at 7 p.m. each night.

For more information, call Tamela M. Chambers at 545-9597.

PWOC Spring Bible studies — The Protestant Women of the Chapel will conduct the following Bible studies this Spring:

• *Calm My Anxious Heart* by Linda Dillow — This study is filled with encouragement and practical help for learning contentment and overcoming anxiety.

• *I Peter* by Kay Arthur — Will trials and tribulations reveal your faith and bring glory to God?

• *Living Beyond Yourself* by Beth Moore — A detailed look at the nine character traits that make up the fruit of the spirit as described in Galatians.

• *And Then I Had Kids* by Susan Yates — This study will help you handle common struggles such as priorities, discipline, fatigue and other challenges of raising young children.

For more information on these classes, call Natalie Rauch at 221-5607.

CFLC seminars — The Chaplain Family Life Center offers the following seminars:

• Making Love Last Forever — A couples seminar, meets the first Friday of each month.

• Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours — Parenting seminar, held the third Friday of each month.

Individual, couple and family counseling is available.

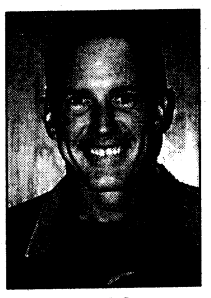
For more information, call the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760.

It pays to check your life gauges

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Recently I was tooling around in my well-dinged, mean-green driving machine: my 165,000-mile Jeep Grand Cherokee. In fact, last weekend was so gorgeous that I just had to hook the boat up and head for the backwaters (if you think my car is old, you should see my boat!) I hadn't gone too far when I made it a point to look down and check three gauges on my dash: the temperature, the gas and the oil pressure. Why did I check them?

Well, experience is a great teacher, and last year, I learned a painful lesson. One fine Saturday, Team Hawkins scrambled all around the house collecting everything from snorkels to skis to SPF 5000 and then loaded up for a fantastic day on the water. In all the frenzy and excitement, however, Dad *didn't* check the gauges. And lo and behold, instead of cooling off from the blazing sun on Lake Harding, we were sweltering over a spewing radiator in 100-degree heat. It always pays to check to gauges, doesn't it?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And if it pays to check the gauges on you car, just think how much more sense it makes to check the gauges on your life. What are those gauges? Well, when it comes to your relationships, I can think of at least three:

Gauge #1 — Draining relationships. Ever have those people that you cross paths with that, shall we say, "suck the very life out of you?" You know these people. When faced with the prospect of an evening at their house, you remark to your loved one, "I'd rather have all my toenails pulled out one by one and salt poured in the wounds!" If the draining relationships in your life are completely blocking you from enjoying folks in the next two categories, then you may want to consider some emergency roadside assistance.

Gauge #2 — Neutral relationships. These are friends who don't empty your tank — but they don't necessarily fill your tank either. They just are. These are folks that you can take or leave.

Gauge #3 — Replenishing relationships. Now here's where you want to maximize your efforts! If you could take a vacation with anybody you could, who would it be? Who inspires you to dream? Many of us could use a few more of these folks in our lives.

So this week as you're driving around, don't just check out the dashboard of your car... check out the dashboard of your relational life! If you need help in getting a tune-up, come see me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at 11 a.m. Sundays on Kelley Hill or call the CFLC at 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

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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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3951
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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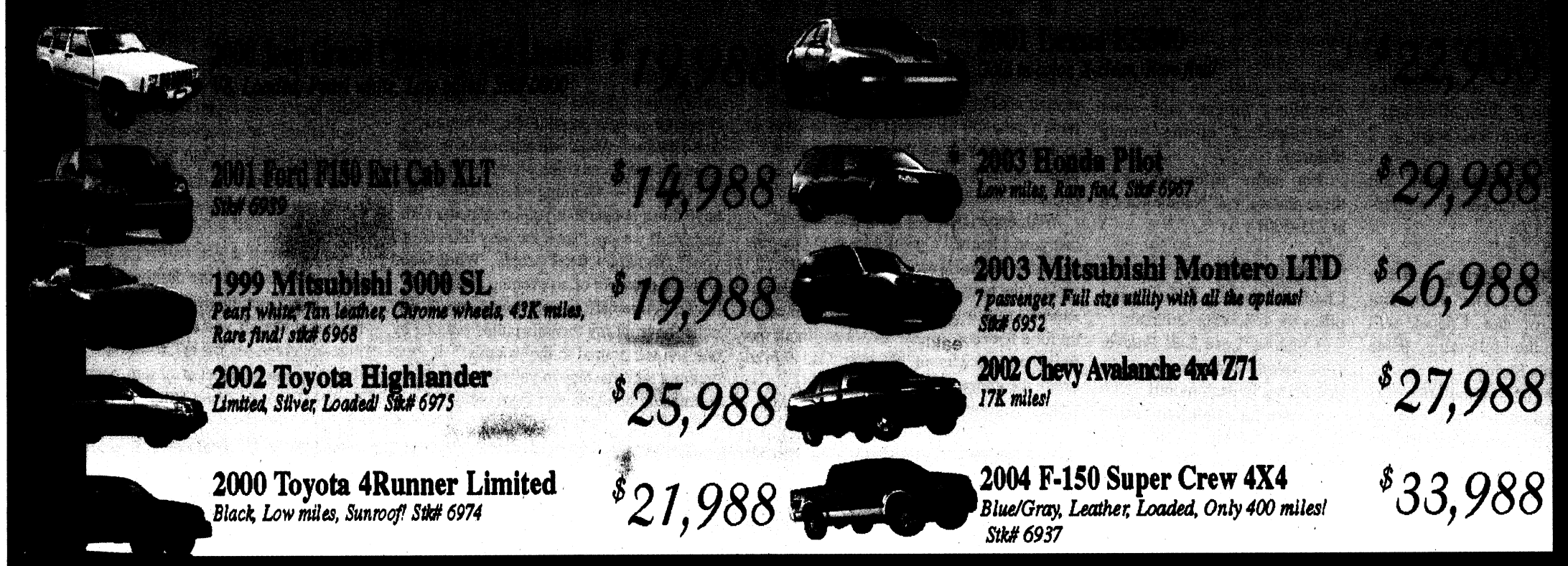

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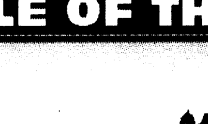

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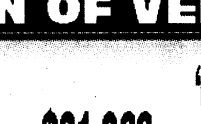

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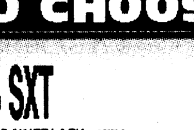

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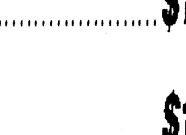

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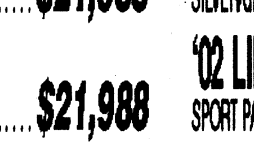

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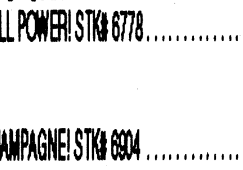

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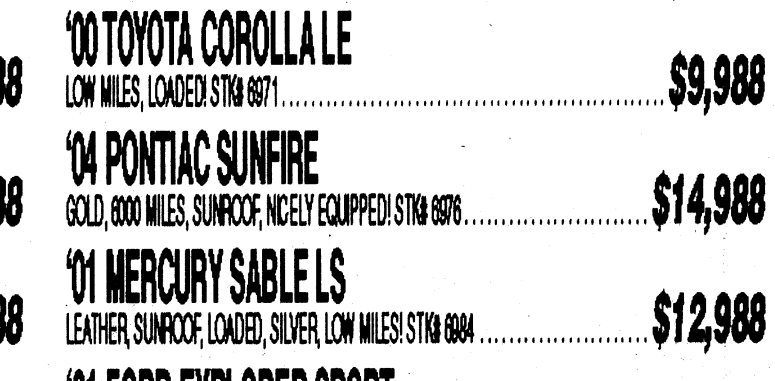

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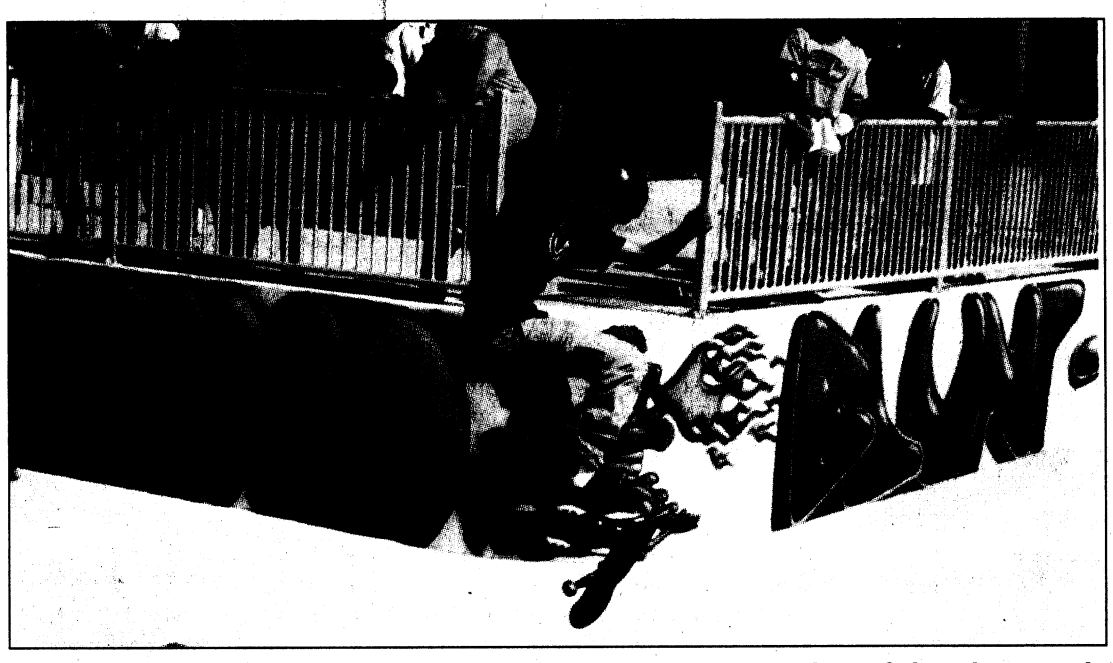

More than 250 people attended the Saturday grand opening of the skate park and adjoining teen center, The Hangout. The park will be open Tuesday through Saturday for registered CYS members between 6 and 18.

New skateboard park, teen hangout open

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Die-hard skaters lined up at 6 a.m. Saturday for the grand opening of Fort Benning's skateboard park and teen center. By the time the gates opened at 10 a.m., the excitement was palpable among the grunge-dressed, board-bearing teens who tried hard to look anything but excited.

It took Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley several minutes to quiet the crowd, mostly Fort Benning youth who've been clamoring for a place to skate for some time now. The park, said Freakley, Fort Benning's commanding general, proves "the people of this post care about what (the youth) on this post want."

Skaters long complained about the lack of skate facilities locally and what they perceived as harassment by law enforcement officials on and off post, said 17-year-old Malcolm Mobley. When a group of students from Spencer High School broached the subject at a teen town-hall meeting last year, post officials took note.

"They said show us an interest, and we did," said Mobley, who helped collect 350 signatures on a petition for the construction of a skate park.

Freakley said he urged officials to "move fast" on the project, and the folks at Child and Youth Services and the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation responded with enthusiasm.

"This is a total team effort," Freakley said, before inviting a group of teens to help him cut the ribbon.

About 250 people, some on wheels, some not, swarmed the park, which was designed by Skatewave of Illinois and constructed by Wynn Contractors, a local company.

Local artist Dave Alcott painted graffiti art on the park walls and inside the adjoining teen center, called The Hangout, which features a pool table, computers, a snack bar and plasma TV.

Professional skateboarders Joe Pino and Dorian Tucker performed for the crowd after Tucker encouraged his audience to "skate smart." A skater's most important investment is not a top-of-the-line skateboard, he said.

"Your helmet is the most important piece of equipment you can buy. Pads are good — they'll save you a trip to the hospital. But a good helmet will save your life," he said.

After the demonstration, the park was opened to all skaters. Alex Johnson, 16, gave the course his nod of approval and described the park as "mellow."

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>
> **Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley**
> Fort Benning's commanding general

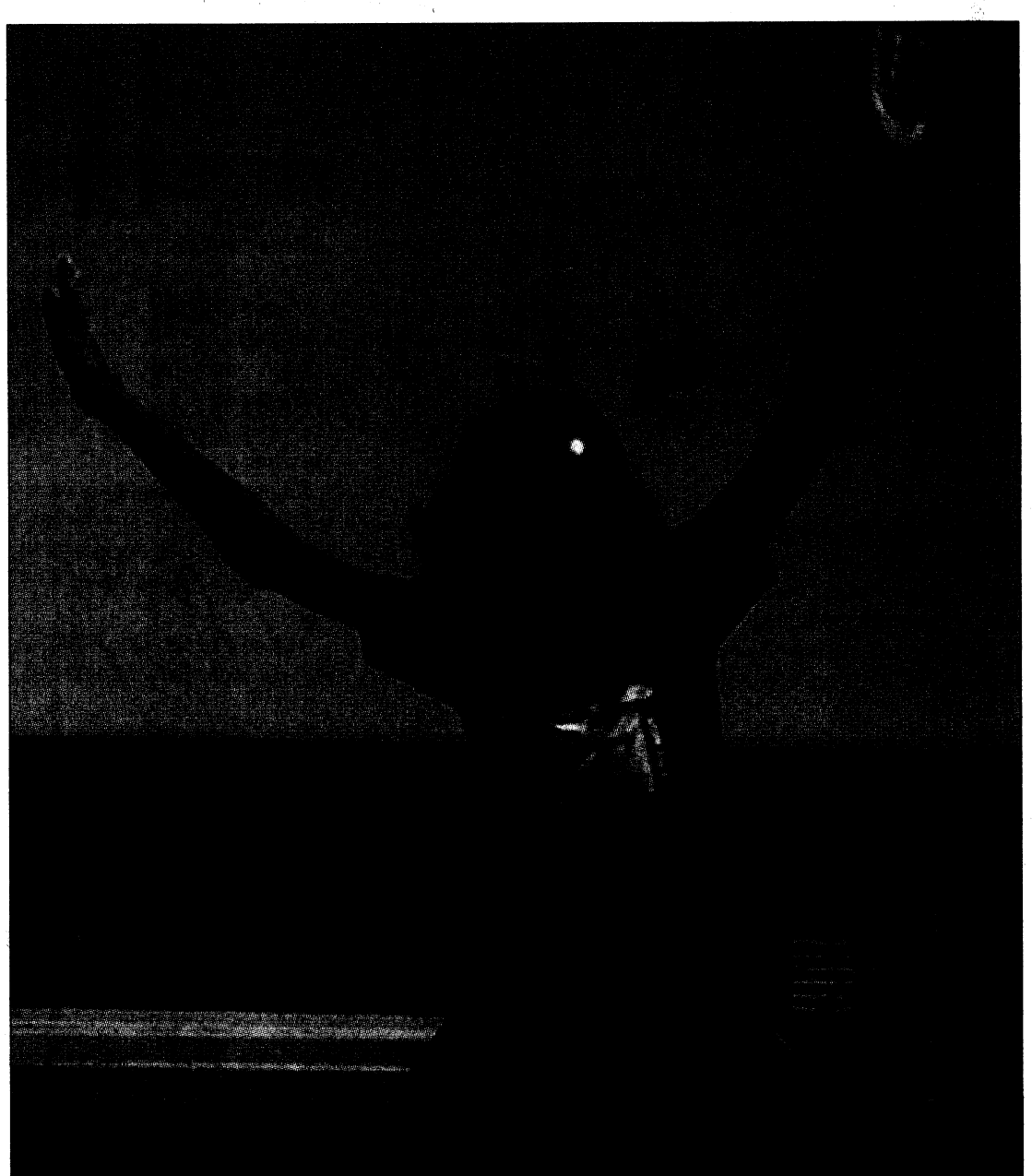
"It's smooth. It's got an easy flow," said Johnson, who skates competitively for Media Skateboards. "It's got a nice combination of ramps and a smooth set-up. It's mellow."

The skate park and teen center is open to registered CYS members. All skaters must have a waiver on file signed by a parent. The skate park is open Tuesday through Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for members ages 6-10.

The park is open Tuesday through Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 8 p.m. for CYS members 11-18.

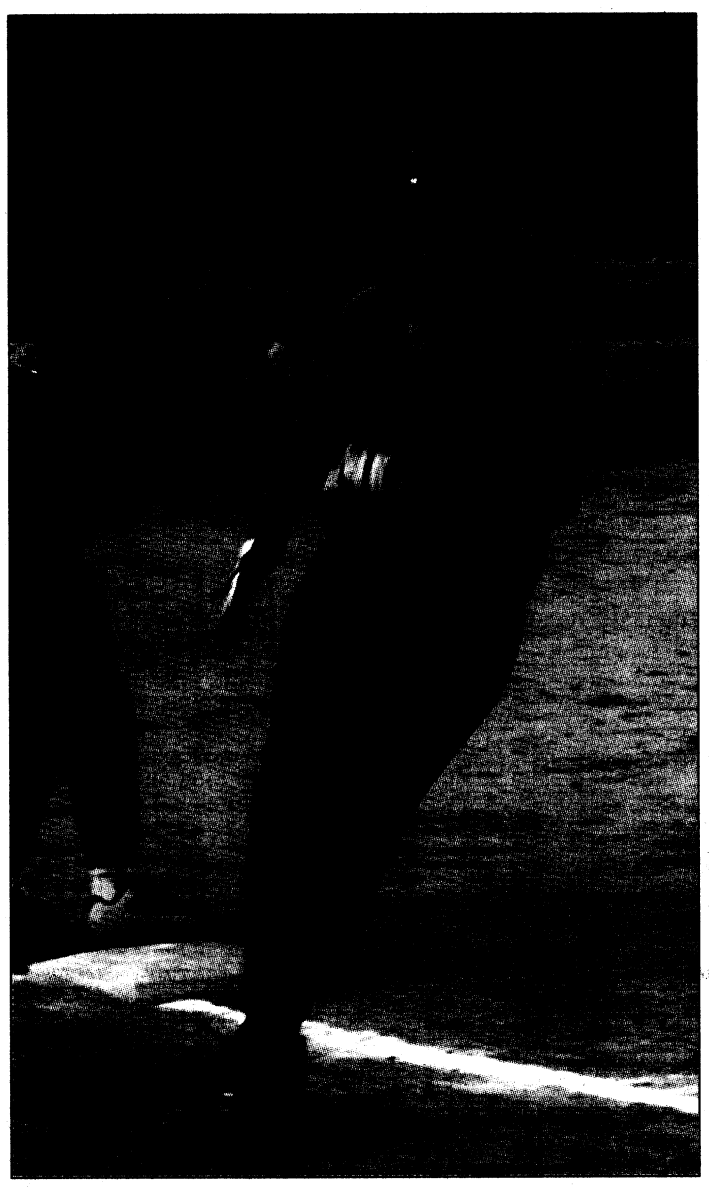
The Hangout will be open Tuesday through Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 3 to 10 p.m.

For more information, call 545-3582.



Photos by Bridgett Siter

Alex Johnson, a 16-year-old competitive skater from Columbus, tries out a rail slide on the deck of the new Child and Youth Services skate park Saturday during the park's grand opening.



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Jim Risberg rounds third base and heads for home during the second inning of Tuesday's game. The Marlins won the game, 13-1.

Marlins defeat Sea Wolves

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Youth Services 9- to 12-year-old Marlins came out on top in a game against the Sea Wolves, 13-1, Tuesday.

The Marlins, powered by strong hitting and great pitching, overmatched their opponents the entire game.

"These kids have worked hard at all of our practices," said Alberto Benitez, the Marlins' head coach. "They continually want to get better, and it shows out on the field during both games and practices. I'm proud of the effort they put in every day."

After Sea Wolves pitcher Lucas Carswell loaded the bases with walks, Byron Weaver and Steven Benitez hit consecutive one-run singles to give the Marlins an early lead.

"It was nice to score a couple runs in the first inning," said Marlins' pitcher Kyle Weaver. "It's easier to play the game when you are beating the other team."

The Sea Wolves got back one of those runs in the bottom of the first inning after Marlins pitcher Albert Benitez walked four straight.

After Kyle came in to pitch, the Sea Wolves couldn't do anything. He struck out three to leave runners stranded on all three bases.

The Marlins' offense came alive in the bottom of the second inning, when they scored six runs. The inning started with the bases loaded with walks by Sea Wolves pitchers. Scott Gallup and Kyle hit consecutive two-run doubles to open the Marlins lead.

But the inning didn't stop there. Byron and Steven each drove in a run to end the inning.

Kyle continued his dominance on the hill, striking out five of the next eight batters.

The highlight of the game for the Marlins was in the top of the fourth inning, when Kyle, Byron, Steven and Albert all hit inside-the park homeruns.

"I don't think I've ever seen that happen," Alberto said. "Hopefully we can continue to hit the ball that well in the rest of our games."

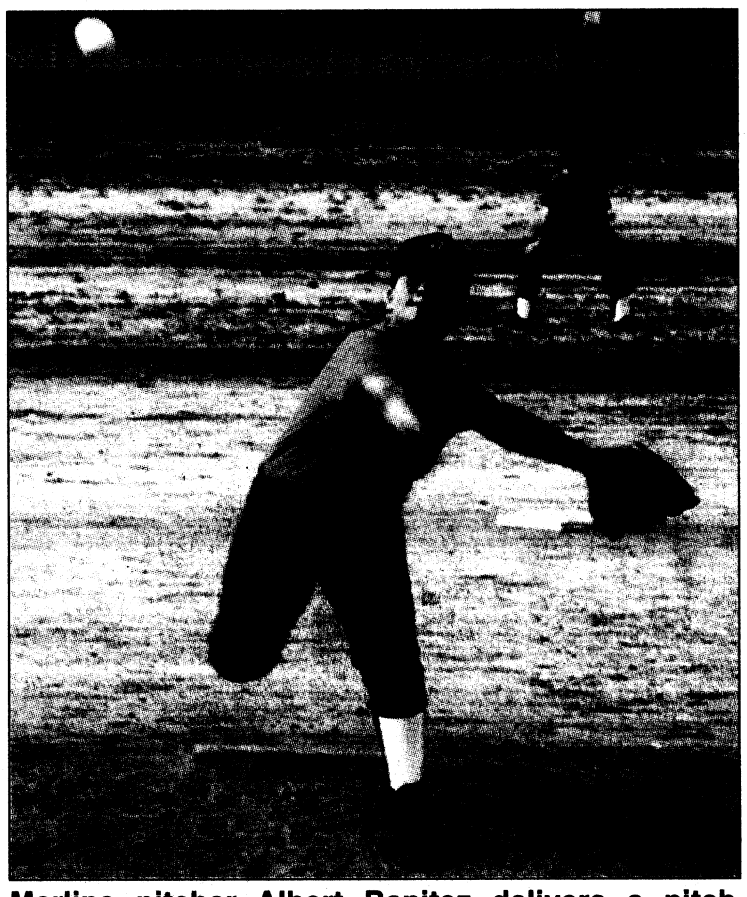
Even with the score well out of reach, the Sea Wolves never giving up.

"I'm proud of the way these players continued to play," said Sea Wolves coach James Connell. "We have a very young team, and they're starting to learn more about the game."

At the end of the game, the players congratulated each other on a game well played.

"They played good today," Kyle said. "Sometimes that's just the way the game goes. You never know what's going to happen."

With the win, the Marlins' record is now 6-0, and the Sea Wolves drop to 2-3 on the season.



Marlins pitcher Albert Benitez delivers a pitch against the Sea Wolves during the first inning.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

Army 10-Miler Pre-Qualifier — Fort Benning will hold three pre-qualifier races for the post's Army 10-Miler team. Racers with the top overall times will earn spots on the team.

Race dates are Saturday, May 15 and June 19.

Races will begin in front of the Santiago Fitness Center.

Race registration will begin at 6 a.m. on race mornings, with the race scheduled to start at 7 a.m. For more information, call 544-9486.

Stowers' Stampede — The annual Stowers' Stampede will begin at 9 a.m. May 1 at Stowers Elementary School.

The race will include a one-mile fun run, a 5K run and a 5K wheelchair race.

Cost of the event is $7 for children 14 and under, and $13 for ages 15 and over. Race day registration is $2 more.

For more information, call 544-2312.

Aerobics classes — The Briant Wells Fitness Center Aerobics Program is in full step.

The fitness center offers box aerobics, aeromix, step combo, core crunch, yoga and aqua aerobics. The cost is $25 per month or $3 per class.

For more information, call Briant Wells at 545-4388.

Saturday bike rides — Saturday bike rides are in full gear.

Riders meet at 10 a.m. Saturdays at Briant Wells Field House and can choose from 10, 15- or 20-mile rides.

Additional miles can be added on demand.

All you need is a bike, helmet, water and plenty of energy. For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

off post

Riverfest 5K Run — There will be a 5K run and a one-mile run/walk Saturday at Riverfest weekend.

Both races will start and finish on the Riverwalk behind the Port Columbus Naval Museum.

Registration for both races will begin at 7:30 a.m. The one-mile run/walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K will begin at 9 a.m.

The cost of the race is $8 for the one-mile run/walk and $15 for the 5K if registration is postmarked by Wednesday. The price will increase by $2 for both races after then and on race day. Prizes will be awarded to overall and age group winners in the 5K and the top 3 in the one-mile run/walk.

For more information, call 322-0756 or 323-7979.

Cool Water Man — The Main Mall post exchange is hosting the national Cool Water Man Search from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Anyone interested should stop by the post exchange to enter to win a trip for two to the Ultimate Sports' Fantasy Weekend, attend the Sports Illustrated exclusive Swimsuit Party and "the Big Game" in Jacksonville, Fla. in 2005. All of those who enter also have the opportunity to appear in the 2005 Davidoff Cool Water Calendar. For more information, call 687-0384.

Mayor's Walk — As a prelude to the Mayor's Walk, Mayor Bob Poydasheff will kick off an afternoon of fitness activities at 2 p.m. May 4 at Health Matters of St. Francis. After Mayor Poydasheff speaks, St. Francis exercise specialist Terry Young will lead attendees in exercises to prepare them for the upcoming walk, and T'ai Chi instructor Philip Chan, M.D. will give a T'ai Chi demonstration at 3:15 p.m.

The public is invited to attend these and other activities from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunglasses and T-shirts will be given away along with a special door prize. Refreshments will be provided.

To register, call 596-4170. Health Matters of St. Francis is located at 3740 Woodruff Road in the Rosemont Health Center.

Children's fishing — The Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority invites organized groups of children (minimum of 10 per group) to fish at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter during National Fishing Month in June. One of the Agricenter's lakes, which has been stocked with catfish, will be available at no charge on a reservation-only basis.

Fishing is limited to any three-hour period during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday during the month of June.

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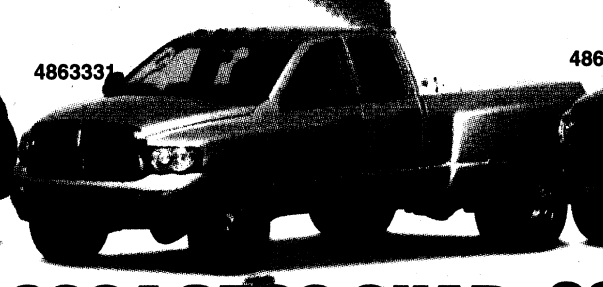
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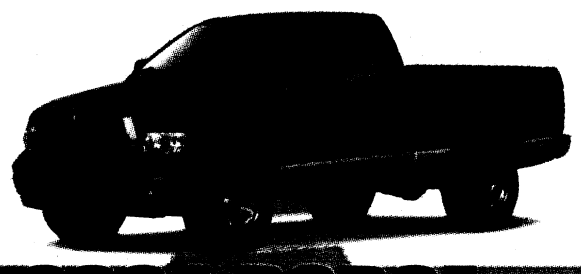

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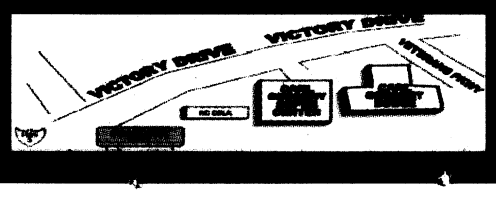

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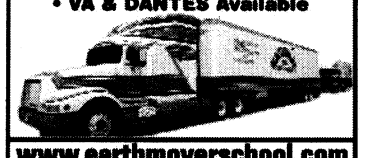

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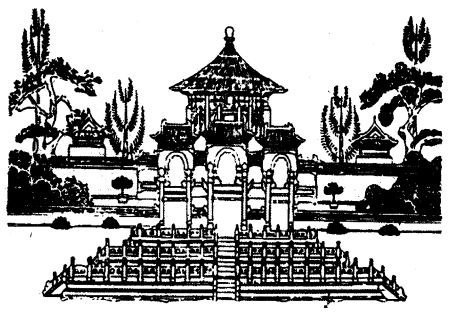

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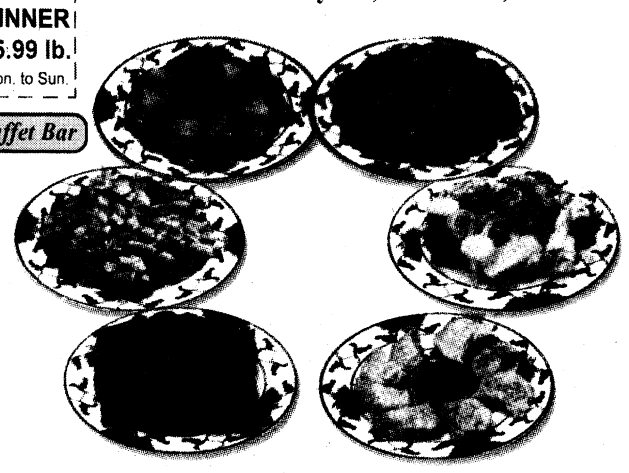

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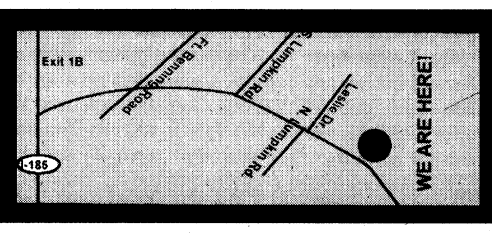

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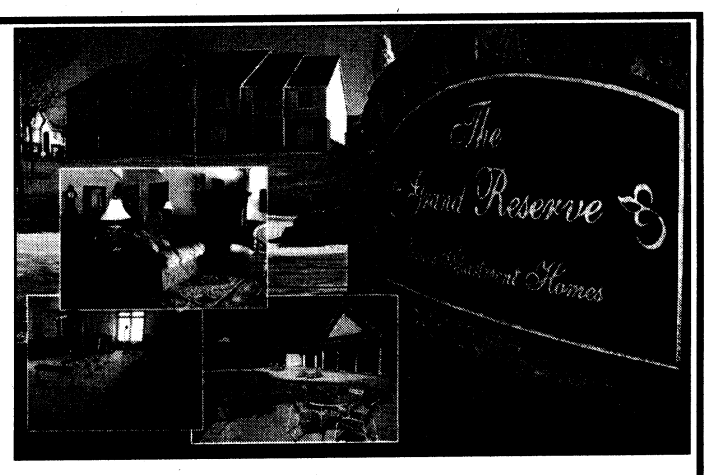

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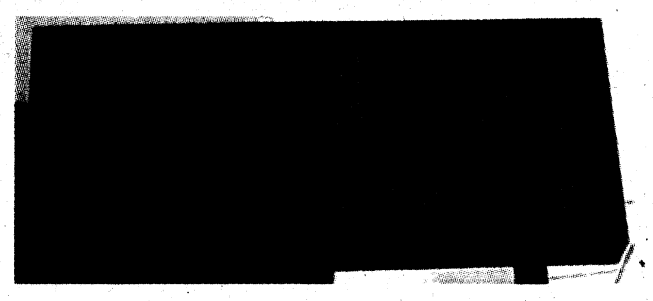

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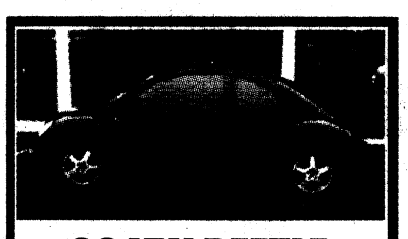

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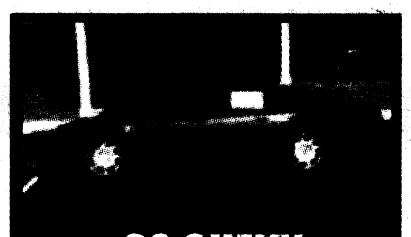

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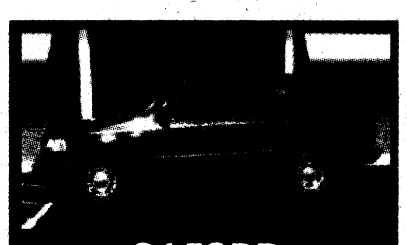

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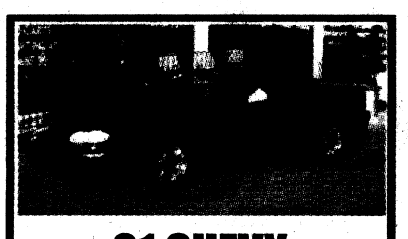

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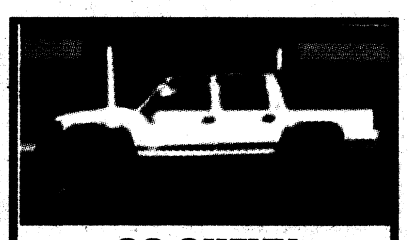

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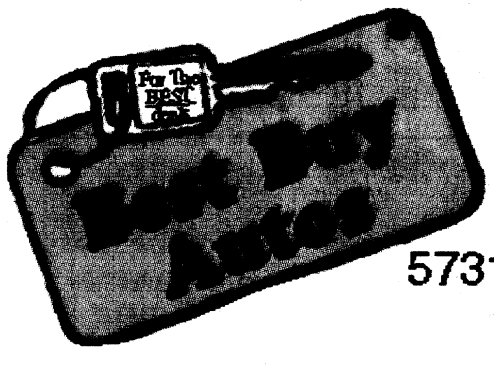

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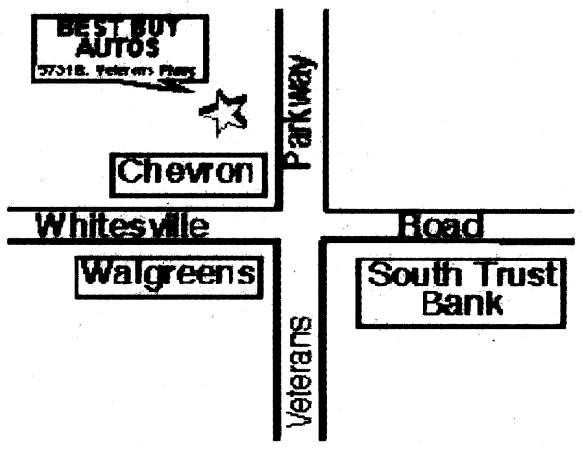

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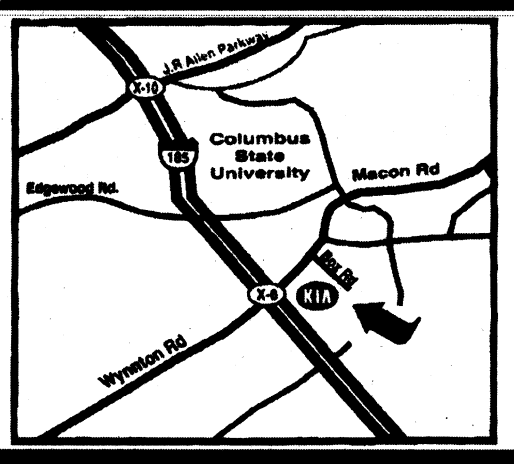

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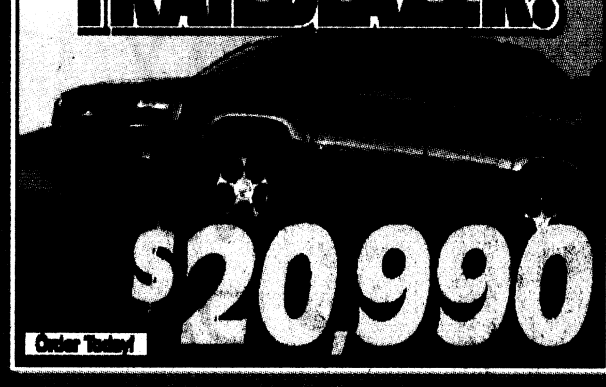

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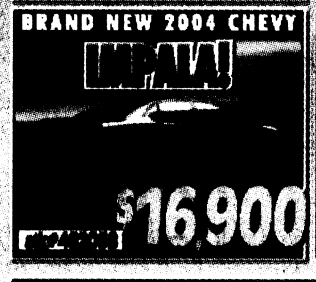

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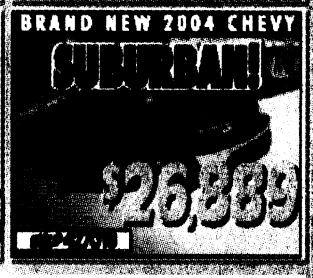

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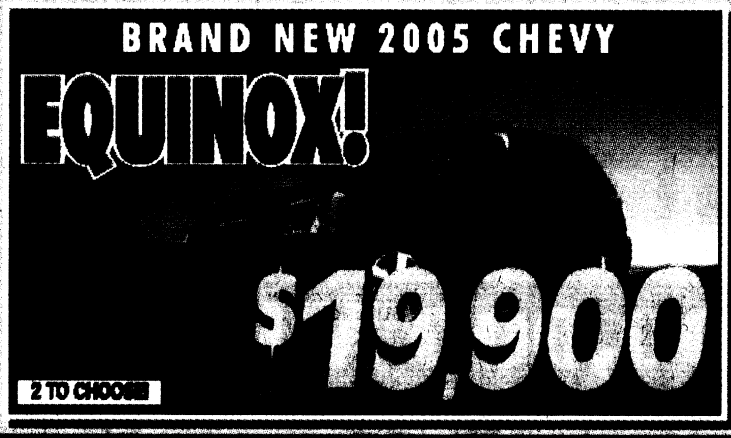

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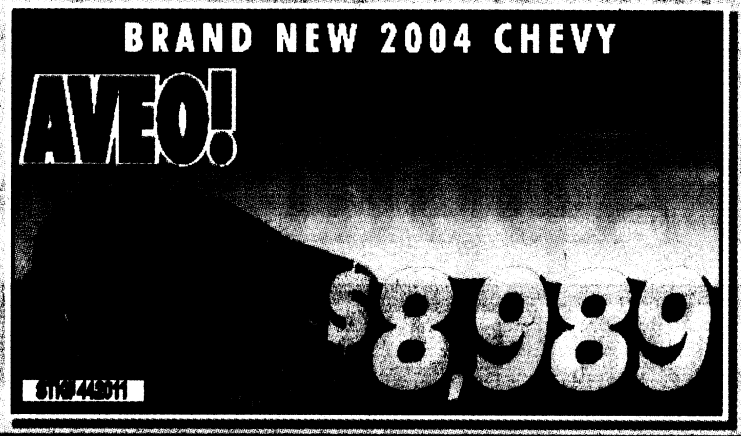

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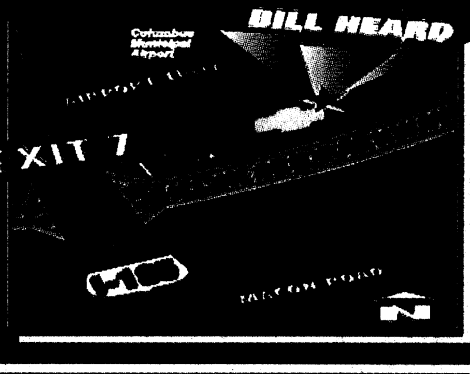

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Post troops train Iraqi army

Iraqi soldiers being trained to Army standard

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

A group of Fort Benning Soldiers and civilians are responsible for building the new Iraqi Army. Three of those Soldiers are Fort Benning leaders — Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, former post commanding general, Col. Jeffery Buchanan, director of Fort Benning's Combat Development, and Maj. Geoffrey Fuller, Eaton's former aide-de-camp.

Buchanan and Fuller recently returned from their assignments overseas, working as the coalition director of operations for the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team and the CMATT headquarters commandant respectively.

CMATT is responsible for manning, training and equipping the new Iraqi army.

Eaton, Buchanan and Fuller are all quick to say that the construction of this new army is not an individual achievement. CMATT has called on experts from the U.S., Australia, Great Britain, Jordan, Spain, Poland and Romania.

Also, they all agreed that the success of the mission is due in part to the hard work of the Fort Benning NCOs who are helping to train the new army and to Sandy Ellis, budget chief.

The blend of tactics, techniques and procedures will allow the Iraqi army to best select what works for them, Eaton said.

The old Iraqi army was disbanded in May 2003 when the coalition took over Iraq.

It was composed of more than 400,000 men, including 12,000 generals — compared with 300 generals for the American Army of almost 500,000, Eaton said.

"The army was large, inefficient and officer bloated," Eaton said.

See **IRAQI ARMY,** A-12



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Staff Sgt. Adam Nash, 75th Ranger Regiment, hangs on tight during the inverted rope descent at the Best Ranger Competition this weekend. Nash and his teammate, Staff Sgt. Colin Boley won the competition.

'Best of best' battle on Benning

75th Regt. Rangers take home top title

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The 2004 David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition wrapped up three days of grueling challenges Monday with an awards ceremony announcing the Best Ranger team.

Staff Sgts. Colin Boley and Adam Nash, both of the 75th Ranger Regiment, edged out the second-place team, Staff Sgt. John Sheaffer and Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Wilson, also of the 75th Ranger Regt., by just nine points.

The third-place team was Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Lewis and Capt. Corbett McCallum, both of the 4th Ranger Training Battalion.

The 21st annual, three-day competition started April 23 and pitted 19 teams of Ranger-tabbed Soldiers from around the Army against each other in a series of events designed to challenge the contestants both mentally and physically.

Nash said he started training for the competition about seven weeks ago and wasn't even sure he was going to get the chance to compete until a few days before the event.

"I got injured before the regiment coach broke the teams up, and I was left out," Nash said. "I was an alternate."

Nash was teamed up with Boley, who returned from a deployment to Afghanistan two weeks before the competition began, and the two decided to participate.

Nash said he didn't go into the event expecting to win.

"In my eyes," Nash said, "if I would have been in Vegas, I would have put all my money on Wilson and Sheaffer — they are a strong team."

Boley initially turned down the offer to compete, thinking he was not prepared.

"My biggest goal going into the competition was to not end up in the hospital," he said. "I *really* didn't want to go to the hospital."

Another of Boley's main goals was to do something for the Rangers who couldn't be here for the competition, he said.

"I think we focus too much on the competition and not enough on the guys who are deployed," Boley said. "We participated to represent the (75th Ranger) regiment and to honor Soldiers who are deployed."

Col. K. K. Chinn, 75th Ranger Regt. deputy commander, said it is awesome to have Soldiers in his unit placing first and second in the competition.

"These guys are dedicated, hard-working Soldiers who competed as representatives of the Soldiers in the 75th Ranger Regiment," he said.

Chinn said the determination demonstrated by Nash, Sheaffer

See **RANGERS,** A-12

TRADOC chief calls for training changes

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Current and upcoming changes in Training and Doctrine Command programs designed to tap the growing wealth of combat experience in Army ranks and lessons learned in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom were a major focus of information the TRADOC commander, Gen. Kevin Byrnes, put out during a visit to Fort Benning April 22.

Byrnes said one of the biggest changes will be the curriculums of current TRADOC courses. With the growing number of combat-tested Soldiers, much of the information taught in the officer and NCO education systems is irrelevant, he said.

"There is a tremendous effort underway to modify our schoolhouse to account for a very experienced force that has 'been there, done that,' as well as a force operating in an environment that's different than (the Army has) operated in before," Byrnes said. "So we're adapting our Soldier programs and leader development programs to meet those needs."

Byrnes said the entire NCOES will transform based on input and research done by combat-veteran NCOs. The new system will be focused on training Soldiers as part of a force that is, and will remain, at sustained war. These changes are expected to go into effect Armywide Oct. 1, he said.

The Henry Caro NCO Academy commandant, Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Raper, said the

See **TRADOC,** A-12

CLOSER LOOK

Training and Doctrine commander Gen. Kevin Byrnes discussed several upcoming changes in how TRADOC does business:

- Education systems will add lessons learned based on information from combat vets.
- Basic training will be tougher.
- ANCOC, BNCOC will conduct concurrent combat leader training.

Prep for the postwide

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



The May 8 postwide yard sale is not for the weak or faint-hearted. You should not attempt it if you have problems with your heart or bladder. It's not recommended for pregnant or nursing women or anyone older than 65, and especially not pregnant or nursing women older than 65.

That said, there's nothing like it. It's one of the highlights of my year. But then so is the Mother's Day all-you-can-eat barbecue buffet at Sonny's, so you shouldn't base your expectations on my recommendation.

My point, and I have one, is that this particular yard sale should not be undertaken lightly. It's intense — a yard sale of biblical proportions, shock and awe and all that. You get the idea.

Ideally, those of us given to yard sale madness would take advantage of the strategically scheduled Best Ranger Competition, which usually takes place a week or so before the PWYS. The BRC would be a good warm-up exercise for the sale, and the whole Ranger buddy system would lend itself nicely to the yard sale format. We could call them Bargain Buddies.

Until BRC officials come around to seeing things my way, and I'm working on it, I have another solution, a sure fire way to prevent the strained muscles and bruised shins that result from what I call "cold saling."

Out of the kindness of my heart and consideration for sister salers across post, I've scheduled a yard sale at my house Saturday — a sale savvy shoppers will consider a dry-run, a warm-up, a pre-postwide sale of pre-posterous proportions. It'll be a doozy.

Lots and lots of really nice people with really good taste in clothing and accessories have donated merchandise to my sale, and with good reason. Proceeds from my pre PWYS will go to the American Cancer Society.

You see, a few of my Bargain Buddies and I annually participate in the Relay For Life, the society's premier fund-raiser. Our team raises money, as do all the other teams, for cancer research and treatment.

With the relay just a couple of weeks away, we're way behind the power curve. Time to do our part to support a cause we believe in. If you believe like we believe, join us tomorrow morning, say shortly after 8 a.m., at 302 Austin Loop, across from Riverside and the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (aka JAG) on Main Post. Hope to see you there.

Editor's Note: The Bayonet *can not be held responsible for any injury, accident or bankruptcy incurred during the postwide or pre-postwide yard sale as a result of this article. The printing of this article does not constitute compliance, validation or support of any vendor's pricing or policy.*

The Bayonet *strongly recommends its readers consult their doctors before beginning the postwide yard sale or any other form of strenuous activity. Don't say we didn't warn you.*

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Army won't tolerate it

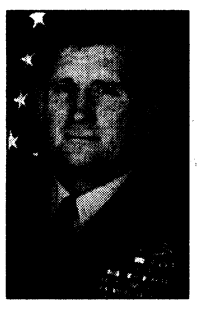
Sexual assault is a crime that cannot and will not be tolerated in the U.S. Army. It has a devastating and often lasting impact on the victim, a fellow Soldier. Moreover, sexual assault tears at the moral fiber of our unit formations, degrading our readiness.



Brownlee

Sexual assault has no place in the Army ... we're a values based organization; we take care of our fellow Soldiers ... and treat all Soldiers with dignity and respect.

Army policy promotes awareness and education to prevent sexual assault; sensitive care for sexual assault victims; aggressive, timely, and thorough investigation of all reported sexual assaults; and accountability for those who commit these crimes.



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Further, we demand and expect that leaders at every level will create and promote a positive command climate in which victims have the confidence in the chain of command and criminal investigators to report these crimes immediately.

Additionally, leaders must ensure that Soldiers and other members of the Army community treat sexual assault victims with dignity, fairness, and respect for their privacy.

The Army has existing medical and legal policies and programs to assist leaders. Use these resources to provide victims with immediate medical care, follow-up counseling and seamless victim assistance.

Bottom line: this is a leadership and chain of command issue. Let's make the right things happen.

R. L. Brownlee
Acting Secretary of the Army
Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker
Army Chief of Staff

CORRECTION

Last week's paper incorrectly reported the date and time of 1st Sgt. Ty Sariego's death. He died April 18 at 11:12 p.m. in the Alabama Medical Center.

Also in last week's paper, the date for the AUSA Job Fair is wrong. The correct date is May 13.

The Bayonet apologizes for these errors.

Suicide doesn't stop hurt for families, friends

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff



The ironies of life never cease to amaze me.

A little more than a month ago I wrote an article about suicide imploring those considering killing themselves to seek help and advising friends and family members to be proactive with loved ones who may be at risk.

That was the first article I have written in my short career I felt served a higher calling. The idea that through my job I would have the opportunity to reach out to people and make a difference to even one person filled me with a sense of meaningful usefulness and relief that my life can have more substance and purpose than just tapping the oxygen supply of the earth until I die.

Then, three weeks ago, my cousin sat outside my uncle's camp, (which for all you non-Louisianians is a lodge-type house on a piece of land on the banks of the Atchafalaya Basin used for recreational get-aways,) put a black plastic bag over his head, tied it shut around his neck with a shoelace and used a hose to pump it full of freon. My uncle found him the next morning. He was 20 years old when he killed himself.

Once again, I felt purposeless. I thought to myself, "If I can't help someone I know and love then how can I ever hope to reach complete strangers?"

After wallowing in self-pity for a few days, I had this incredible moment of clarity and realized that at a time when I should have been grieving the loss of a friend and family member, I was grieving the loss of my own sense of purpose. How shamelessly self-involved is that? I think it was a sick form of denial to get me through those first 72 hours. Then I got angry.

How dare he kill himself?

How could he do that to his parents, to his friends, to ME? Once again, everything seemed to end up revolving around how horrible this was for *me* instead of how horrible it must have been for *him*.

So, I decided that some way I had to let go of all that and find a way to let myself grieve *his* death instead of the end of my short-lived endeavor into the realm of "wanna-be" social service work.

After nine-hours of listening to very deep music and countless out-loud arguments with myself, I managed to put myself in his shoes.

I felt all the pain I know he must have been feeling. I imagined all the shame he must have felt for the things he had done. I envisioned in every direction the bleak hopelessness that lay before him and understood on some level how he came to the edge and decided to let himself go.

Then I realized, for the first time, the most important thing about the mechanics of suicide. Human beings are unique in that we can survive just about any hardship, endure any hellish existence, as long as we have hope. Once hope is gone, the will to live fades quickly.

It killed me that, at only 20 years old, this smart, funny, good-looking young man had endured so much personal pain and was so blinded by his misery that he could not see tomorrow.

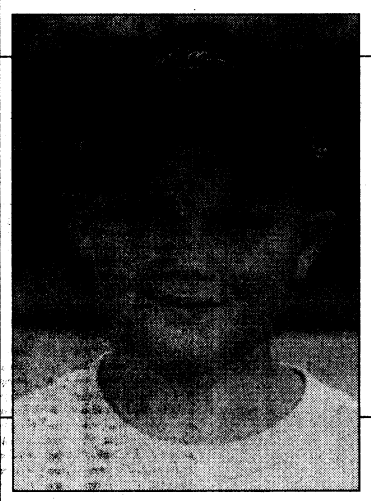
All I need to keep me going through all the endless trials and mostly self-inflicted tribulations of my life is the knowledge that, as far as I know, the sun is going to rise tomorrow. The chance that out of all the remaining days of my life I could have one beautiful summer day, an open road leading to a beach fronting blue waters and friends and family I love to share it with is worth a million days of misery. Life and the simple ability to exist is just that amazing to me.

That is hope to me — that tomorrow could be that one perfect day in all my life, and, you know what? That chance isn't worth throwing away.

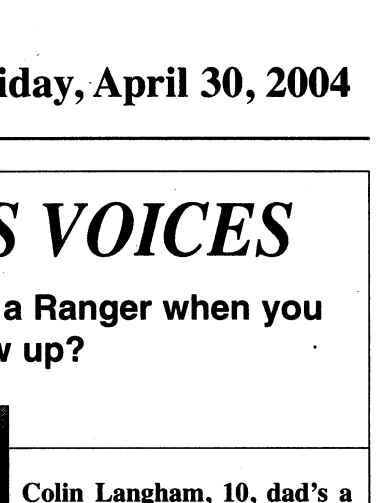
So to anyone out there who is on the edge, if you don't call your chaplain, if you don't tell a friend you need help, if you do nothing else to help yourself, all I ask is that you paint a picture in your mind of your one perfect day and hold onto it with all your might, because tomorrow *is* coming, whether you believe it or not, and it could be *your* day.

VARIOUS VOICES

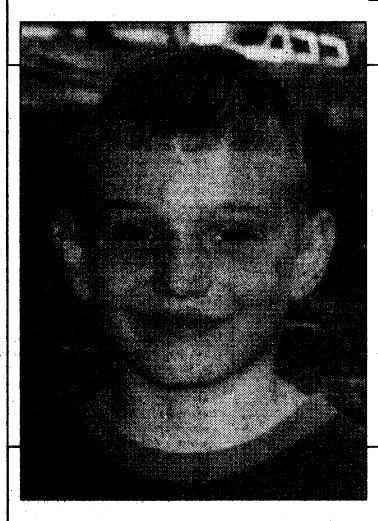
Do you want to be a Ranger when you grow up?



Colin Langham, 10, dad's a Ranger — "No, I want to be a Joe Pro hockey player. I don't want to go to war. I don't like the noise."



Janae Cameron, 4, dad's a Ranger — "No, I want to be a princess, because they get to dance and wear pink, and pink is prettier than green."



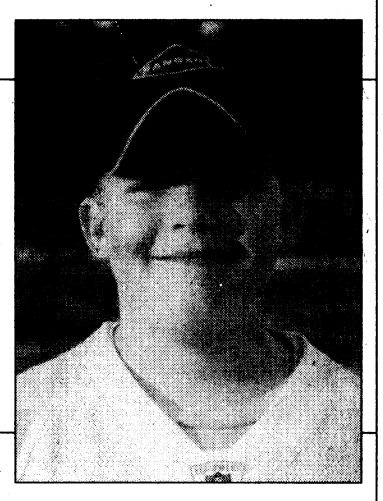
Connor Bragg, 8, dad's a Ranger — "I don't think so, because I might break a leg or arm or something. I think I want to be a scientist."



Noah Boley, 6, dad's a Ranger — "I'd like to be a Ranger or an action figure 'cause you get to fight people and stuff. But I really want to be a dentist. They make a lot of money."



Sierra Storm, 11, dad's a Ranger — "I would kinda like to be, because it would be fun, but I wouldn't want to work as hard as they have to."



Patrick Francis, 10, friend of a Ranger — "I do, because they protect our country. It would be bad if we didn't have Rangers to protect us."

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Post to work on hospital parking

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Bayonet staff

Martin Army Community Hospital patients and employees frustrated by the current parking situation will have to wait a bit longer for the situation to ease.

"We recognize the necessity of this (additional parking) project," said Chuck Walls, deputy garrison commander, "and we hoped to see work on it shortly, but funding is extremely tight."

In fact, Walls said, funding is so tight, it is nonexistent at the moment, causing the parking lot and several other priority projects to be put on hold.

Walls said the parking lot was an easy design and the plans are all ready to go once the money comes — hopefully with end-of-year funds. If those funds don't become available, Walls said he's optimistic the project will happen in fiscal 2005.

Walls said the parking woes are due to an increase in the Army's operational tempo and the role Fort Benning and MACH play in the mobilization and demobilization of Reserve and National Guard Soldiers. Medical holds add to an already robust patient load of Soldiers, retirees and their families.

MACH's chief of Facilities management, Chris Flowers, said the parking lot currently has 954 marked spaces, 89 designated spaces and 59 handicap spaces.

Those spaces, Flowers said, hold the nearly 1,700 people who come and park at MACH each day. The Directorate of Public Works is working with the 36th Engineer Group to lay gravel in the new lot until it can be paved.

The expansion, Walls said, will give much needed breathing room.

In the meantime, patients have been making their own temporary parking, sometimes with unpleasant results.

Sgt. Tiffany Wynn said the traffic section is acting on parking complaints from the hospital, ticketing and towing cars illegally parked in handicap spaces.

Parking on the grass is OK, Wynn said, but cars parked and impeding traffic in fire lanes or on sidewalks, will be dealt with.



Photos by Melissa House

The majority of the 954 spaces in the parking lot at Martin Army Community Hospital were full at noon April 28. One MACH employee said parking is such a problem, "if you don't get here by 6:30 a.m., you won't find a spot."



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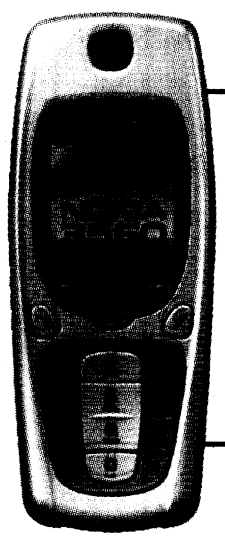

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Benning captain reunites with troop he helped save

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Capt. George Chigi doesn't consider himself a hero. But for one Texas family, he's more than a hero; he's an angel. Alan's angel, that is.

Cpl. Alan Babin and Chigi were fellow paratroopers in 1st Battalion, 325th Parachute Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, when the unit deployed to Iraq.

On March 31, 2003, the unit was working to secure a bridge on the Euphrates River near Samawah, Iraq, when it came under intense enemy fire and Babin saw another paratrooper go down in an open field. The 23-year-old medic wasted no time, giving up cover and rushing to aid the Soldier.

Before he could reach him, Babin was shot in the stomach. The shot hit him in the side, an area his body armor did not cover.

Chigi, who was fighting nearby, took a call over the radio to "secure the objective and get him out." By the time Chigi and a group of other Soldiers reached the fallen trooper, Babin was "in bad shape," Chigi said.

From there, they evacuated him to the aid station. That was the last time Chigi saw him. That is, until about two weeks ago, when an incredible coincidence reunited one war hero with another.

After nearly a year of complications, surgeries and moving from hospital to hospital, Babin was admitted to the Texas Neuro Rehab Center in Austin, Texas, on Christmas Eve, bringing him closer to his hometown of Red Rock, Texas.

And closer to Chigi's father, Special Agent George Chigi, a retired Soldier with the Criminal Investigation Division in Fort Hood, Texas.

George Sr.'s good buddies in the Vietnam Veterans and Legacy Veterans Motorcycle Club learned of Babin's sacrifice and ongoing hardships and decided to hold a fund-raising rally in his honor.

When they learned Babin was with the 82nd, they asked George Sr. if his son might know him.

Once they discovered George Jr.'s role in his rescue, it was a given — George Jr. had to be there for the rally.

So the officer, now home from war and preparing to take a position in the 29th Infantry Regiment, loaded up his Harley and headed for Austin. But before he left, he grabbed an 82nd flag and began collecting signatures from fellow paratroopers. And at the rally on April 17, he continued gathering signatures — those of World War II, Korea and Vietnam vets.

The next day, George Jr., his father and some of the motorcycle club veterans made the ride to Red Rock, flag waving, to Babin's home, where they presented it to him and met his family.



Courtesy photo

Capt. George Chigi, right, presents the 82nd's flag to Cpl. Alan Babin, who was wounded in Iraq in March 2003. Chigi helped rescue him.

The scene was emotional.

"(His mother) hugged me and said, 'Thank you for bringing my baby home,' and at that point, I just lost it," he said. "Everyone was misty-eyed."

George Sr. painted a similar picture.

"There were a lot of tears shed — here you have all these grizzled, old men standing there crying," he said. "It was just a fantastic thing to be part of."

The gratitude from Babin's family and the "amazing turnout of supporters" at the rally overwhelmed George Jr., who is quick to remind people that he wasn't the only one involved in the rescue.

But that doesn't matter to Babin's mother, who has her son home alive, or to George Sr.

"I almost can't even talk about it, because I'm just so proud of him, of how modest he is," George Sr. said. "Just being a part of (the rally), watching him interact with the Babin family ... it was just so emotional and so incredible that I could be there to witness it."

Beloved Army wife laid to rest in post cemetery

Sgt. Kim Dooley
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While the men of 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry fought, bled and died in Vietnam's Ia Drang Valley in November 1965, a smaller, but no less important battle raged at home.

This battle was waged not by tireless, American Soldiers, but by an outraged Army wife, wielding nothing but the heartfelt determination that the families of her husband's fallen Soldiers would be treated with the respect and compassion their sacrifices deserved.

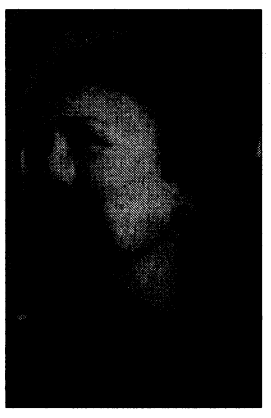
That woman was Julie Moore. And on April 22, she was laid to rest beside the men she fought so valiantly to honor.

The wife of retired Lt. Gen. Hal Moore — the battalion commander at the time of the 1st Bn., 7th Cavalry's infamous battle at Landing Zone X-Ray — Julie was appalled to learn that death telegrams for the Soldiers killed in that battle were being delivered by taxi cab drivers.

"In those early days of the war, the Army was overwhelmed by hundreds of death notices for unsuspecting families," wrote Joe Galloway, the war correspondent on the ground with her husband in Vietnam, after Julie's death from cancer April 18 in Auburn, Ala. "It had forgotten how to do this right, so the Western Union telegrams were handed over to taxi drivers."

This was no excuse to Julie, who learned of the practice when a lost taxi driver pulled up to the small house where she and the couple's five young children were living and asked for directions.

"Mrs. Moore followed in the wake of that taxi and others to comfort the new widows and orphans of (the war)," Galloway wrote. "She also raised unshirted hell with the Pentagon about so callous a method of notifying the families."



Moore

Within two weeks, he said, the policy was changed and a new one instituted, requiring that an officer and a chaplain personally deliver the news.

Julie's efforts righted an unbelievably impersonal practice and marked the beginning of a concern for Army families that can be seen in today's family readiness groups and Army agencies and programs.

Deemed "one of the finest Army wives who ever walked" by Galloway, Julie knew the meaning of war. Her father fought in Europe in World War II, her husband was wounded in Korea and Vietnam, and one of her sons fought with the 82nd Airborne Division in Panama and the Gulf War, according to an Associated Press article.

As the men of 1st Bn., 7th Cav., began dying in the Ia Drang Valley, "she personally comforted each bereaved family and attended every (local) funeral of every Soldier lost in combat under her husband's command," the article stated.

And she never let them be forgotten. She and her husband visited their graves in the Fort Benning cemetery frequently over the years, long after that terrible battle nearly 40 years ago, long after her husband retired.

Last week, she was buried there, "near her mother and father, and in the middle of the 7th Cavalry troopers whose wives she comforted and whose funerals she attended in 1965," Galloway wrote.

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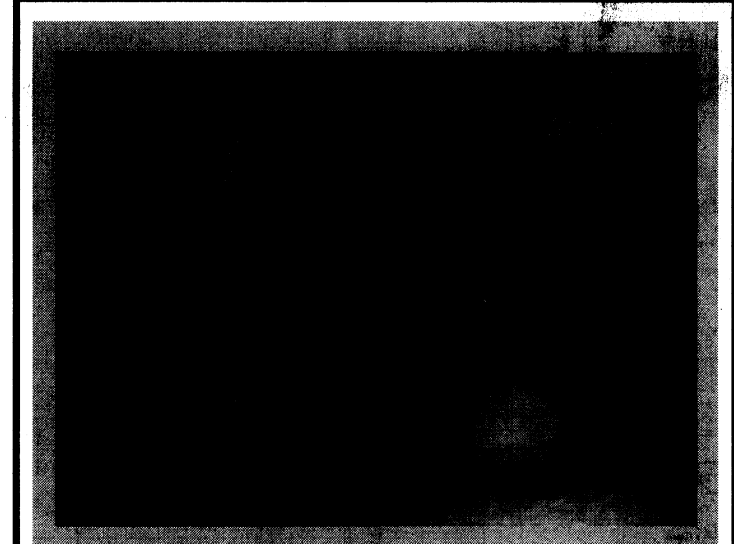

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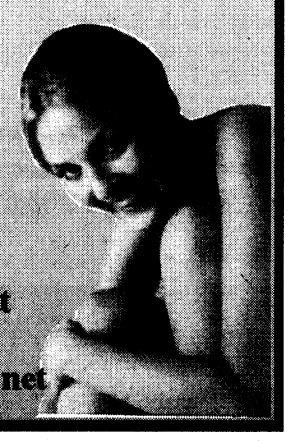
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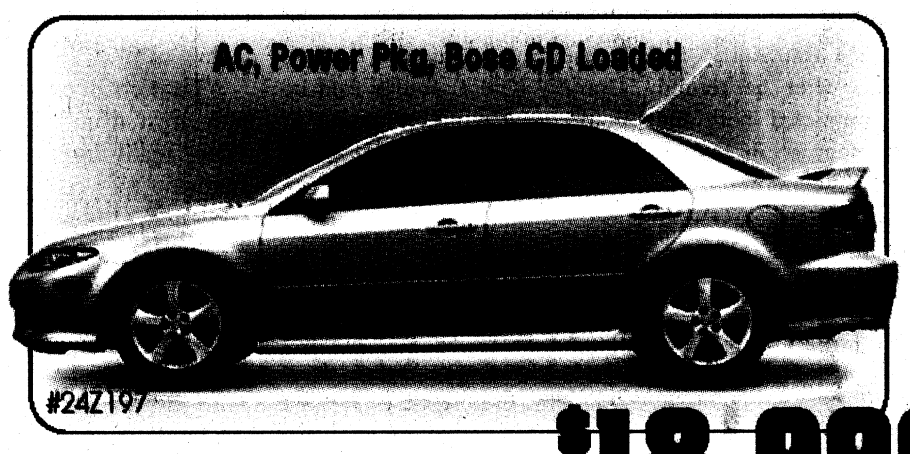

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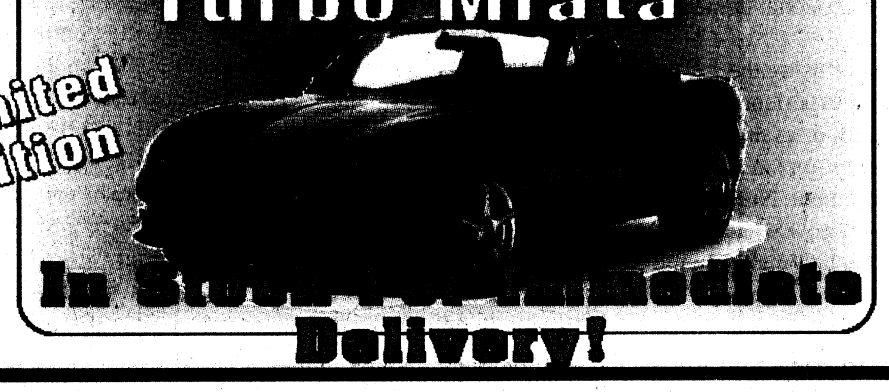

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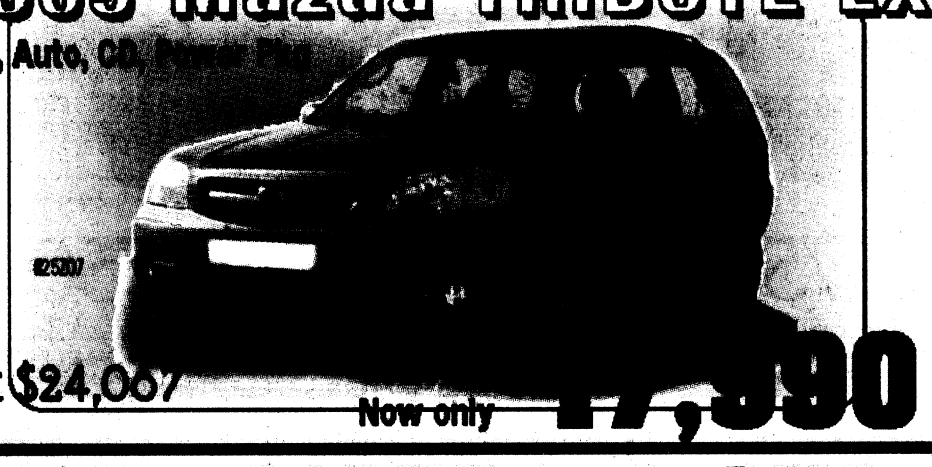

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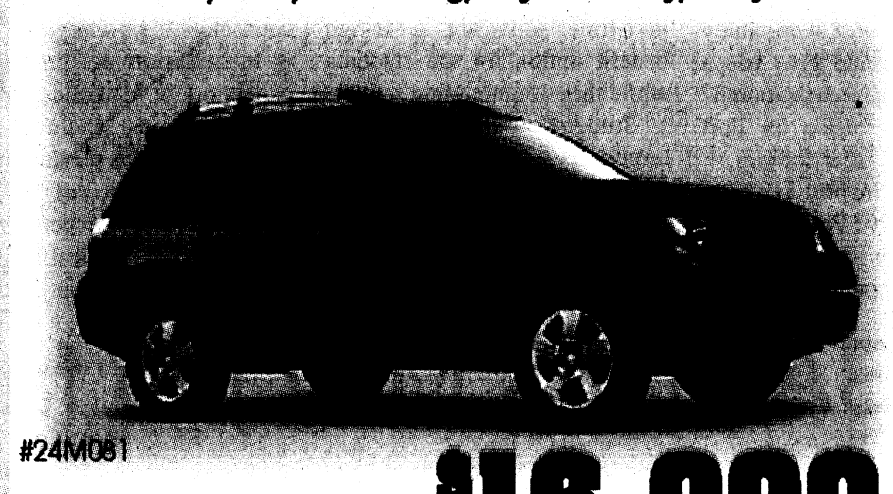

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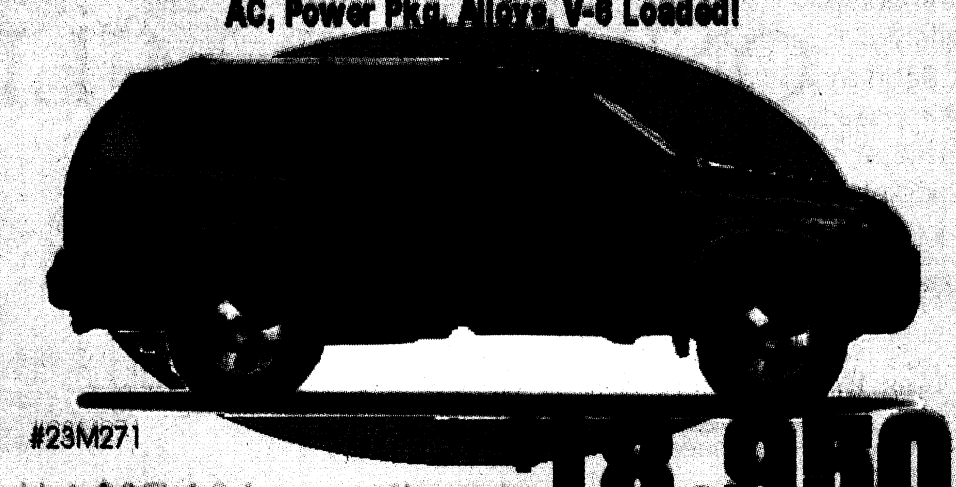

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Melissa House
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For at least the past 11 years, VA representative Peggy Morris said her office has employed part-time, temporary staff to perform a variety of clerical and administrative tasks in the VA office on Fort Benning.

Morris visited several local colleges and universities last week to see if they had any students to refer for the work-study program.

"The program is designed to provide extra assistance to agencies that provide veterans programs," Morris said, and the part-time jobs are a fringe benefit option for the students while they are attending school.

Students work on a temporary, part-time basis, usually no more than 25 hours a week and at minimum wage. But, Morris said, the pay is tax-free.

The five or six students the Fort Benning office hires take care of duties like filing, making appointments and handing out information

"And anything that leaves our office that is not going to the regional office in Atlanta, or files the Soldiers don't come back to pick up have to be shredded," Morris said. "The students free up the VA counselors to do their jobs."

In addition to processing paperwork at VA offices, work-study options include performing outreach services under the supervision of a VA employee or performing services at VA medical facilities or the offices of the National Cemetery Administration — jobs directly related to VA work.

Soldiers leaving the Army process through the VA office where they receive important information about all of the VA programs available to them. Counselors talk about educational and disability benefits, medical care, loan guarantees, insurance and casualty assistance programs.

Retired Master Sgt. Curdy Dortch worked at the Fort Benning office for Morris for several years after he retired while he completed both his bachelor's degree in social science and then a master's. He now works at the CONUS Replacement Center.

"The work study is a great program when you are transitioning from the military," Dortch said. "It helps you financially with books or whatever."

Retired 1st Sgt. Bill Jordan participated in the work study for about three years after he retired in 1999 while he finished two degrees from Troy State University's Fort Benning campus.

With the support of his wife, Patricia, and mother-in-law, Dorothy Knopf, Jordan said he could concentrate on going to school full-time and not have to take a minimum-wage factory job.

Jordan said the 100 hours each month with the work study were very beneficial to him and allowed him to learn a lot.

"If I didn't find the work study program, I probably would have had to slow down, or even stop my classes," Jordan said. With his degrees, Jordan was able to land a high-salary job as a requirements writer in the electronics division of the Directorate of Combat Development, matching the needs of the Army with technology.

"The Fort Benning VA office is a great team," Jordan said. "They really inspired the work studies to continue their education. I hope more people look into it."

AUSA plans May job fair for Soldiers, civilians

Darsi Busler
USAIC Public Affairs

Update those resumés, brush up on your interview skills and get ready for the Association of the U.S. Army's annual job fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 13 in Infantry Hall.

An estimated 100 employers from all over the country, including state police, hospitals and universities, will be available to answer questions, accept resumés and give on-the-spot interviews to potential employees.

"I'm just thoroughly pleased at the amount of companies attending this year's job fair," said Walter Pollock, local veterans employment representative for the Georgia Department of Labor.

The job fair, created eight years ago in conjunction with the Georgia Department of Labor, primarily targets Soldiers and civilian employees who have decided either voluntarily or through reductions in force to leave the Army work force, said retired Col. Richard A. Nurnberg, AUSA's executive vice president.

"We wanted to offer an easy way for Soldiers and civilians affected by downsizing to find new employment," he said.

Family members and the general public are also invited to attend the community's largest job fair. Pollock expects a crowd of nearly 4,000.

In preparation for the job fair, bring at least 20 copies of your resumé and dress for possible on-site interviews.

"This will give each organization a first impression of you ... and answer the question, 'Do we really want this person representing us?'" said Mark Mills, manager, Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program.

In addition, prepare for possible interview questions. Be able to list your job qualifications, explain your marketable skills and when the interviewer asks, "Do you have any questions?" ask something, Mills said.

"The most common answer to that question is 'no,' but it's the one question applicants can control. ... Ask 'What advantages will I have working for your company?' or 'How fast can I expect to advance?'

"Applicants can also use this as an opportunity to say that they *don't* want to work for the company," Mills said.

Mills also suggested bringing a portfolio containing transcripts, certificates and awards that show above average work, such as employee of the month awards.

"This will make applicants look prepared, show they're detail-oriented and show a good, professional demeanor," he said.

Whether using the job fair as a learning experience, as a job search tool, or as an opportunity to plan a career after retirement, Nurnberg suggests "know what you want, be flexible and make a good first impression" to be successful.

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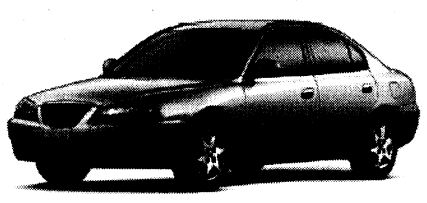

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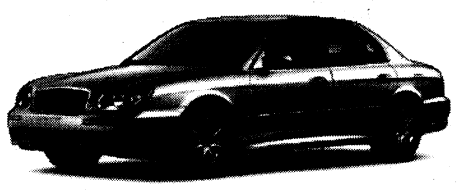

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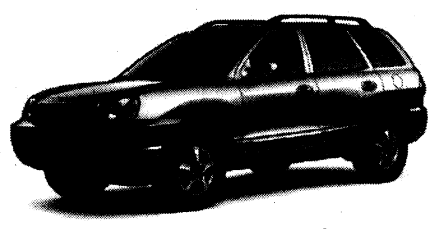

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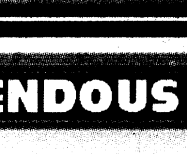

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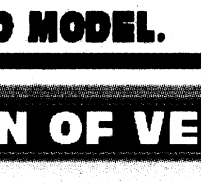

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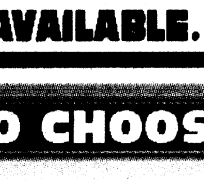

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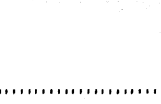

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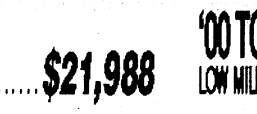

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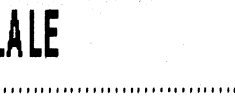

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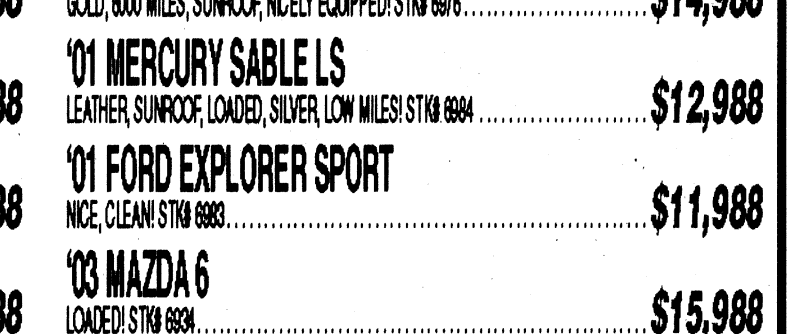

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Worker returns to oversee changes to post entrance

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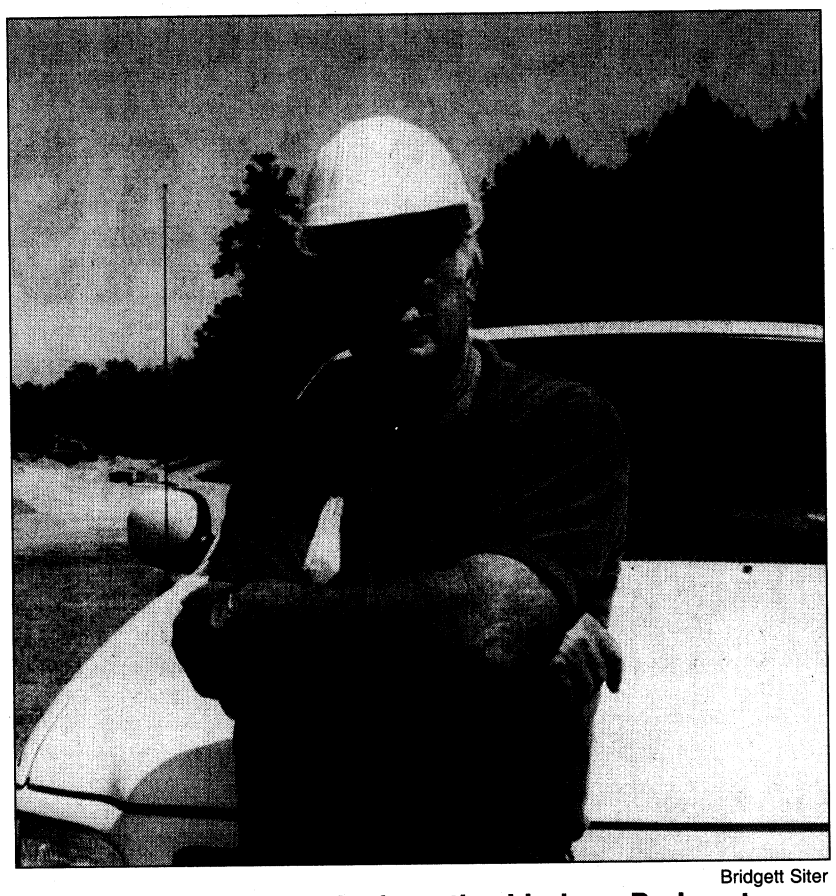

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Charles Shepherd worked on the Lindsey Park entrance when it was originally constructed in 1963.

When 20-year-old Charles Shepherd went to work on the new access road to Fort Benning in 1963, he never thought he'd see the day his country came under attack on its own soil.

"I don't know what this world's coming to," said Shepherd, as he lifted his hard hat and tipped his head to the breeze Monday. Now a supervisor for Alexander Contracting, the company responsible for the roadwork at three of the post's six new access control points, Shepherd's aware that the construction has caused "a lot of fuss" among those whose daily commute has been disrupted.

Back in '63, he said, local folks "were tickled to death" at the prospect of a new entrance to Fort Benning. Back then, the road would make the drive to work more convenient. Post employees would breeze through the gate with a sticker on their windshield. No need to stop.

"Of course, back then, there was no such thing as a terrorist threat," Shepherd said.

Back then, the "Stone Gate" on Fort Benning Road was the only route from Columbus to post. It would be another decade before I-185 was built. The road that linked Airport Thruway and Victory Drive was called the Lindsey Park Bypass.

So when Fort Benning officials contracted the Hewitt Construction Company to extend the bypass to Dixie Road, the new access road was naturally dubbed Lindsey Park, a name few residents recognize these days.

And few will recognize the Lindsey Park entrance once it's reopened, Shepherd said. The changes, which include the addition of several incoming lanes, with separate checkpoints for trucks, and a new welcome center, will be worth the wait.

"In the long run, everybody's going to love it," he said.

And considering the two years it took to construct the road back in the 60s, "the long run" isn't very long at all. With construction "pretty much on schedule," the road will likely be opened by the end of August, said Capt. Mindy Rosito, project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Shortly after the Lindsey Creek access road re-opens, construction will begin on the access control point at the Fort Benning Road entrance. The inbound lanes will be closed for that project, Rosito said.

Retired warrior shares experiences

Vietnam veteran offers insight to Benning leaders

Darsi Busler
USAIC Public Affairs

"We've got to deal with what it is to lose Soldiers," said commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley.

This was just one of the lessons he hoped to impart on Fort Benning Soldiers at this month's Combat Leadership Speaker's Program.

The Infantry School began the program in March to allow former warriors to share their experiences with today's leaders to prepare them for future challenges.

Students from the Infantry Captains Career Course, Infantry Officer Basic Course and Officer Candidate School, along with all assigned company-grade officers, first sergeants and higher gathered in Marshall Auditorium April 22 to hear the Honorable James Webb speak about his experiences.

Webb, a former Secretary of the Navy and best-selling author, is a decorated Vietnam veteran who was awarded the Navy Cross, Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

"Our speaker is all about leadership ... he's practiced and lived duty, honor and country, those values that we all hold dear," Freakley said in Webb's introduction.

Webb said he hopes Soldiers will combine his knowledge with their own to help understand what Soldiers are facing in today's conflicts, but realizes other factors are also important.

"Success in war not only lies in knowledge, but in the warrior's soul," Webb said.

Webb has seen his share of warriors. He was a rifle platoon leader and company commander with the 5th Marine Regiment in Vietnam's An Hoa Basin, where he turned servicemen into infantrymen.

There, he was faced with guerrilla warfare, including hit and runs, booby traps, snipers, ambushes and hidden ordnance.

"When you can't trust the ground, it affects the way you think," Webb said.

Besides these tactics, Webb saw conventional war strategies and terrorist strikes against people associated with the South Vietnamese government, scenes similar to those played out in Iraq today.

While Webb walked away from Vietnam a changed man, he said, he learned valuable leadership lessons, which he shared with the Fort Benning leaders in attendance:

- Trust the quality of your people and insist they live up to that quality.
- Anticipate what may go wrong in every mission and know what actions you will take if it does.
- Keep a good institutional memory.
- Trust your doctrine but be adaptable.
- Respect traditions and those who went before you.
- Interrupting sleep patterns affects personality, judgment and temper.
- 24-hour security is key to successful missions.
- Moral dilemmas are part of being a leader, so know what you can and cannot do.

"I've seen 19-year-olds make moral decisions CEOs of today would never touch," Webb said.

To learn more about Webb, his leadership, and his sense of duty and honor, read his partly autobiographical books *Fields of Fire*, *A Sense of Honor*, *A Country such as This*, *Something to Die For*, *Emperor's General* and *Lost Soldiers* or visit his Web site at www.jameswebb.com.

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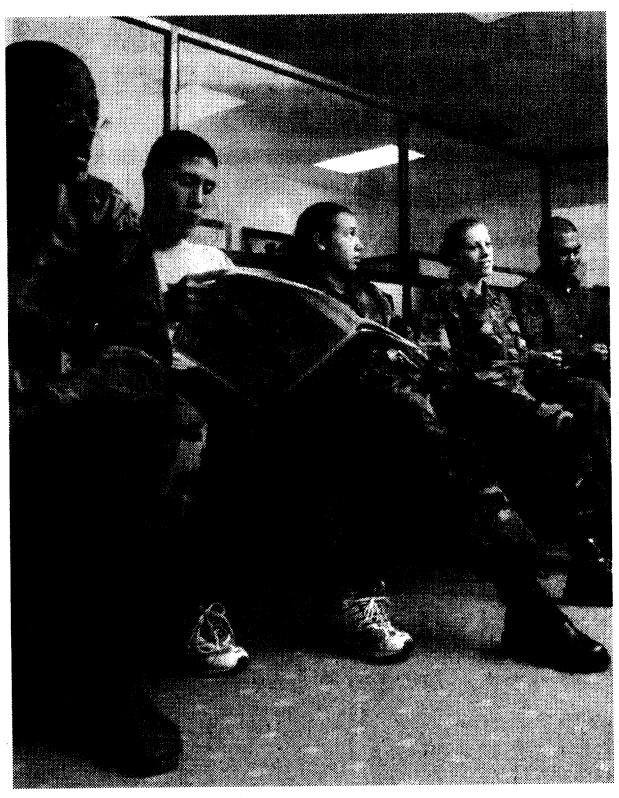

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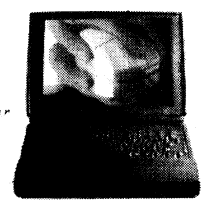

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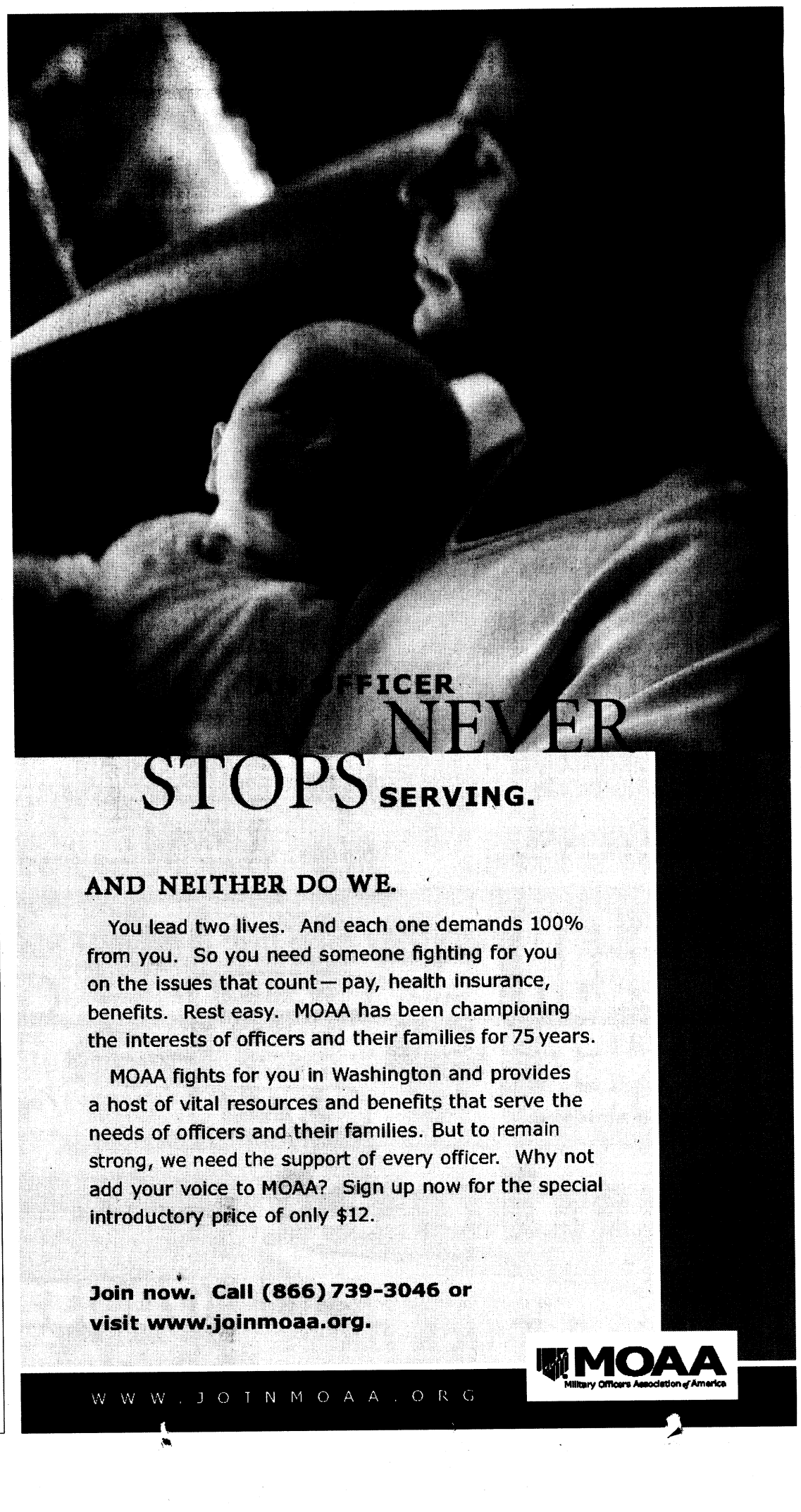

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Army scientists, engineers develop liquid body armor

Tonya Johnson
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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Liquid armor for Kevlar vests is one of the newest technologies being developed at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory to save Soldiers' lives.

This type of body armor is light and flexible, which allows Soldiers to be more mobile and won't hinder an individual from running or aiming his or her weapon.

The key component of liquid armor is a shear thickening fluid. STF is composed of hard particles suspended in a liquid. The liquid, polyethylene glycol, is non-toxic and can withstand a wide range of temperatures. Hard, nano-particles of silica are the other components of STF. This combination of flowable and hard components results in a material with unusual properties.

"During normal handling, the STF is very deformable and flows like a liquid. However, once a bullet or frag hits the vest, it transitions to a rigid material, which prevents the projectile from penetrating the Soldier's body," said Dr. Eric Wetzel, a mechanical engineer from the Weapons and Materials Research Directorate who heads the project team.

To make liquid armor, STF is soaked into all layers of the Kevlar vest. The Kevlar fabric holds the STF in place, and also helps to stop the bullet. The saturated fabric can be soaked, draped, and sewn just like any other fabric.

Wetzel and his team have been working on this technology with Dr. Norman J. Wagner and his students from the University of Delaware for three years.

"The goal of the technology is to create a new material that is low cost and lightweight, which offers equivalent or superior ballistic properties as compared to current Kevlar fabric, but has more flexibility and less thickness," Wetzel said. "This technology has a lot of potential."



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Kevlar fabric with shear thickening fluid after impact by a fragment simulating projectile.

Liquid armor is still undergoing laboratory tests, but Wetzel is enthusiastic about other applications that the technology might be applied to.

"The sky's the limit," Wetzel said. "We would first like to put this material in a Soldier's sleeves and pants, areas that aren't protected by ballistic vests but need to remain flexible. We could also use this material for bomb blankets, to cover suspicious packages or unexploded ordnance. Liquid armor could even be applied to jump boots, so that they would stiffen during impact to support Soldiers' ankles."

In addition to saving Soldiers' lives, Wetzel said liquid armor in Kevlar vests could help those who work in law enforcement.

"Liquid armor is much more stab resistant than conventional body armor. This capability is especially important for prison guards, who are most often attacked with handmade sharp weapons," he said.

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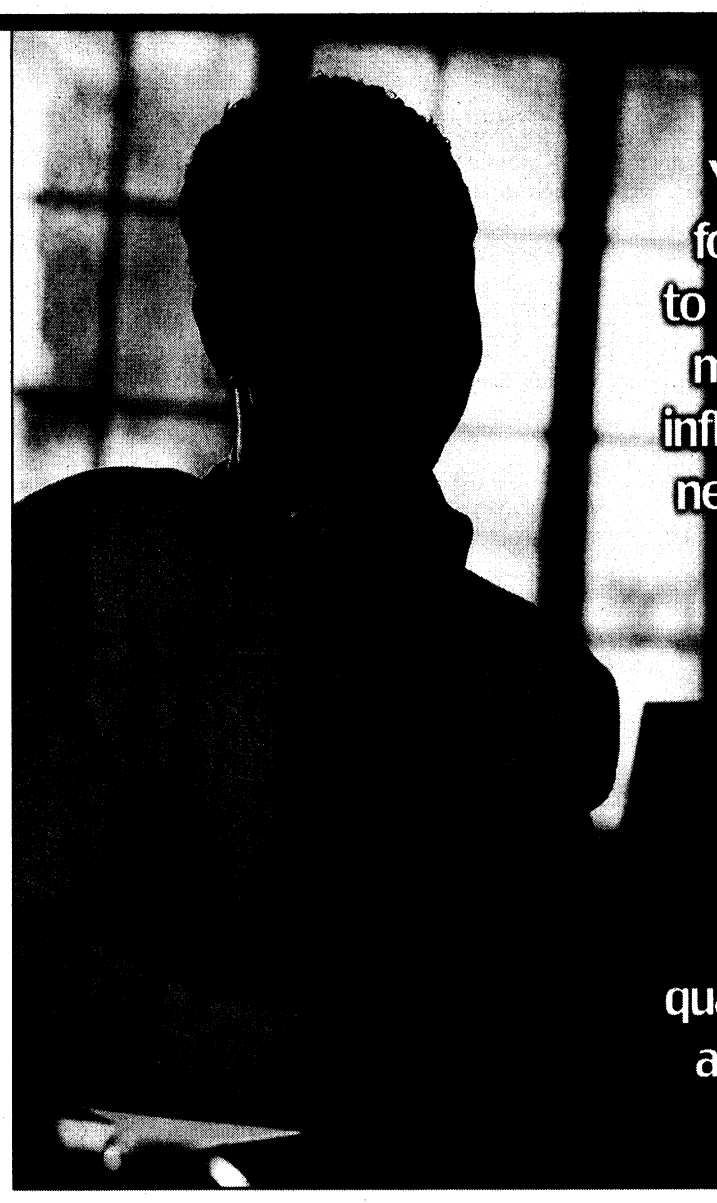

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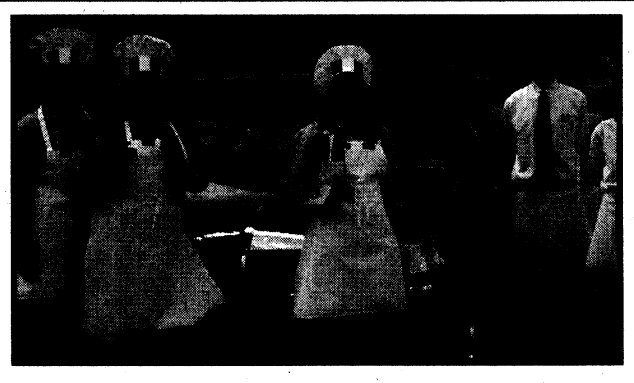

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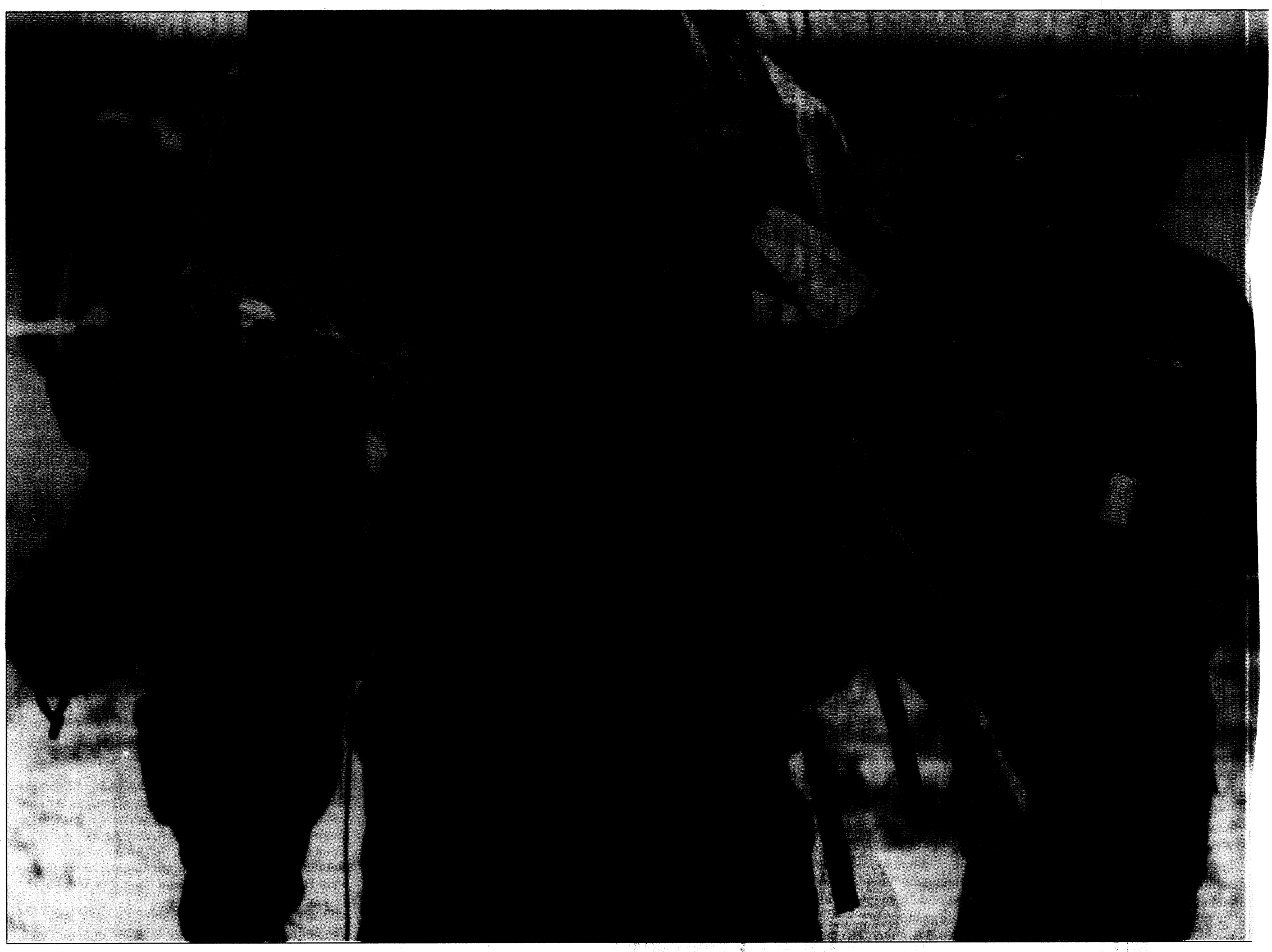

Capt. Corbett McCallum and Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Lewis, team 10 from the 4th Ranger Training Battalion, finished third in the Best Ranger Competition. Here, McCallu approach the finish line during Sunday's helocast event.

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It took 45,000 feet of caution tape to rope off the Best Ranger Competition course.

"That's because it's a crime scene," said Staff Sgt. Adam Reiber, after completing Saturday's Day Stakes, which included the infamous Prusik Climb and a surprise run-tunnel-shoot event.

With only 19 teams competing, this year's BRC was "specifically designed so there'd be no misconceptions about it being easier this time around," said Maj. Michael McNally, operations officer for the Ranger Training Brigade, which hosts the annual event.

When brigade officials began planning this year's BRC last summer, they anticipated the possibility of fewer teams, with the Army's increased op tempo during the war on terrorism. Fewer teams in the 60-hour competition — one typically designed for 50 teams — could mean more rest for competitors between events, and a well-rested Ranger is not a stressed Ranger.

"The object of Best Ranger is to stress them and push them to their very limits," McNally said.

"That's how you weed them out and identify the best Ranger team."

To that end, brigade officials designed individual events to be more difficult than those in recent history — no small task given the BRC's reputation as a world-class athletic competition. McNally believes they succeeded.

"No one can say they didn't earn it this year," he said.

And if the degree of difficulty is the measure of this year's success, the 12 returning contestants agreed.

"It was a smoker. Everyone who had competed before agreed unanimously that the first day was the hardest day we've ever done," said Staff Sgt. Adam Nash, referring to Friday morning's back-to-back PT tests, 8-mile run and 3-mile litter carry. Nash and his 75th Ranger Regiment teammate, Staff Sgt. Colin Boley, took first place in what some say was the closest competition ever.

With 752 points, Nash and Boley were only nine points ahead of the second-place team, Staff Sgt. John Sheaffer and Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Wilson, also with the 75th Ranger Regiment. The two teams crossed the finish line together on the last event, the Buddy Run, in a show of solidarity.

"It's not about us getting first or them getting second. It's about bringing the title back to the regiment," said Nash, who finished fifth in 2002, when the 5th Ranger Training Battalion took top honors.

The third-place finishers, the 4th Ranger Training Battalion's Capt. Corbett McCallum and Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Lewis, scored 723 points and were the only team to land both competitors in the target area on the spot jump event. McCallum and Lewis had the fastest time on the Prusik Climb and the Day Stakes' run-tunnel-shoot event.

Nash and Boley went into the competition with two strikes against them. Tendonitis nearly waylaid Nash during the 18-mile road march Friday night, and Boley, one of 21 combat veterans in the competition, had no time to prepare for the event. He returned from Afghanistan less than two weeks ago with no plans to compete.

"I'm not going to lie about it. Right now I'm wishing I'd never started," Boley said Saturday during a brief rest after the hatchet throw event. "Right now I could be on leave."

Though Nash and Boley credit their success to each other, their wives, their coach, their unit — pretty much anyone and everyone other than themselves — the 4th Ranger Training Battalion cadre responsible for manning each event said the duo used lessons learned from their experience in combat and past competitions to their advantage.

"You can see they've got the experience and the strategy," said Maj. Kevin Brill, who observed the race from the canoe event finish line Saturday and the helocast landing site Sunday.

"You can see that some of these guys ... well, fatigue has set in and it's interfering with the decision-making process," Brill said. "(Nash and Boley) adapt quickly. They're playing smart."

Indeed, Nash and Boley "used their heads" when they used their pistol belts as a litter support, freeing their arms "to pump" during the litter carry event, Brill said. They passed two teams on that event, putting them in position to lead in the canoe event. There, at the finish line, they dumped the water from the boat, donned their ruck sacks and raced across the finish line.

"It's little things, like taking the time to dump the water instead of trying to pull the canoe with the water in it and their ruck sacks in it," Brill said. "It's little strategies that make the difference, and that comes from experience."

When strategy didn't help, pure stubbornness paid off, Nash said. When his tendonitis flared up and his back began to ache from the weight of his 75-pound ruck sack — "A tick," he called it. "It sucks the life out of you." — Nash refused to give up and found inspiration in his teammate.

"Colin's awesome. Here he just got home a few days ago and hasn't had any time to train. And I'm thinking I'm going to have to pull him along at some point. But that never happened," Nash said. "He wouldn't let himself give anything less than 100 percent. I had to do the same."

Nash was hard-pressed to describe his feelings about winning Best Ranger — "I don't think it's sunk in yet," he said — but there's one thing he's certain about.

"We're not the best Rangers," he said. "In my opinion, the best Rangers are the ones who are deployed right now. They're

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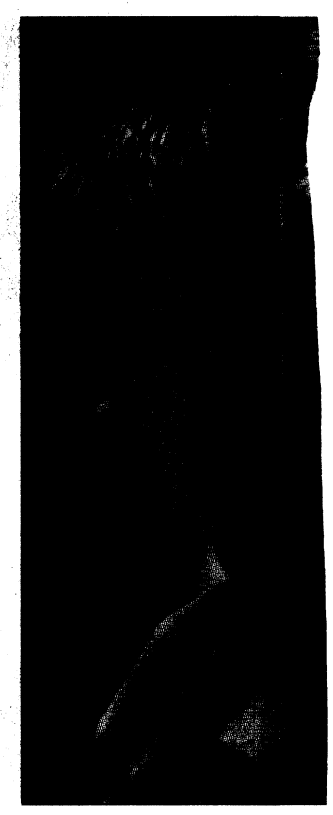

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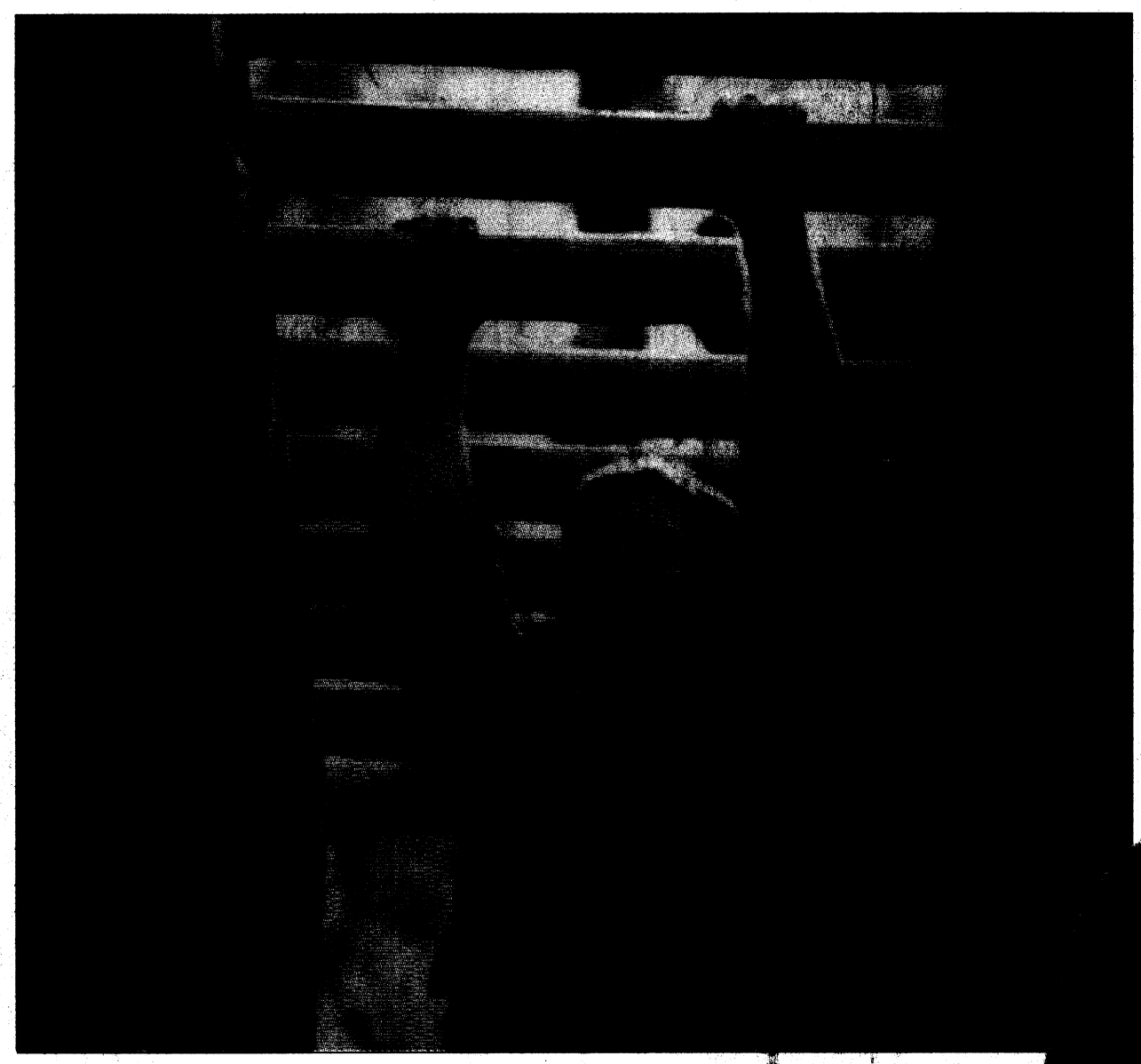

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Capt. John Serafini, of the Joint Security Area, Korea, navigates the Darby Queen Sunday. Serafini and his teammate, Capt. Paul Staeheli, finished fifth in the BRC.



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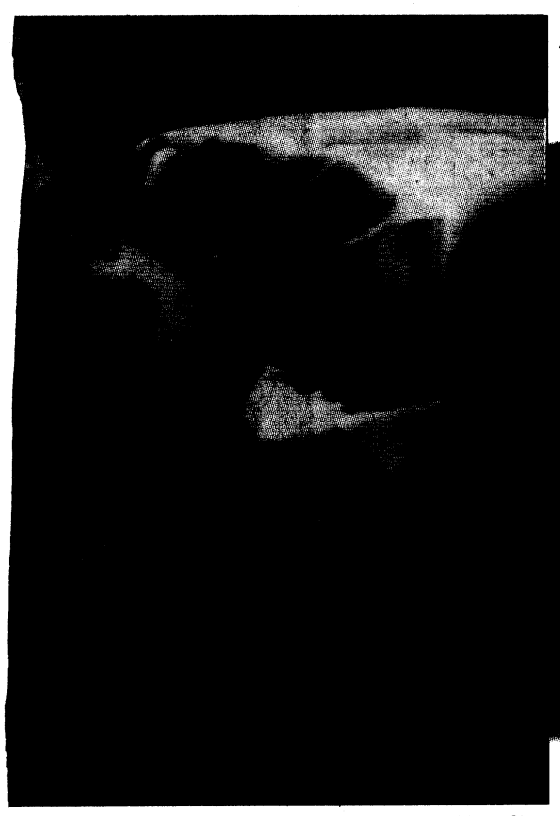
Capt. David Bragg, of the U.S. Army Maneuvers Center, competes in the water confidence test at Victory Pond Sunday on the last day of the Best Ranger Competition. Bragg and his teammate, Capt. Brian Hoffman, finished sixth in the BRC. Bragg and Hoffman were fist-time competitors.



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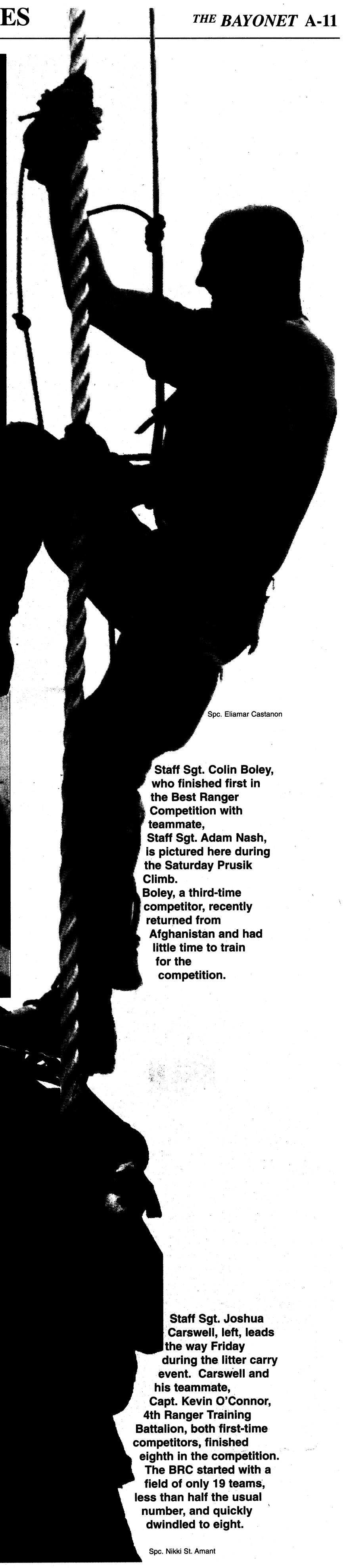

Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Staff Sgt. Colin Boley, who finished first in the Best Ranger Competition with teammate, Staff Sgt. Adam Nash, is pictured here during the Saturday Prusik Climb. Boley, a third-time competitor, recently returned from Afghanistan and had little time to train for the competition.

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Staff Sgt. Joshua Carswell, left, leads the way Friday during the litter carry event. Carswell and his teammate, Capt. Kevin O'Connor, 4th Ranger Training Battalion, both first-time competitors, finished eighth in the competition. The BRC started with a field of only 19 teams, less than half the usual number, and quickly dwindled to eight.

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TRADOC: NCOA to change training

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academy is already piloting some of these changes.

Raper said demolitions, war casualty and combatives training have been incorporated based on feedback from Soldiers on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"(The NCOA) is transitioning the advanced and basic noncommissioned officer courses into combat leader-focused courses," Raper said. "ANCOC and BNCOC classes will soon start simultaneously, allowing for concurrent, more realistic training."

Instead of spending six to eight weeks in a classroom, he said, ANCOC and BNCOC students will soon spend up to 200 hours in the field as part of an effort to get Soldiers back to soldiering.

In response to the nation's current enemies' rapidly evolving guerrilla tactics, TRADOC hopes to develop leaders whose strengths will be mental agility and the ability to think outside the box, Byrnes said.

Doctrine can no longer show NCOs the set steps for reacting to a given scenario, he said — it must teach them *how* to think on their feet, not *what* to think, while encouraging creativity and adaptability.

The post command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso, said the changes aren't necessarily a knee-jerk reaction.

"All armies going into a conflict plan to fight the previous war," Kelso said. "I believe no matter what war it is, there are always lessons learned.

"Any time an army encounters a new type of war tactic, especially the tactics we are seeing in Iraq and Afghanistan, it has to analyze ways to counter that," he said. "Once it has decided those lessons are valid, it then incorporates them into its training."

Army combat training centers have already changed, Byrnes said. The environments currently being used at the Joint Readiness and National Training Centers and the Army's battle command training programs directly reflect environments units are encountering on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The new training environments are complex and unpredictable, he said. Combatants and non-combatants are mixed, improvised explosive devices are used realistically and the roles of religious sects and political leadership are emphasized.

Byrnes said a unit undergoing training may conduct traditional force-on-force exercises one day and then find itself at company level the next day, conducting patrols and raids in a small village, facing completely different scenarios.

Basic training is going to change, as well, Byrnes said.

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> **Gen. Kevin Byrnes**
> TRADOC commanding general

Soldierization has to be tough, he said, and TRADOC is going to make basic training more rigorous. The assumption is that as an Army that will remain at war for the foreseeable future, Soldiers have to be as fully prepared as possible for wartime operations upon graduation from initial entry training.

The Army is already reviewing three pilot basic training programs.

Two were conducted at Fort Benning and incorporated far more field training exercise time, IED training, convoy operations training and a slew of other new skills and drills without extending the current course length of nine weeks.

"Fort Benning has always been the leader in producing quality Soldiers to the field," Byrnes said. "The drill sergeants, the instructors and the other cadre who work in the schoolhouse have their rucksacks on pretty tight."

He said he knows most of the Soldiers working in the rear, training Soldiers for what awaits them overseas, would probably rather be on the front line, but he said he believes "tomorrow's victories truly *do* begin at the training base."

Byrnes said many of the successes in Iraq and Afghanistan started at Fort Benning, and he is counting on cadre to continue to do an outstanding job and adapt to the new requirements.

"We are rolling out the best Soldiers anywhere in the world," Byrnes said. "Please keep it up — the nation is counting on you."

More tasks and tougher missions weren't all Byrnes said is in store. He said he plans to make sure TRADOC units have the resources they need to get the job done in the future — whether it's manpower, funding or equipment and facilities.

"It's kind of a contract I have to have with our noncommissioned officers in the schoolhouse," Byrnes said. "I'll do my job to give them the tools they need to train, and they've got to continue to train the best quality Soldiers they can."

Iraqi army: Modeled on U.S. Army

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"The NCO corps did not exist as we know an NCO corps to be. The officers lived a life of considerable privilege, supported by the Baa'th party."

CMATT's mission is to construct a new Iraqi army from scratch, an army that includes a land component, maritime component and a small air force.

The first task was to "man" the new army. There were three recruiting stations — Baghdad, Basra and Mosul.

In a briefing to the Coalition Provisional Authority in January, Eaton said the locations of the recruiting stations cover the spread and the ethnic distribution, so each class that graduates is ethnically balanced.

"This provides an atmosphere where tolerance is essential to mission accomplishment," he said.

"We have been very faithful in the Governing Council's intent and the focus in ensuring that the Iraqi armed forces, and the Iraqi army in particular, meet the ethnic and religious representation of (Iraq)."

"It wasn't recruiting as much as it was processing," Buchanan said. Many Iraqis needed jobs that paid, and the new army was hiring.

The age limit was raised to 40 years versus the U.S. Army's age limit of 35. This was done to recruit mature and experienced prior service soldiers, Buchanan said.

"We are looking for those individuals who wish to defend Iraq and its newfound freedom, and are skilled in such professions as truck driver, heavy equipment operator, food service, first aid and, above all, infantry," Eaton said.

The new Iraqi army also includes females in its fighting force for the first time.

"Because of the Islamic culture in Iraq, it's important that we have females at checkpoints to search other females," Buchanan said.

The Iraqi female recruits are currently being trained in Jordan by the Jordanian army, which has females in its army and knows how to train them, Buchanan said.

Eaton said the female Iraqi recruits will help fill positions with the military police force, administration and, eventually, military intelligence.

Although the vast majority of officers, NCOs and about 60 percent of the soldiers recruited had previous military experience, "we had our work cut out for us," Fuller said.

"We were trying to build an army like we have in the states with a strong backbone of NCOs, a professional officer corps and good, confident soldiers," he said.

"The infantry soldiers recruited who had prior service came from an army that gave them five rounds of ammunition per year," Buchanan said.

They were not trained to the standard infantrymen should be trained to, he said.

"The most important aspect was to get the leadership right."

The first four battalions trained by the CMATT were trained under a system that puts officers, NCOs and recruits through the same training simultaneously, but separately. All three groups were then brought together for three weeks of collective training before the battalion graduated and went to a garrison base, Eaton said.

The first battalion trained is currently in Kirkush with the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Eaton said.

The second and fourth battalions are garrisoned at Tadji with the 1st Armored Division, the third battalion is in the Mosul area, he said.

"Training has focused on an end state that provides an individual soldier who possesses fundamental soldier skills, functions as a member of a multiethnic team, is oriented to military service and service to the Iraqi nation, and is also schooled in human rights and the law of land warfare," Eaton said in a CPA briefing.

In September 2003, the original goal of nine battalions increased to 27 battalions organized into nine brigades and three divisions by Sept. 30, forcing CMATT to re-evaluate its training techniques to improve and speed up the training, Buchanan said.

Based on the premise that 1,000 leaders can create an army faster than creating an army 1,000 soldiers at a time, Eaton said CMATT then adopted the same model of recruiting and training the U.S. used to gear up for World War II — officers and NCOs would conduct separate training.

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> CMATT Headquarters commandant

The remaining 23 battalions are being trained under this new method.

The focus was then placed on emphasizing leadership skills and values for the officers and NCOs so they could then train their own soldiers, Fuller said.

Eaton emphasized that this will be an Iraqi army trained by Iraqis.

In December, the modified training began in Jordan for officers and in Kirkush for NCOs, Buchanan said. The officer training course graduated 400 officers in March.

The NCO training course has three fundamental areas of training — combat arms training, combat service support group and the squad leader's combat course.

Both training courses for officers and NCOs last from six to eight weeks.

The training is set up for the officers and NCOs to graduate at the same time so they can then train together, Buchanan said.

The old light leaders course training outline is used to bring the officers and NCOs together to train in their subordinates' positions so the soldiers, officers and NCOs learn to appreciate each other — it's team building, Buchanan said.

The last part of the integration training prepares the officers and NCOs to train their own army's basic training.

Eaton said all soldiers are being trained for mounted and dismounted patrolling, border work, checkpoint operations and small unit urban operations.

"The training is not to the level of our Army given the time available," Eaton said. "Eventually, they will catch up."

Fuller said the primary mission of the newly trained Iraqi soldiers is to re-establish security in Iraq and protect themselves from outside threats.

The operational air force has a squadron of helicopters and two C-130B aircraft. The navy has five 30-meter patrol boats with marine detachments and a fast patrol squadron, Eaton said.

As the mission continues, CMATT picks up more responsibilities.

As of March 2004, CMATT has been assigned to oversee not only the construction of the new army, but also the development of the entire Iraqi armed forces, including the police, fire department, border patrol, Iraqi Civil Defense Corps, the air force and the maritime components, Fuller said.

What was once known as CMATT is now also the Office of Security Cooperation.

"It's important to build up the (Iraqi armed forces) to allow the coalition forces to leave Iraq," Buchanan said. "It won't be a one-for-one replacement, but it will allow us to eventually move out."

Is the Iraqi armed force ready to take care of the country alone?

"To a degree, the Iraqi army is not ready for high-intensity urban combat operations, but ready for low-level insurgency and peace enforcement operations," Eaton said. "Coalition forces will be needed for some time. What is missing is the view that they represent the legitimate armed forces and that they must confront the illegitimate forces out there."

Rangers: Quitting never an option

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Wilson, and most of all Boley, was impressive.

"What it really shows you is this competition is about how much heart you have," he said. "The guys with the most heart rise to the top."

Nash said by winning this year, he has done what he set out to do and will not compete again.

"It's a very prestigious honor," he said. "I am very honored to have done it with Staff Sgt. Boley."

Boley said he didn't pay attention to the standings until land navigation, and winning wasn't a thought at that point.

"I wanted to quit a hundred times," he said. "During the road march, we both kept saying 'we aren't going to make time, there's no way we're going to make time,' but, for some reason, we kept on walking."

"The road march was the hardest," Nash said. "I hadn't walked, and Colin really hadn't trained up."

"I got a blister during the first run," Boley said. "After that, I knew the rest was going to be hell."

Nash and Boley each received the Order of St. Maurice and a .45 caliber, gold-plated Colt pistol at Monday's award ceremony.

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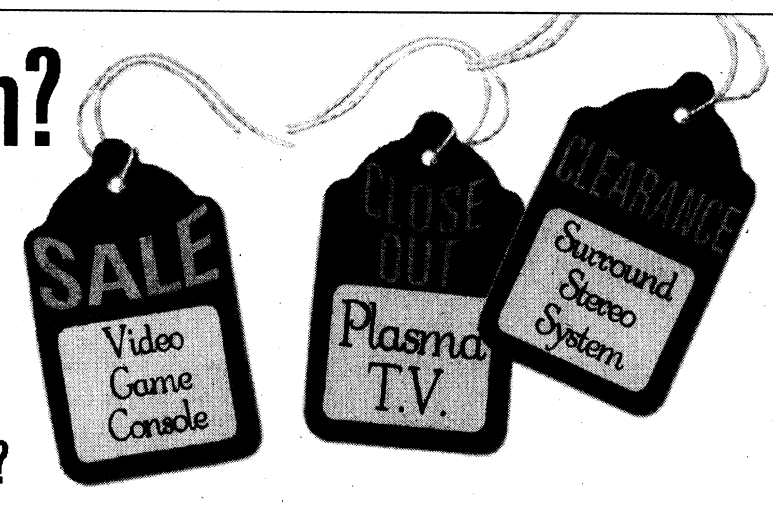

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Tax center remains open

The Fort Benning Tax Center remains open and will still prepare federal and state tax returns for the 2001, 2002 and 2003 tax years.

The off-season location is Building 5, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Appointments are required.

For more information, call 545-3281.

Hatch Act

It's election time again, and time to remind civilian employees of the restrictions on their political activities. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has issued a letter identifying in detail many of the proscriptions relating political activities.

The letter can be viewed at www.osc.gov/hatchact.com.

For more information, call Nancy Skates at (703) 325-1334, DSN 221-1334 or e-mail nancy.skates@asamra.hoffman.army.mil.

RCP change

The Retention Control Point for staff sergeants has changed from 20 to 22 years. This change is necessary to retain experienced NCOs and support the recently approved endstrength increase. This change affects those staff sergeants who have an ETS on or before Sept. 30, 2005, except for Soldiers in MOS 14R, 14S and 42L.

For more information, call Irma Mason at 545-5655.

EO 2004 Luau

The Equal Opportunity Office is searching for ethnic performers to perform Asian or Pacific Islander songs or dances or willing to display cultural items during the 2004 Luau at Uchee Creek. This year's Luau is scheduled for May 14.

For more information call, 545-6666 or 545-3197.

PLDC graduation

Primary Leadership Development Course Class 6-04 graduates at 10 a.m. May 27 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

CID brief

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information pertaining to the larceny of a maroon 1997 Ford Escort from the parking lot of the AAFES Shopette on Marne Road. The incident occurred between 6 and 6:05 p.m. April 10.

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.

Thrift Savings Plan

Open Season for the Thrift Savings Plan has begun and will run through June 30. During the Open Season, you can start or increase (if you are contributing less than the maximum) your contributions.

The TSP is the federal government's long-term, tax-advantaged 401(k) type savings plan. The TSP consists of five funds where you can put your money.

To find out more about the TSP, visit the TSP Web site, www.tsp.gov, attend a class from 10 a.m. to noon May 4 or June 11, or call the ACS Financial Readiness Program at 545-5485.

Ranger Memorial stones

The Ranger Memorial Foundation, Inc. is an organization dedicated to honoring the U.S. Army Ranger and their sacrifices to our nation through a granite monument located on post. The foundation also offers academic scholarships to eligible individuals and help to Ranger families in distress. Funds for the services are raised through the sale of engraved granite stones on the Ranger walkway, individual and corporate donations and the Combined Federal Campaign.

To purchase a stone, donate, or apply for a scholarship, log on to www.rangermemorial.org to download the forms.

The cutoff date for this year's engraving is June 1. Applications received after that date will be engraved in the summer of 2005.

Sergeant Major board

The Department of the Army sergeant major promotion selection board will convene June 4. All master sergeants or first sergeants with a date of rank June 1, 2002 and earlier with a basic active service date between June 1, 1979 and June 1, 1994 are the zones for consideration.

Contact your personnel sergeant or call the Personnel Service Branch at 545-5646, 545-2602 or 545-2611 to schedule an appointment.

'Rugged Seahorse' group sponsors conference

Event reviews current, future missions

1st Lt. Mamie Murphy
13th Corps Support Battalion

Seventy attendees came to Fort Benning April 13-15 for the 2004 Engineer Combat Heavy Conference, sponsored by the 36th Engineer Group.

"The purpose of the conference is to review current developments, discuss current and future missions, deployments, and develop focused topics for Colonel Brooks to bring forward to the Engineer Council of Colonels, and Engineer Regiment" said Capt. Endia Cook, Plans Officer, 36th Engineer Group.

Col. James Brooks, 36th Engineer Group said, "Most of the combat heavy engineer commanders are separate FORSCOM units with no engineer higher headquarters in peacetime. The intent is to get this non-divisional construction engineer unit leadership together and discuss their issues and challenges, as well as give them information on the Army transformation initiatives, and develop a transformation road ahead for the Combat Heavy Engineer Force."

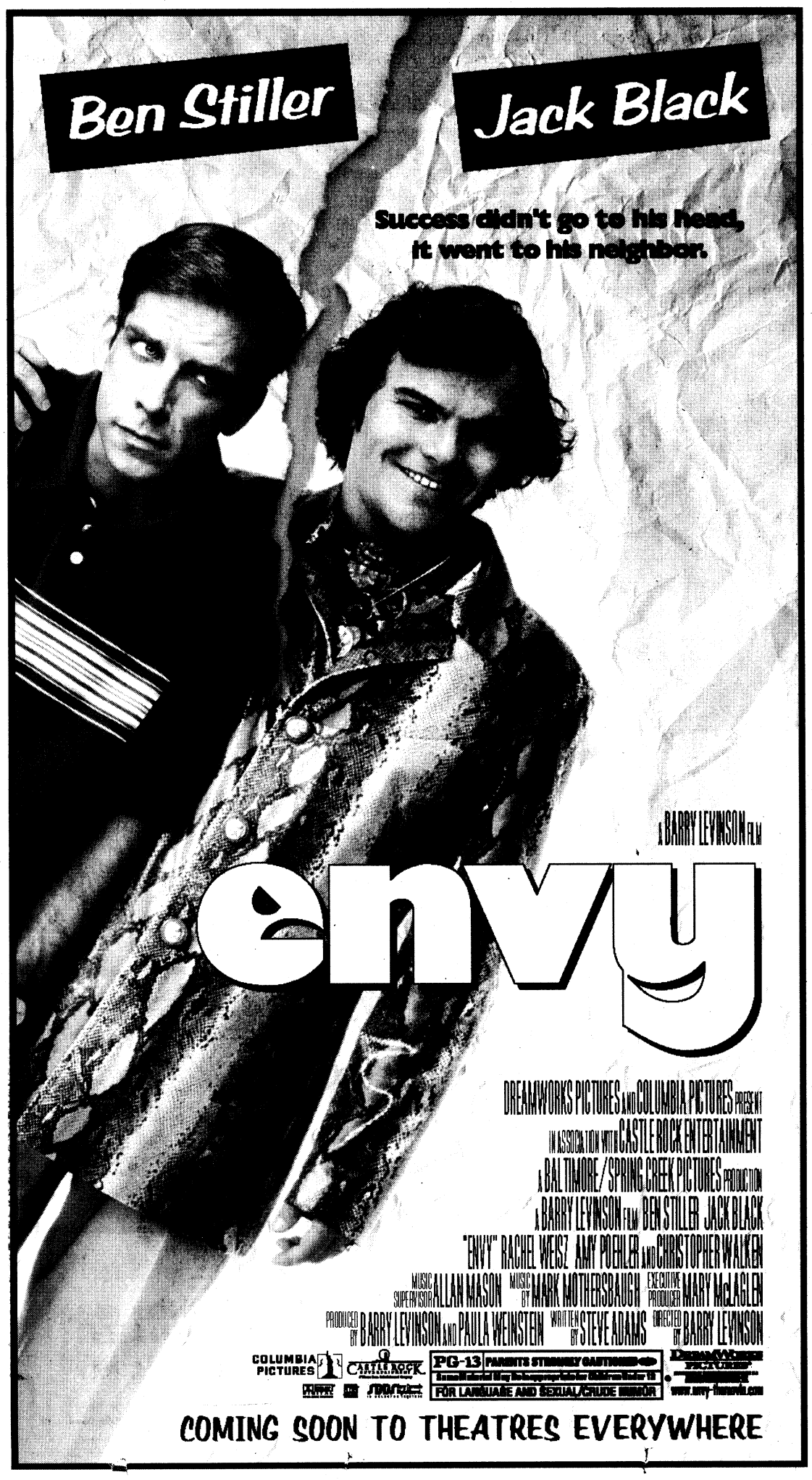
Especially important to the conference was the input from commanders with recent Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom experience. Issues and concerns were very similar across the board.

"There were three overarching issues for all the units that attended the conference," Brooks said. "The frequency of deployments of low-density construction engineer units, internal force protection concerns, and the age and condition of the construction equipment that is still in use. The equipment we are using is older than most of the operators, and some of it is older than me."

Possible solutions to the equipment concerns discussed were replacing or upgrading current equipment, because parts for equipment in use are hard to come by through the Army supply system, or leasing equipment through commercial contractors such as Caterpillar or John Deere.

The conference was very productive. The future capability and transformation of the army construction engineer community can only improve with their continued interaction, cooperation, and proactive thinking.

National Day of Prayer
May 6
There will be Scripture readings, reflection and silent prayer at the TIC Chapel from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., followed by a potluck lunch from 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the chapel annex.
For more information, call 545-2050



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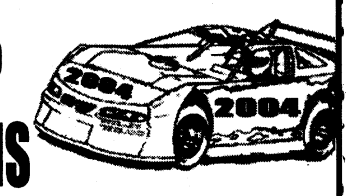


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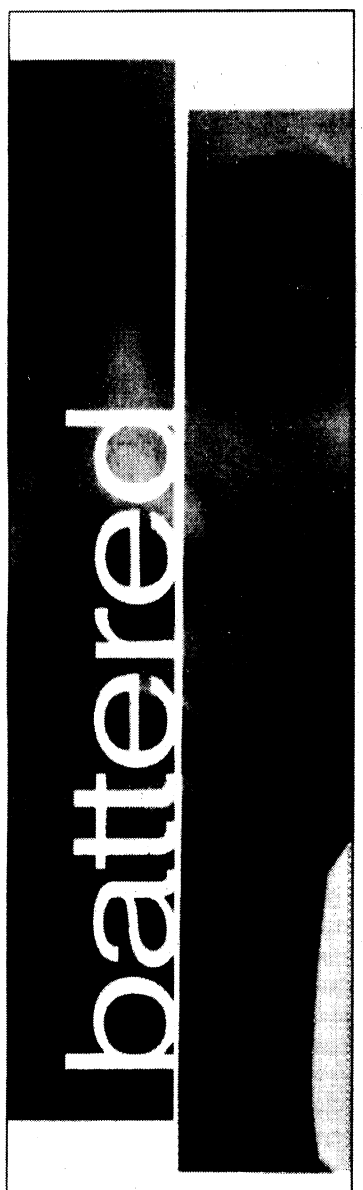

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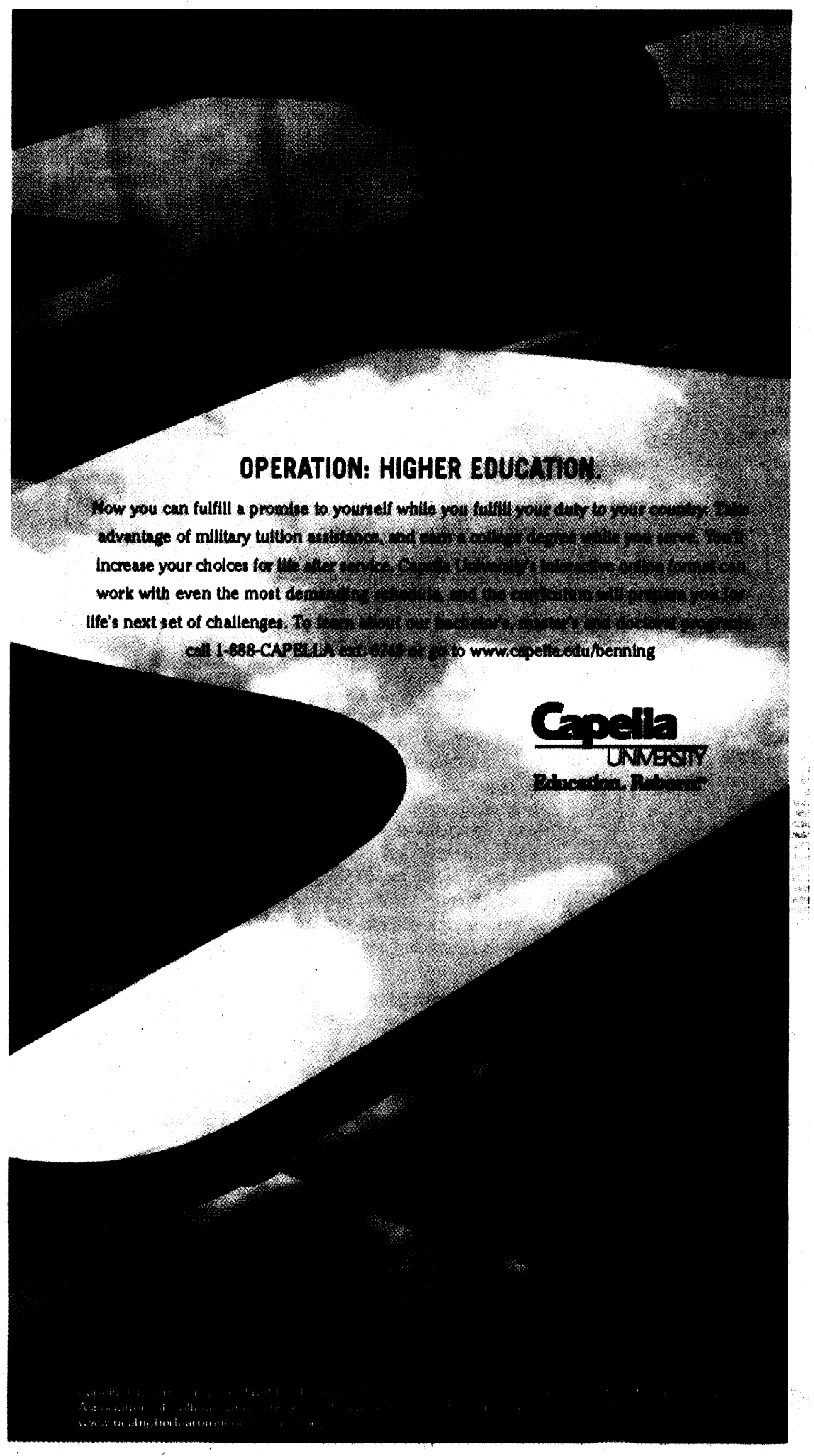
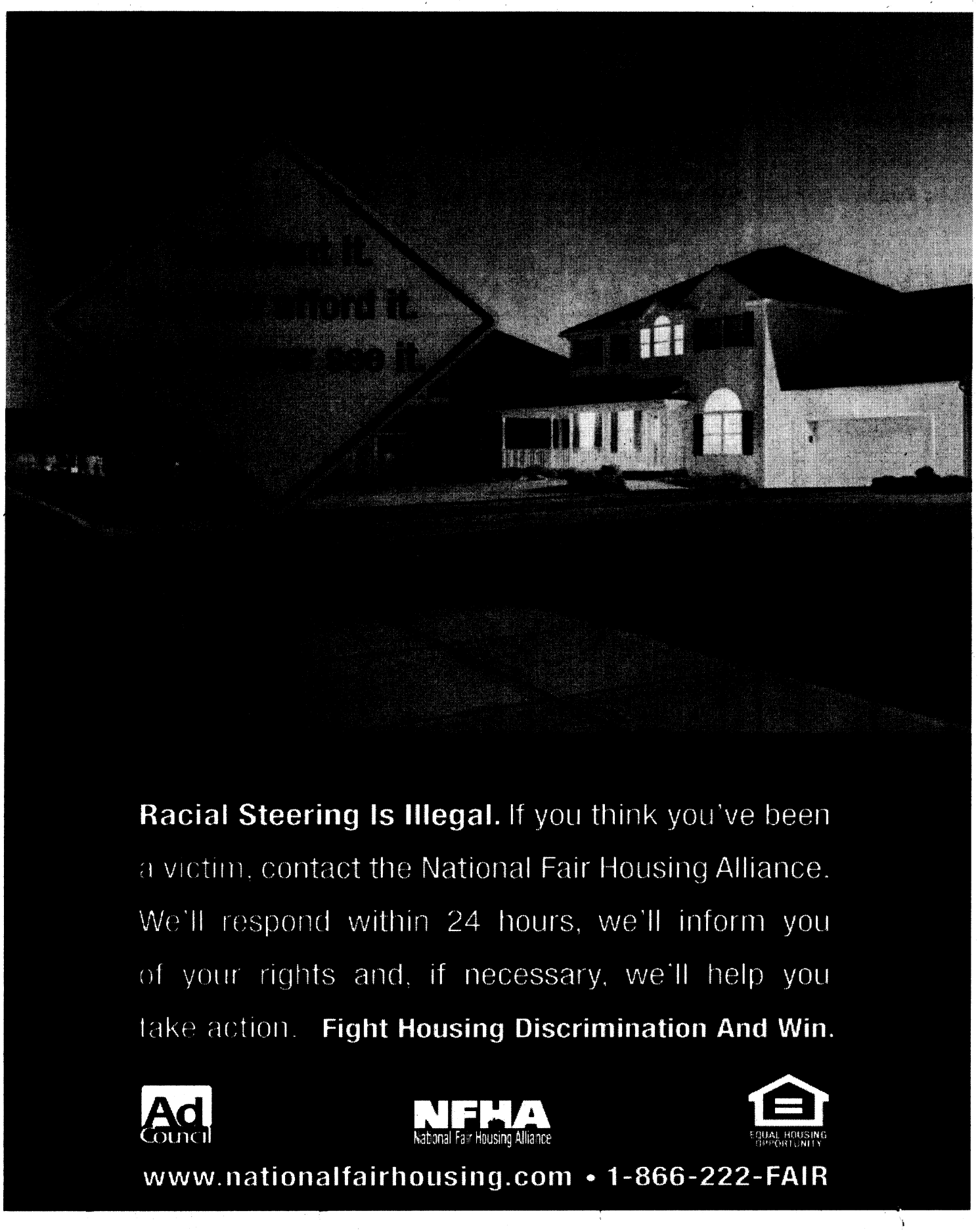
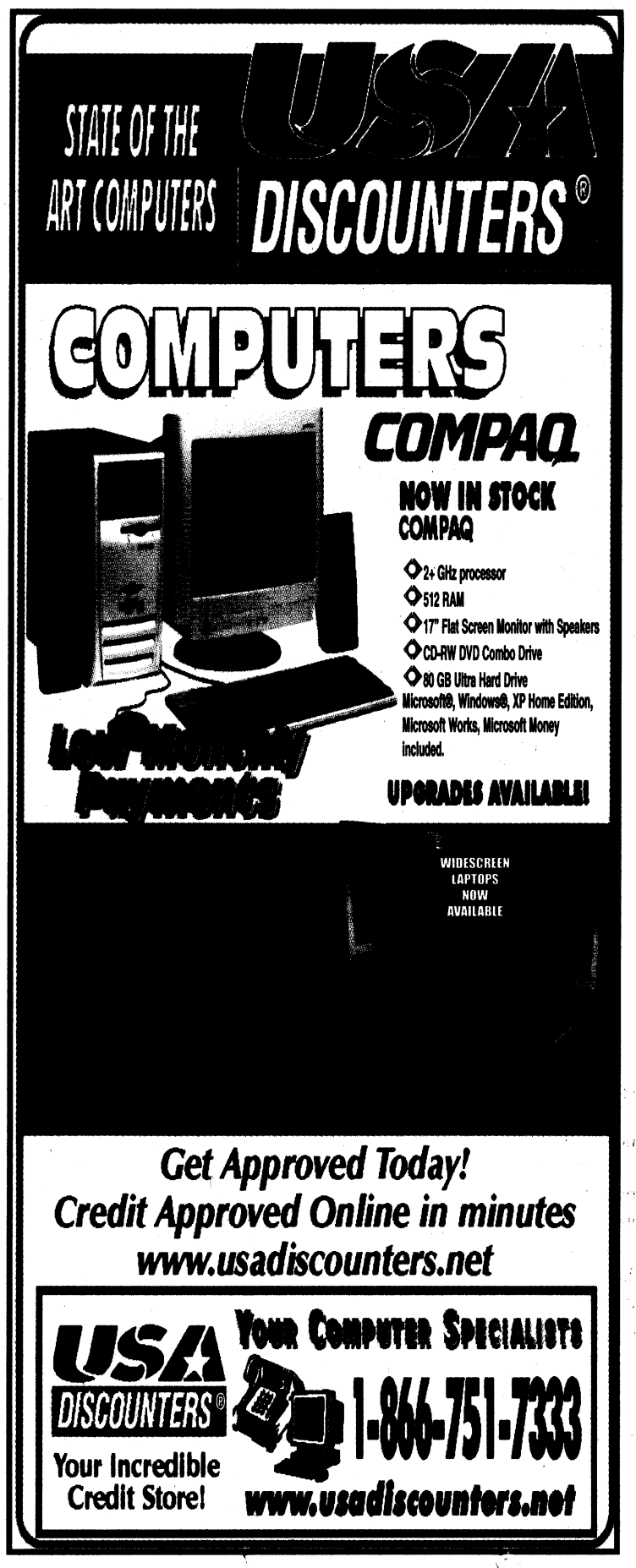
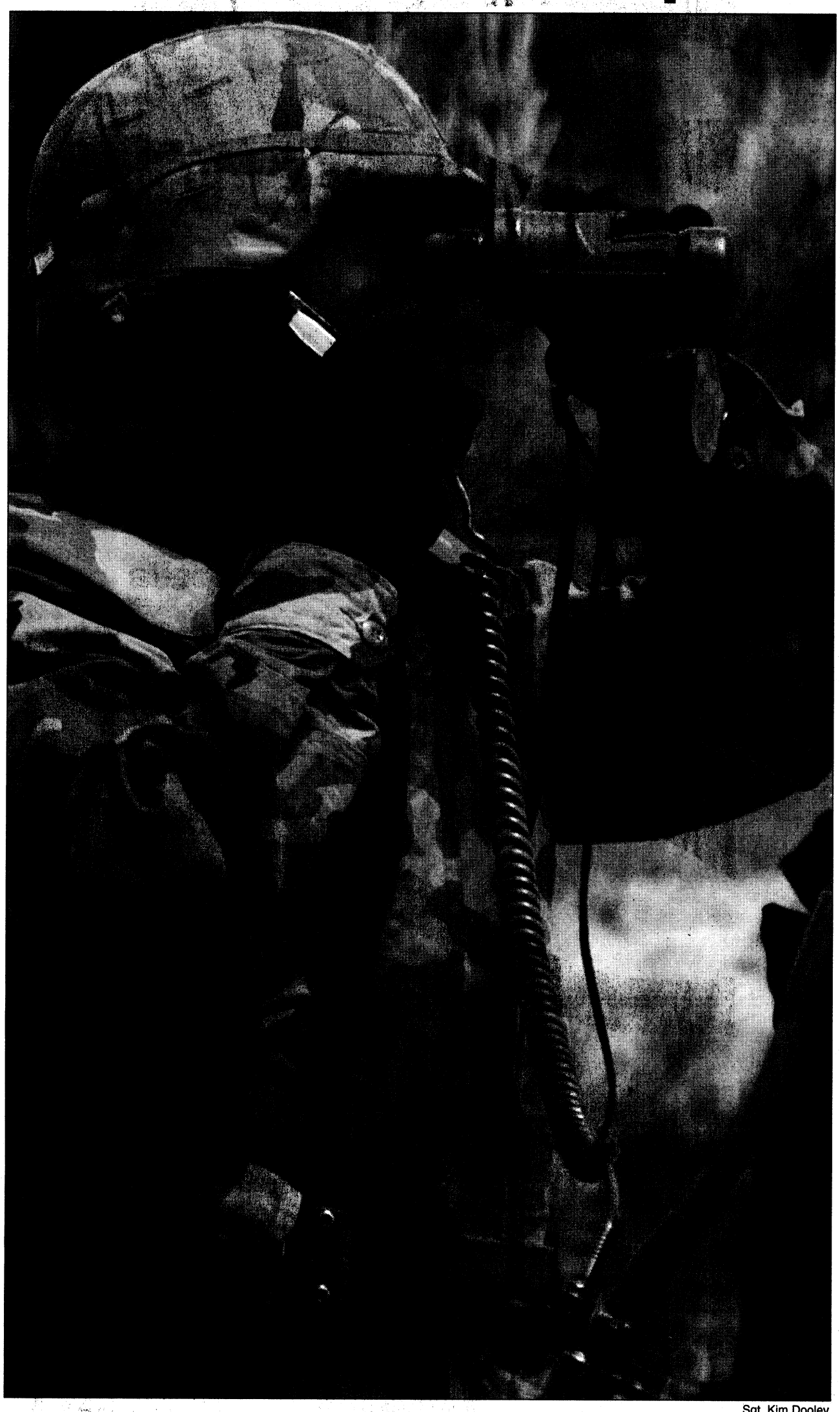






IOBC lieutenants pilot live-fire training



Sgt. Kim Dooley

2nd Lt. Robert Cosgriff, B Co., 2nd Bn. (Infantry Officer Basic Course), 11th Inf. Regt., looks at his target while calling in artillery support.

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Leroy Cisneros knew he would be called to active duty when he enlisted in the National Guard, but he never expected this much. The Los Angeles police officer has been called up four times since 9-11.

A sergeant first class when the global war on terrorism began, Cisneros' unit sent him to Officer Candidate School, where he became an infantry lieutenant.

Now a second lieutenant in the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Cisneros is more than aware that, between his field of expertise and the Army's current op tempo, the skills he learns in the course will one day be put to the test where they count. And the training he receives here may very well be his only preparation for the real thing.

About 70 to 75 percent of IOBC students will find themselves "in theater" within months of graduating, said Capt. Aaron Freeman, the senior platoon trainer for 1st Platoon, B Company, 2nd Battalion (IOBC), 11th Infantry Regiment.

"We even have some students graduating early, getting on the plane and going straight to combat," he said.

Other lieutenants are arriving at their units just in time to deploy or are filling brigades that will eventually replace those already overseas, Freeman said. National Guard or regular Army — they're all likely to deploy.

And it's the IOBC cadre's goal to ensure they're ready.

"They should leave here competent for combat with minimal unit train-up," he said.

To that end, B Company piloted what will eventually become a new addition to the IOBC curriculum — an indirect fire, live call for fire exercise.

For today's infantry lieutenant, that knowledge is vital, Freeman said.

"In recent conflicts, many of our junior leaders have lacked proficiency in being able to use (call for fire)," he said. "But indirect fire and close air support are huge assets on the battlefield today, and the platoon and squad leaders have to be the ones who know how to put that into effect."

In the past, the lieutenants have trained the task in the classroom and on computer simulators. But the closest they've come to live-fire training was to hunker down in a bunker and watch other Soldiers fire artillery to show the damage it can inflict and to familiarize the lieutenants with how close different types of rounds can be fired safely, said Maj. Jody Miller, B Company commander.

Because the training depended on 3rd Brigade's 10th Field Artillery Regiment — the only unit with the necessary assets — it became hard to execute as the unit was called off on multiple deployments and training exercises.

"We should have been doing this a long time ago," Miller said, explaining that indirect fire and call for fire are "critical and perishable skills" that an infantry platoon leader needs to know and will definitely use in the course of being a lieutenant.

But due to resource constraints and training priorities in the past, CFF live-fire training in IOBC wasn't programmed by "whomever was controlling the resources," Miller said.

That changed, however, as Fort Benning senior leaders began to question why the training wasn't included in IOBC, he said.

Now, after more than a year of struggling to get the ball rolling, B Company is the test bed, so to speak, for what Miller and his fellow IOBC cadre hope to see fully integrated into the course in the near future.

The company's students rotated through four stations at Red Cloud Range Tuesday through Thursday, learning how to use Air Force close air support, and indirect fire artillery and mortars on the battlefield in conjunction with tactical maneuver and direct fires.

The exercise took the joint efforts of IOBC, the Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate, D Co., 2nd Bn., 29th Inf. Regt., and the 17th Air Support Operations Squadron.

"With what's going on in Iraq and Afghanistan, this is very beneficial to them," said Capt. Matt Gregory, primary instructor for the call for fire live-fire exercise.

"(The students) get to see the assets available to them on the battlefield, how they work and how they'll go into the mission if planned correctly," Gregory said.

For Cisneros and fellow B Company student 2nd Lt. Benjamin Blaylock, the exercise provided the "real time" aspect that other training lacked.

"Using the computer simulator, you get the basis of what you need to do," said Blaylock, a University of Iowa graduate who was commissioned through ROTC. "But doing this, you see what it's actually like."

Cisneros said the cadre heightened the experience.

"They added pressure; they kept (giving us situations) and asking us what we would do," he said. "It made me think on my feet. I could give answers and see if they would actually work.

"There's a good chance that we'll have to do this for real," he said. "After this, I think we're about as ready as we'll ever be."

Post units team up for new marksman course

Snipers 'fill gap' in Soldiers' M-16 A4 training

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The U.S. Army Sniper School is currently teaching a group of Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, new marksmanship techniques as part of a test bed for a new Squad Designated Marksman Course.

The course, which is designed to hone a Soldier's ability to accurately shoot at distances beyond 300 meters, teaches students different marksmanship techniques than they are used to.

"This course teaches us so much more than we were ever taught before," said Pfc. Ryan Coffield, 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt. "We've always been taught how to shoot at targets within 300 meters, never beyond that."

As Staff Sgt. Steven Penix, senior instructor at the Sniper School, points out, that's where the problem lies.

Soldiers are only taught how to shoot at targets from point blank range to 300 meters, he said. Snipers are taught to shoot between 600 and 1,000 meters.

"There's a gap there that we need to fill. And this course is doing just that," Penix said.

The overall goal of the class is to put a precision marksman in each squad.

"By putting someone with these skills in each squad, then threats can be taken care of quickly," Penix said. "These Soldiers will be able to take out both partially and fully exposed targets beyond the range of 300 meters if necessary.

"Another advantage of having one of these Soldiers in a squad is the ability to sight danger from much farther distances," he said. "With their ability to do that, they can send the information higher, and the problem can be taken care of."

As part of their training, the Soldiers learned range estimation, shooting moving targets beyond 300 meters, fundamentals of marksmanship and target detection.

For range estimation, the Soldiers were taught two different methods. The first was the football field method.

"Most everyone knows how long a football field is, so we tell them to estimate it using that method," Penix said.

But, the method most preferred is using the sights on the M-16 A4. Soldiers used the Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight, or ACOG.

"The sight picture has two marks for you to put your target's shoulders in between," Penix said. Depending on where you can fit the target's shoulder between, is how far they are away."

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit made a few alterations to the weapon to better suit Soldiers.

Changes to the weapons included putting on a new match-grade barrel, putting flutes in it to keep it cool, installing a quad-rail hand guard and installing a two-stage match-grade trigger.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Soldiers from 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt., fire live rounds at 300-meters down range during Squad Designated Marksman training Tuesday at Maertens Range.

This trigger only requires four pounds of pressure, whereas the other much more, said Cris Murray, small-arms repairman and primary builder of the new weapons.

"All of these changes were made to give Soldiers better control of their shots," he said.

A change which Penix said is important to today's Army.

"When Soldiers are deployed, they will most likely experience many riots," he said. "On the M16A2, you can't really control your shot as much as you can with this weapon. So if you need to take someone out in the crowd, you can be pretty confident that you'll hit that person and not a person to the left or right of them."

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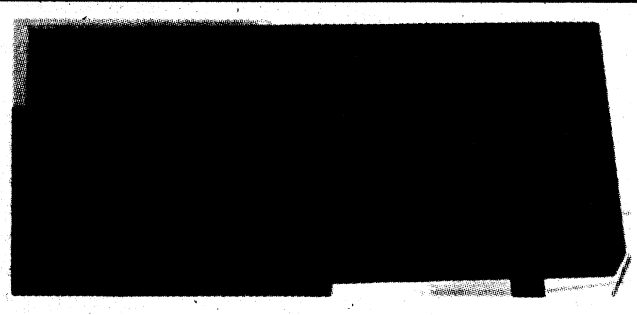

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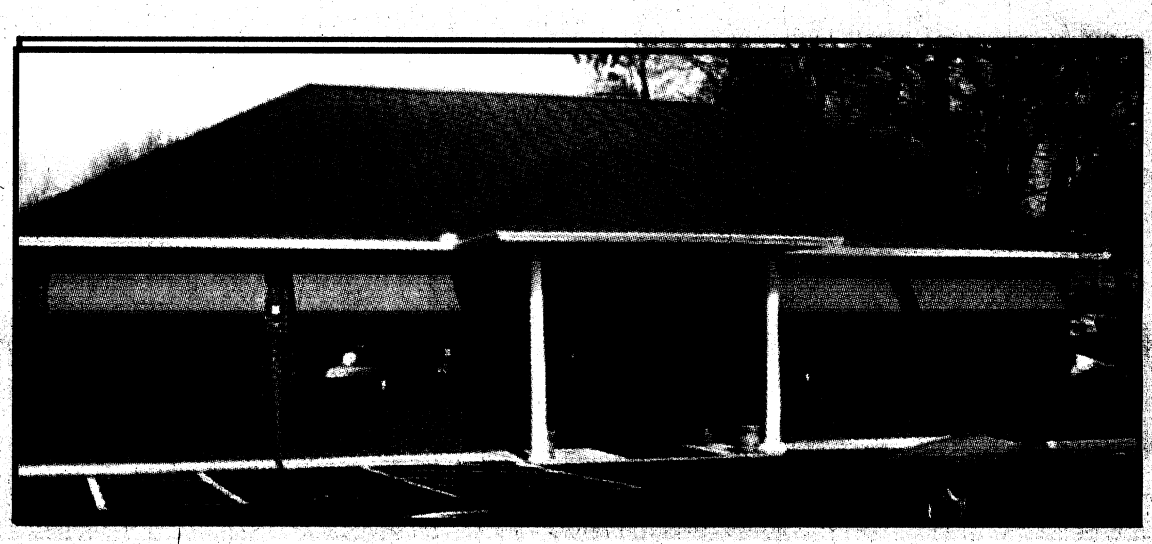

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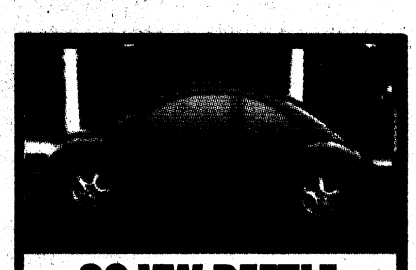

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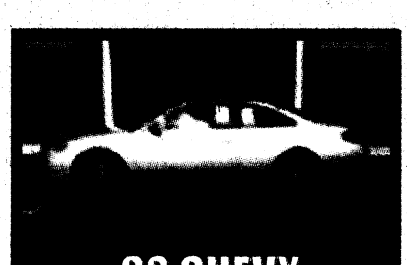

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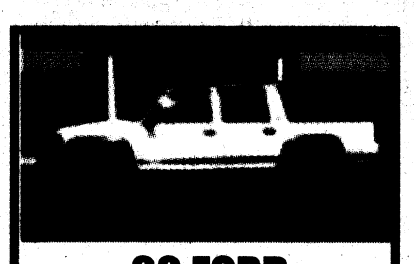

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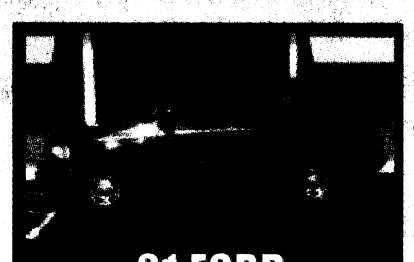

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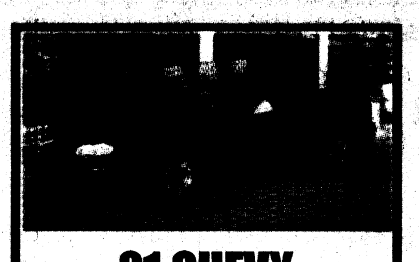

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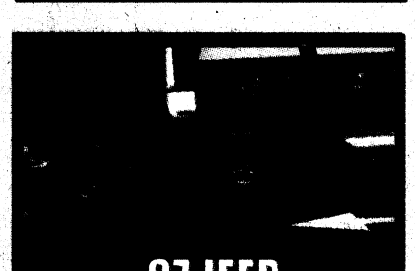

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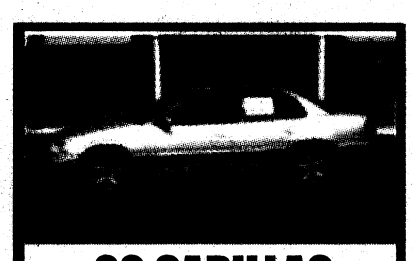

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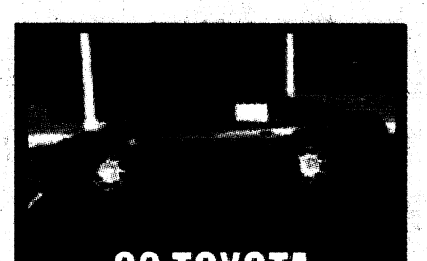

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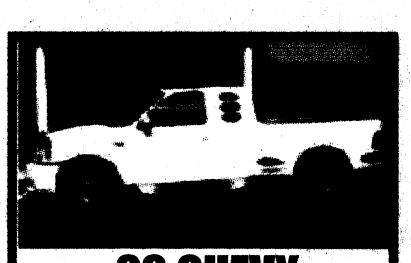

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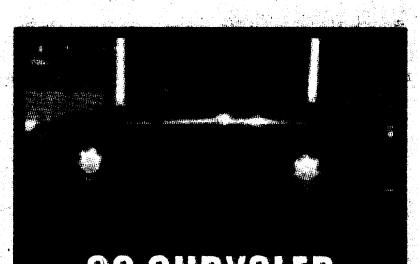

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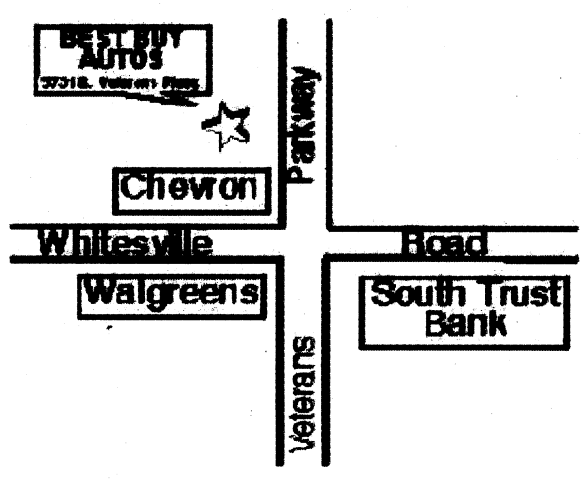

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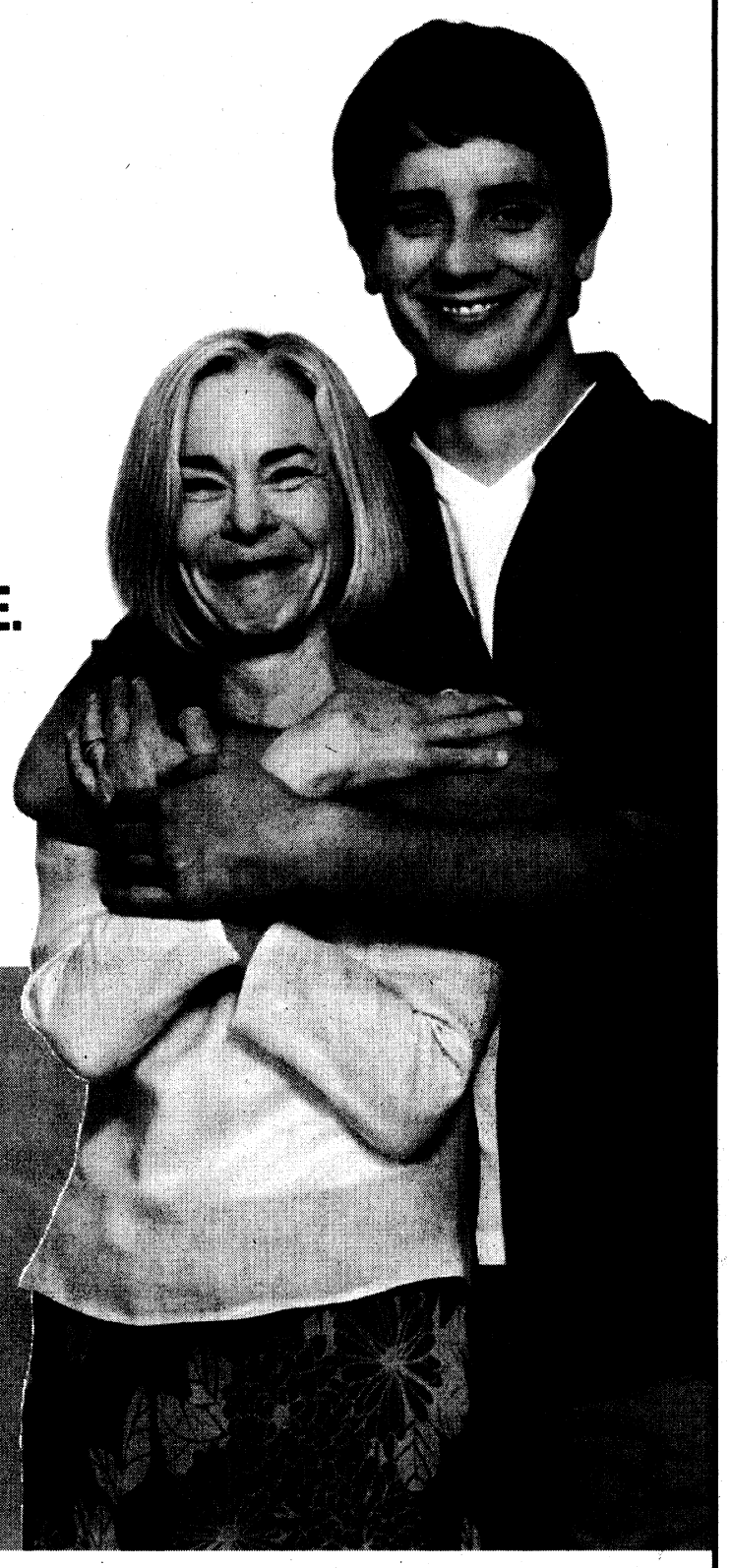

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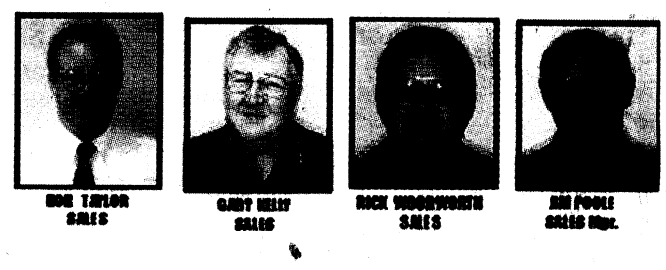

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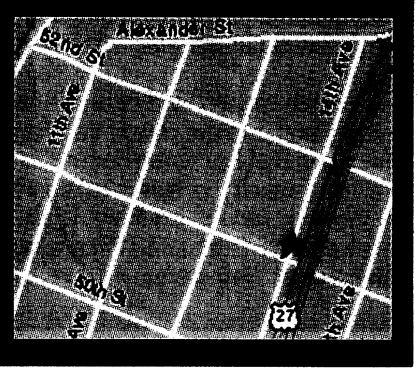

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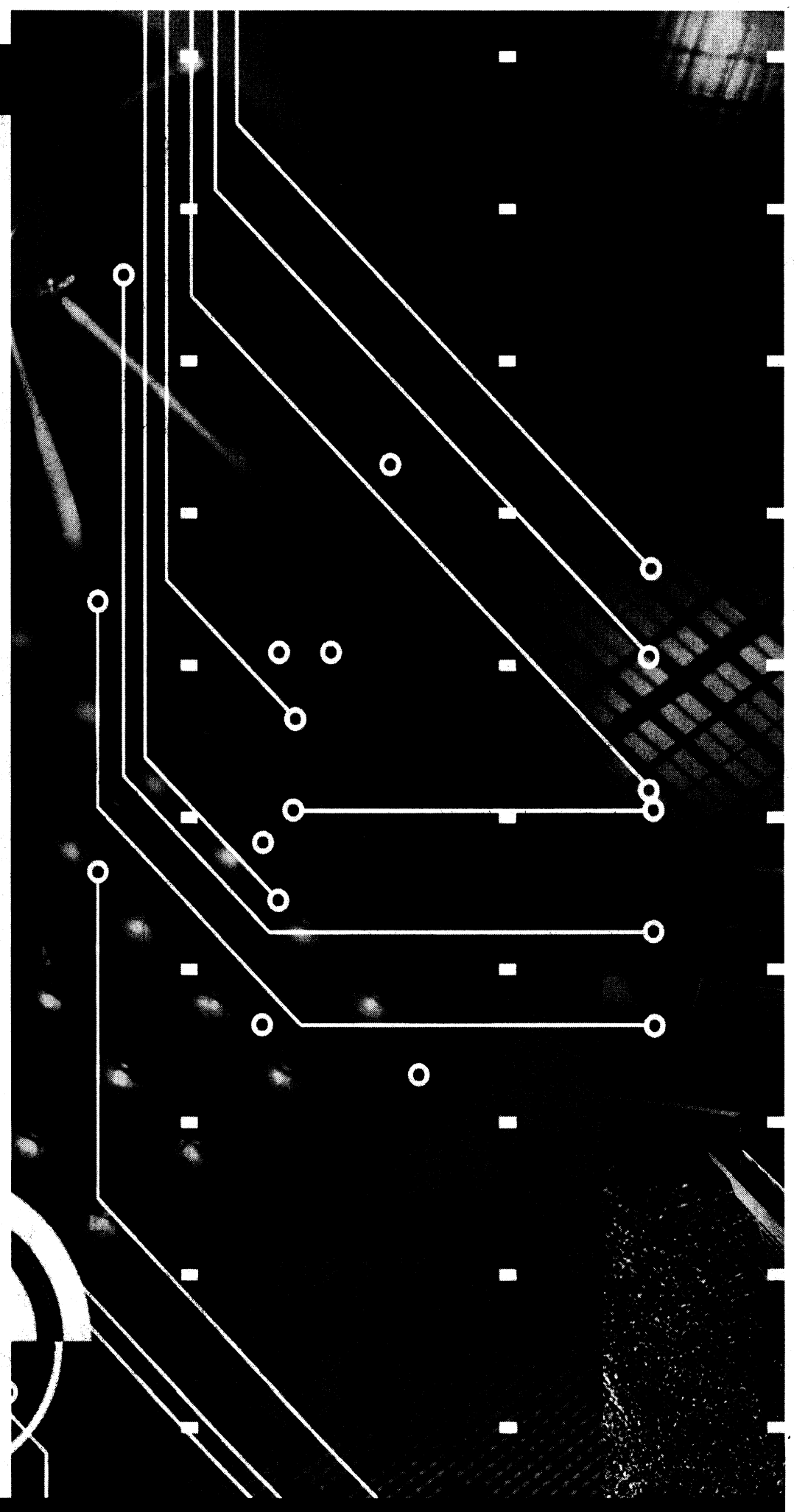

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Safety high priority on state waterways

All boaters should wear life jackets

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Now that the sun is out more often than not, boat owners may be ready to hit the waters of Uchee Creek or the Chattahoochee River.

But while enjoying these relaxing excursions, it's important to be prepared for accidents and to know the local regulations that will keep a nice afternoon from going sour.

Harley Chase, a bass boat owner and safety occupational specialist with the Directorate of Public Safety, has "rules to live by" for boaters.

"Don't drink, always wear a life jacket, don't horseplay, know how to operate your boat, operate your boat in a safe manner and don't overload it.

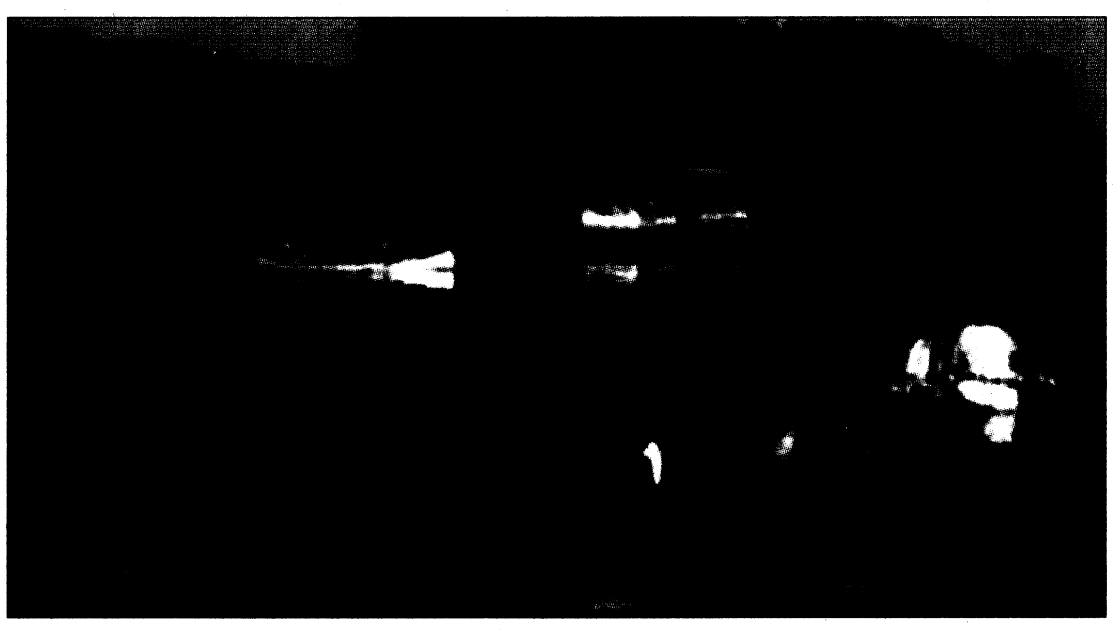
"Boating accidents can be prevented," he said. "It's as simple as paying attention and wearing a life jacket."

Georgia and Alabama state laws require boats to have life jackets for each person on board, as well as a separate floating device, Chase said. By law, all children younger than 10 must wear life jackets while on a boat.

Uchee Creek requires all passengers to wear life jackets at all times, said Patti Hails, Uchee Creek assistant manager.

During the summer, military police and the Reserve Coast Guard Auxiliary patrol the river to make sure boat regulations are followed, Hails said. Both authorities ticket boaters who do not wear their life jackets or don't comply with other regulations.

Although Alabama and Georgia laws require all boat drivers to have a boating license, Hails said Uchee Creek only requires a person complete a Boaters Safety Course to rent



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Each year hundreds of deaths in the U.S. are attributed to boating accidents.

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Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

I'm a firm believer that everyone should see a rugby match at least once in their lives.

It's intense, it's entertaining and it will take your breath away what these ruggers will willingly put their bodies through for the sake of the game.

This weekend is your chance to witness one of the world's most popular sports (second only to the much gentler game of soccer, and the real ultimate sport if you ask me or most of the players on the pitch) right here on Fort Benning.

The Columbus/Fort Benning Cruisers will host the USA Rugby Military Club Championships on Blue Field Saturday and Sunday. So far, we've got eight teams in the running for one title, so both days will be packed with action.

Now for those of you who have never witnessed a rugby match and have no idea what you're in for, let me give you a quick run down so you're not completely lost come game day.

Rugby is an action-packed game that will have you on the edge of your seat, on your feet and yelling at the top of your lungs. OK, well, maybe that's just me. But it's hard to imagine anyone on the sidelines not getting into the game.

You've got 30 guys on the field — 15 on each team. You have the forward pack — affectionately deemed the "piggies." These guys average 200 pounds or more with tree-trunk legs, thick necks and a look in their eyes that will send a shudder down your spine. (In other words, these are not the guys you want to be lined up against in a full-contact sport.)

Meanwhile, the backs are typically smaller-framed, but make up for what they lack in size in gazelle-like speed.

While the pack can be counted upon to push and shove its way into the other team's "end zone," the backs will sprint, twist, turn, fake and cast every tricky move in the book to make their way across the try line.

These guys take the field with no protection, save a mouth guard and the occasional scrum cap. All with the same mission in mind: run the ball to

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Post NCOs build community ties



Pfc. Chris Stephens

U.S. Army Infantry School Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bergman, steadies beams on a wall being built on site at Habitat for Humanity. Bergman was one of eight sergeants major to participate Saturday in Phenix City.

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Eight members of the Fort Benning Sergeants Major Association made a trip to Phenix City Saturday to help Habitat for Humanity.

According to its Web site, Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

The trip allowed all of the sergeants major the opportunity to do good in the community.

"Habitat for Humanity is a great organization," said Command Sgt. Maj. John Schwamberger, CONUS Replacement Center command sergeant major.

Habitat helps people who need homes, Schwamberger said, and it's a great feeling to be able to help the cause.

The goal for the day was to build exterior walls on two houses and to start with the interior walls on one of those houses.

"There's nothing like getting down and dirty," said Sgt. Maj. Jan Stegeman, 11th Infantry Regiment operations sergeant major. "It reminds me of back in the old days, when we would do barn raising."

Barn raising was fun work, Stegeman said — working outside all day, building something and then seeing the progress at the end of the day.

Stegeman said all Soldiers should get out and help the community.

"No one person is better than another," he said. "Aren't we an Army of One? Then, there should be no excuse why everybody can't get out and help the community. We all live in it, and we need to help out."

"If we just sit around and complain about everything wrong with the community, then we are part of the problem, and that's not what our post commander wants from us," Schwamberger said.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commander, has stressed that post Soldiers and families should be a part of the solution and not part of the problem.

"If we roll up our sleeves and help those who need it, then we are part of the solution. It's that simple," Schwamberger said.

Many of the sergeants major out at the site said they would like to see more Soldiers help with Habitat for Humanity.

"If the Soldiers see how much work goes into building a house, then maybe that will help them take more pride in taking care of their house," Stegeman said.

Soldiers take for granted the government provides them a set of quarters, and don't realize what some people go through just to get a house, he said.

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New principal to take charge at middle school

'High energy' DoD schools veteran is 'man for Faith'

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Bayonet staff

Dr. Julio Gonzalez, a 20-year veteran with Department of Defense schools, will assume position as principal at Fort Benning's Faith Middle School this summer.

Gonzalez is the principal of Scott Middle School in Fort Knox, Ky., where he has worked since 1999. He replaces Dr. Gregg Mowen, who left Faith in March to serve as the assistant superintendent of the Puerto Rico Cuba School District.

Gail Wilson, Fort Benning Schools director of accountability, has been the acting principal since March. Wilson said Gonzalez is "just the man for Faith."

"He's high energy," Wilson said. "His commitment and dedication and compassion is incredible, and he really seems to understand the needs of the military middle-school child."

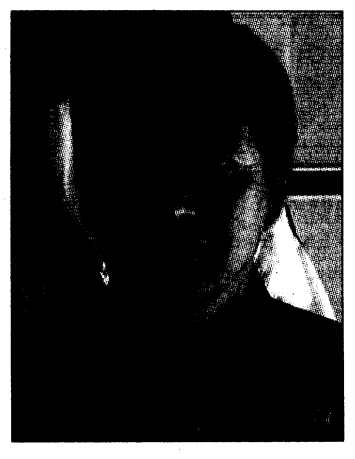
Janice Harvey, a Fort Benning family member and substitute teacher, worked with Gonzalez at Fort Knox three years ago. Harvey said she was pleased to learn he is taking the helm at Faith.

"He promotes an atmosphere conducive to learning," Harvey said. "He emphasizes efficient and effective discipline."

Gonzalez received a Department of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award during the National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives Summit April 15.

Gonzalez could not be reached for comment.

He and his wife, Mariela, have two daughters, Jessica and Julie.



Gonzalez

BIRTHS

Boys

Richard Edmanuel Rivera Jr. — born April 12 to Stacie and Sgt. Richard Rivera.

Albert Walker Pierce Jr. — born April 12 to Lacey and Spc. Albert Pierce.

Tate Christian Hughes — born April 13 to Lynn and Maj. Eric Hughes.

Davion Mikel Edwards — born April 13 to Jakithia and Spc. David Edwards Jr.

Cameron Matthew Holmes — born April 13 to Alison and Pfc. Michael Holmes.

Jeremy Nathaniel Reyes-Torres — born April 15 to Nancy and Spc. Jose Reyes.

Malachi Mishael Lewis — born April 19 to Angela and Capt. Levia Lewis.

Garrett Ethan Hisler — born April 21 to Christina and Staff Sgt. Chris Hisler.

Girls

Zoe Lynn Summers — born April 11 to Kathleen and Pfc. James Summers.

Kaitlynn Christine Farrell — born April 12 to Amanda and Sgt. Michael Farrell.

Jada Jean Coley — born April 12 to Spc. Sonia and Sgt. Jason Coley.

Miniya Mekia Bailey — born April 13 to Myesha and Spc. Norman Bailey Jr.

Nataly Belle Walls — born April 15 to Tanya and Staff Sgt. Anthony Walls.

Bianca Vincenza Garcia — born April 16 to Maria and Spc. Carlos Garcia.

Sarah Emily Emanuel — born April 17 to Mary and Spc. Joshua Emanuel.

Phoebe Ann Bishop — born April 17 to Kerry and Sgt. Roger Bishop.

Naomi Ruth Bucur — born April 18 to Yana and Capt. Daniel Bucur.

Kjerstin Marie Bledsoe — born April 20 to Paige and Pfc. Jimmie Bledsoe.

— *Martin Army Community Hospital*

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Casino Night — The Fort Benning Officers' Spouses' Club presents Casino Night Country Style at 7 p.m. tonight at the Officers' Club.

Join the OSC for a night of dancing, "gambling" and old-fashioned fun. For $10 guests get starter "bucks" and backwoods grub. There will also be a live auction of theme baskets and a group dinner party for 10 at Riverside prepared by the Freakleys.

Tickets are available at the Bit of Benning Gift Shop, the Officers' Club Membership Office or the FBOC Cashier's Office.

For more information, e-mail BenningBazaar@aol.com.

Car buying seminar — The seminar, "How to Buy a Car Without Being Taken for a Ride," will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and is sponsored by the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program.

Attendees will learn how to buy the car that best meets their needs at the best possible price with the best possible financing.

The seminar will teach all the steps in the vehicle purchasing process and how to avoid getting tripped up walking through those steps.

Reservations are requested to ensure enough materials and can be made by calling the ACS Financial Readiness Program at 545-5485 by today.

Home providers needed — Fort Benning Family Child Care wants you to be a home provider.

Are you interested in a profitable business, one that provides care services in the comfort of your own home? If you enjoy working with children between the ages of four weeks and 12 years and are willing to become certified, Family Child Care may be of interest to you.

The program is designed to offer quality childcare in an in-home environment. FCC offers military families hourly, full-time, part-time, extended hours and long-term care so as to be flexible.

Training is at no cost.

For more information, call 545-4368.

Thrift Shop new hours — The Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop has new hours.

The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 687-4830

Educational Task Force — The garrison commander would like to recruit volunteers to serve on a new Educational Task Force.

The task force's responsibility will be to report to the garrison commander on issues affecting military families and students in surrounding school districts.

The task force will be comprised of parent volunteers who have students in each of the following school districts: Russell County, Harris County, Lee County (Ala.), Phenix City, Fort Benning Dependent School System, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County.

If you are interested in joining the Educational Task Force, call Dewayne L. Baldwin, at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

CYS drop box — There is now a drop box by Central Registration, Building 359, for patrons who wish to make Child and Youth Services payments during and after business hours.

Payments must be in the form of check, debit or credit card. Do not leave cash. Payments will be posted the next business day.

Envelopes will be provided for the patrons convenience; please follow envelope instructions. Patrons should also be aware that payments in cash, check or money order can be made for any CYS program at all program sites except the Youth Center, Building 1056.

For more information, call 545-2079.

New home-school activities — There are new activities for home-school families. They are:

- Computer lab, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays; fifth grade and younger from 1 to 2 p.m., sixth grade and older, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Swimming activity at Briant Wells, Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Swimmers must pass swim test to participate.
- Youth Services Gym, Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

All participants must be registered with Child and Youth Services to use these services.

For more information, call the Central Registration Office at 545-2079 or Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

Mother of the Year contest — The Main Mall Post Exchange is holding Fort Benning's first Mother of the Year contest. Participants must be a military dependent — active-duty or retired — to submit a letter about why your mother or spouse should be chosen. Turn in letters at the Main PX drop box at the front of the store from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through May 3.

The letters will be judged May 4 to 5. The winning mother will be notified no later than 8 p.m. May 6 and will be awarded at 11 a.m. May 8 in front of the Main PX entrance.

The letter of submission must include: author's name, telephone number, address and relationship to the mother, the mother's name and 100 words or less about why this mother should be chosen.

The winner of the contest will participate in special events throughout the year and will be a liaison between the Main PX and the military community until next year's winner is chosen.

For more information, call 687-0385.

California Suite — Benning's Backstage will present a dinner theater production of *California Suite*, a comedy by Neil Simon, May 21, 22, 28 and 29.

Dinner and the show will be held at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., dinner and opening entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $19 for adults and $12 for children 12 and under and include dinner and the show.

Tickets are available at the Officers' Club and Omega World Travel Center. Dinner includes chicken fettucine, sliced roast beef, vegetable medly, Caesar salad, dessert and a glass of wine, tea or coffee.

The show is open to the public.

For ticket information, call the Officers' Club at 682-1120.

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative has mailed out surveys to current family housing residents.

The cut-off for responses is June 25.

For more information, call Lillian Salazar at 545-0667.

ARC Summer Youth Program — The Fort Benning Red Cross is gearing up for its Summer Youth Volunteer Program for children, ages 13 to 18. This program will run 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday between June 7 and July 16, with volunteer hours available from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Applications are due no later than May 21.

There will be a parent question and answer session from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Red Cross Office in Building 2626 at Soldiers' Plaza.

Writer looking for military spouses to interview — Hugs to Kuwait founder Pamela Bates is looking for military spouses to interview concerning "Making Military Housing into a Home" for a new publication, Military Spouse Magazine, which begins publication in August.

She is looking for both decorating ideas and ideas to use to keep the family going during long deployments and training separations.

For more information, call Bates at 689-5411 or e-mail hugstokuwait@hotmail.com.

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Phone cards for troops — The Department of Defense has announced that any American can now help troops in contingency operations call home. The Defense Department has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards to any individual or organization that wishes to purchase cards for troops who are deployed.

For those wishing to donate a prepaid calling card to a military member can log on to any of the three Armed Services Exchange Web sites: www.aafes.com, www.navy-nex.com or www.usmc.mccs.org. Click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link. From there, a prepaid calling card can be purchased for an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized.

Barnyard dance — The Sesquicentennial Committee and local Kiwanis Club will hold the Barnyard Dance at Robinson Recreational Center May 8.

Food will be on sale from 6 to 7 p.m. Square dancing wil be from 7 to 9 p.m. and a live country band from 9 to 11 p.m. There will be a $1 admission charge. Sesquicentennial commemorative coins will also be on sale for $10.

The Robinson Recreational Center is located just off Hwy. 26 in the industrial park.

For more information, call Jerrie Worrell at 989-1177 or 989-1234.

AUSA Job Fair — The Association of the U.S. Army is sponsoring a job fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 14 in Infantry Hall.

The job fair is open to Soldiers (active duty and retired), Department of the Army civilians, family members and the general public. Interested parties should bring 20 copies of their resumes for possible on-site interviews.

For resume assistance, call the Army Career and Alumni Program Transition Assistance Office at 545-2308 or the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program at 545-5516.

3rd Armored Division reunion — The 3rd Armored Division (Spearhead) will hold its fourth annual reunion July 14-18 in Columbus, Ohio.

This will be the first join reunion with World War II 3rd Armored Div. veterans.

For more information, call Carl Erickson at (301) 520-3275 or visit www.3AD.org.

Air Force reunion — An Air Force reunion for Torrejon Air Base, all years, will be held Sept. 3-6 in Dayton, Ohio.

For more information, write Burnethel Sanford, P.O. Box 3492, Riverside, CA 92519, call (909) 781-4819 or e-mail BurnethellFrCa@Webtv.net.

Columbus Saves — Trying to save for a rainy day? Dreaming of buying a home? No matter what your financial goals, it is easy, call Joanne Cavis with columbus Saves, at 653-4200.

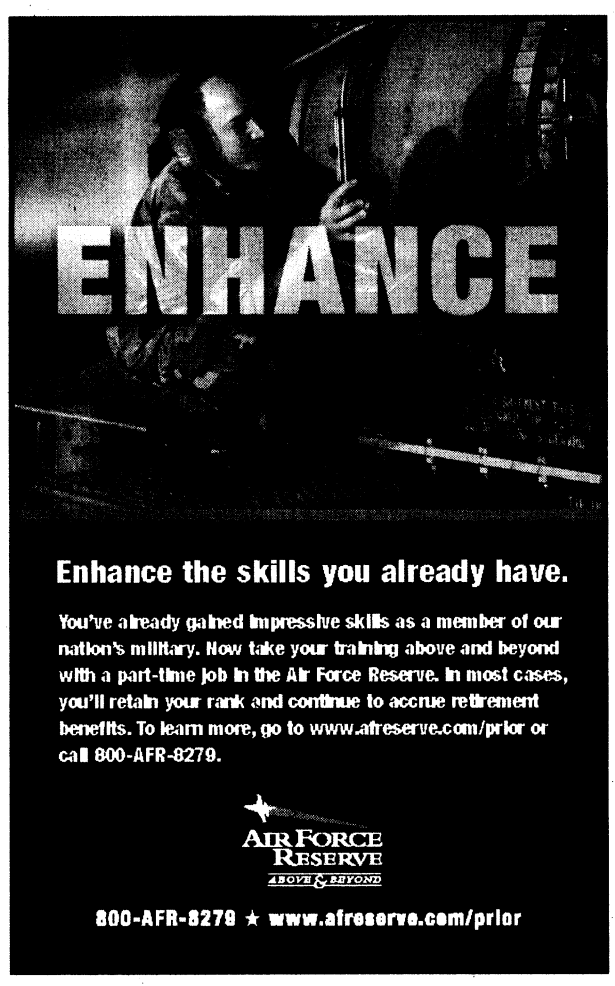
SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

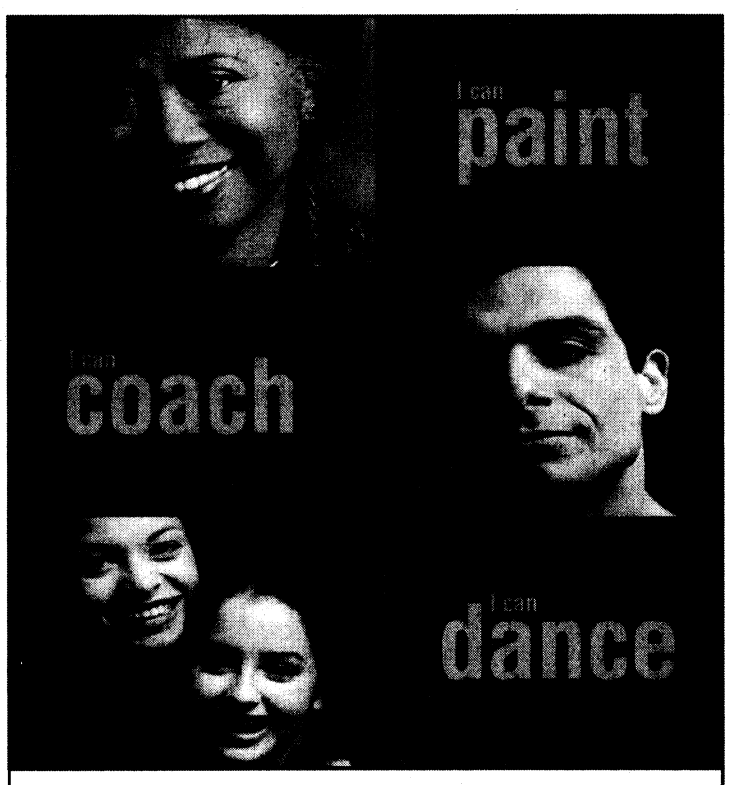
- **Monday:** chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, Texas toast, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** hamburger steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, yeast roll, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** nachos, Spanish rice, sweet peas, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** chicken salad, mixed veggies, fresh fruit, milk, cookie
- **Friday:** baked ham, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, fruit, milk











Boating: Safety is key in summer

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before renting boats.

The Boaters Safety Course entails watching a 45-minute movie about the safety regulations and precautions boaters should be aware of before leaving the marina, and is offered at Uchee Creek before renting one of their many vessels.

According to the National Center of Injury Prevention and Control Web site, there were more than 750 deaths attributed to boating accidents in 2000 — 442 of those accidents were caused by negligent drivers and 82 people were killed because they were not wearing life jackets.

Alcohol also accounts for a large number of accidents, Chase said.

In 1997, an airborne student was killed after falling off a pontoon boat at Uchee Creek, Chase said.

The driver tried to scare the airborne student as a joke by pulling back on the throttle, sending the student forward into the water and under the propellers, he said.

In 2001, a Soldier drowned at Uchee Creek during a training exercise, Chase said.

"He was a poor swimmer and was not wearing a life jacket," he said.

For those who are not familiar with Fort Benning regulations, here are some important things to keep in mind from the U.S. Army Infantry Center Garrison Regulation 200-3:

- Privately owned motorboats must be registered and meet all requirements in accordance with either Georgia or Alabama state law as appropriate.
- A personal floatation device is required for each passenger in the boat. The device must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and the appropriate size for the passenger.
- Any person operating any watercraft on the waters of the installation must comply with rules and regulations related to boat equipment, operation, lights and navigation rules.
- Combustion-type motors will not be used to power boats on any pond or stream on Fort Benning, except on the Chattahoochee River. Electric motors may be used in ponds and other streams around Fort Benning.
- All lakes, ponds, rivers and streams on the installations are off-limits to recreational swimming, water skiing, snorkeling, aquaplaning and scuba diving.

The Georgia Boat Safety Act prohibits boaters from boating under the influence — this includes operating any boat, sailboat, personal watercraft, water skis, sailboard or similar devices while under the influence of alcohol.

Anyone arrested for boating under the influence could lose their privilege to operate a vessel until they successfully complete an Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program approved by the Georgia Department of Human Resources.

They will also be charged with a misdemeanor, punishable by fines up to $1,000 and prison time for up to a year.

For more information about water safety and state regulations, visit www.boat-ed.com.

Habitat: helps people in community

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For the families who receive the houses, Habitat requires at least 500 hours of what they call "sweat equity."

"Sweat equity is the number of hours the families receiving the house must put into their house personally," said Barbara McClurg, former Russell, Ala., Habitat volunteer. "Of the 500 hours we require them to put in, we ask that the actual family that is moving in put in 200 combined hours, and they can use friends and family to put in the other 300 hours."

The organization is looking for people to build houses in partnership with families.

For more information, call (229) 924-6935, or go to the Web site at www.habitat.org.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Command Sgts. Maj. Bill Homeyer (retired), left, Michael Bergman and Charles Raper lift a wall during on-site building for Habitat for Humanity.

GOH: Don't miss rugby tournament

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run the ball to the other end of the field, touch it down in the other team's end zone and breathe a sigh of relief if you prevail unscathed.

Of course, it can't be that easy, or we'd all do it. No, no, no. En route to that plush paradise that is the end zone, these ruggers must face a mob of defensemen of equal size and strength with their territory (and pride) on the line.

Players can pass the ball laterally or behind them, but never forward. The only time the ball moves forward legally is via kicking or running.

Most rugby plays end in a hazardous pile of players fighting tooth and nail for possession of the ball. This struggle continues amidst grunts and cries of pain until a player finally emerges with the ball, or the ref blows his whistle, at which point, the whole thing starts all over again.

Needless to say, this is not exactly an in-depth description of the game, but it's enough to give you some insight into the semi-organized frenzy on the field.

The truly beautiful thing about this game, though, is the heart that goes into it. As Cruiser inside center A.J. Cortes has said on *way* more than one occasion, "You can't teach heart."

And that may be true. But with most ruggers, you don't have to.

No matter what his size, what his speed or strength, the true blue rugger will throw himself into the oncoming man to prevent him from getting past. He'll run full speed ahead straight into the defense, subjecting himself to bone-crunching tackles to ensure his team maintains possession of the ball. He'll risk pain and possible injury all for the team.

It's a game that will have you shaking your head in wonder — "what the heck are these guys thinking?"

But more than that, it's a game of heart and determination, where guts triumph over pain.

The tournament will be on Blue Field Saturday and Sunday, starting at 8 a.m. both days. The championship game will kick off Sunday at 2 p.m. Be there.

'Country Style Casino Night'

The Officers' Spouses' Club will host a country-style casino night tonight at 7 p.m. at the Officers' Club. The event will feature dancing with a square dance caller and troupe, "funny money" gambling, an old time jail, bingo hall, basket auction and country hall. The event is open to the public. Admission is $10 and includes a light meal and "starter bucks" for gambling. All proceeds will benefit the OSC Scholarship and Welfare funds. Advance tickets can be purchased at Bit of Benning Gift Shop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at the Officers' Club membership office. For more information, call 687-3537 or e-mail BenningBazaar@aol.com.

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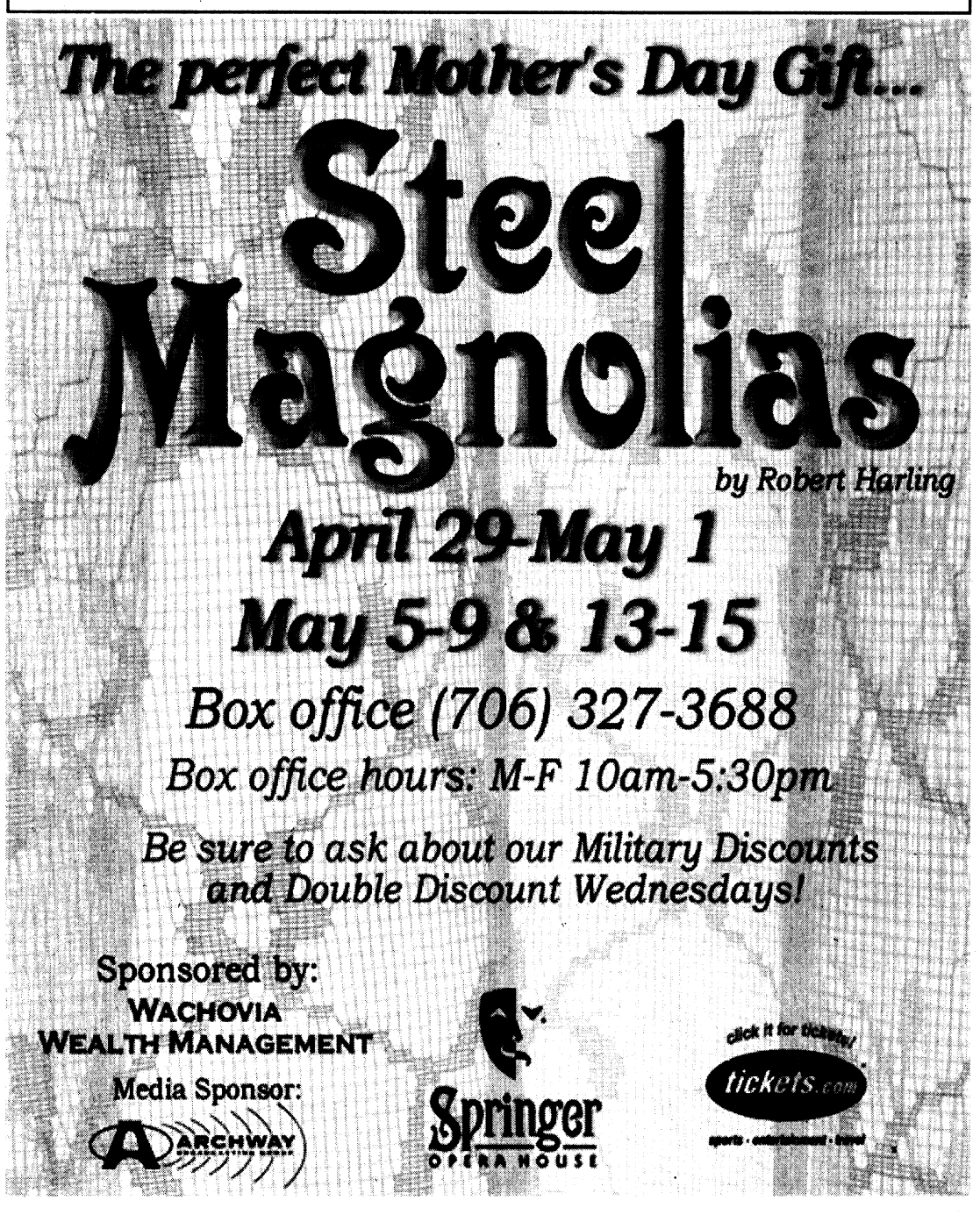

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Janie Lane Diaz, a McBride first-grader, reads to other students during the school's World Day recently. The program celebrated diversity among cultures around the world.

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McBride celebrates diversity

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

McBride Elementary School students recently got a lesson in cultural diversity during the school's World Day.

The "celebration of differences," organized by first-grade teacher Melissa Lewis, introduced the children to countries around the globe and some of their traditions.

Every year, Lewis said, the school tries to do something to acknowledge and affirm that everyone is different, and that's OK.

"Because of the backgrounds our children have, we wanted to celebrate the differences of people all over the world," she said.

To celebrate World Day, Lewis directed a special presentation that involved students at every grade level, teachers and even parents.

Students highlighted some of the many inventions of blacks who have helped people all over the world, sang a traditional spiritual, modeled traditional garb from several countries and shared poems they'd penned about the diversity in every day life.

Meanwhile, parents provided firsthand accounts of living in another country — including the Ivory Coast of Africa and China — and a special guest detailed his visit to Saudi Arabia.

This portion of the presentation was particularly relevant to the children, Lewis said, because so many of their parents have traveled to the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The program wrapped up with a row of cultural dishes the children could sample to "taste around the world."

"This is a chance to start early teaching the children to accept being different," Lewis said. "To show them that there are people with different cultures and beliefs and attitudes around the world."

Lewis believes that lack of acceptance and tolerance of these differences is what has led to so much conflict on the global front.

"If I could teach every child in the world one thing, I would teach them that they have to be tolerant," she said. "We can't infringe our beliefs on someone else ... we have to respect each other."

Lewis may not reach every child in the world, but she's certainly reaching students at McBride — students like third-grader Jennifer Fussell.

"Kids should learn about (diversity) now so they won't grow up and and tease other people about their skin color or how they look," Fussell said.

Although she's only read about that kind of treatment, Fussell said that discrimination is still a big problem today.

But Fussell doesn't buy into that train of thought. Differences are just fine by this third-grader. In fact, at a young age, she's already able to see past them.

"Everyone's really the same if you think about it," she said. "And if you treat someone differently, you're not being a good person."

McBride student pays tribute to war heroes

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Cameron Dostie cares about the war in Iraq. He cares about the hundreds of Soldiers who have given their lives, about their families here at home. It's an injustice in his young mind, one that saddens him.

The McBride Elementary School first-grader, a serious little man with a furrow in his brow, seems older than his 6 years, more deeply impacted by current events than his peers.

So when McBride students were given a project to focus on something in the "100s" for its hundredth day in session, Dostie brought in "100 Iraqi Freedom Heroes," a poster with the pictures of 100 Soldiers killed in Iraq.

His teacher, Melissa Lewis, wasn't surprised. But she was touched.

Lewis noticed something different about Dostie early on in the school year.

When the class read a story about Ruby Bridges, a first-grader going to integrate an all-white school, and Ruby was heckled and threatened as she walked into the school, Dostie couldn't understand it.

"He just kept saying, 'But why would they do that to her? Why would they treat her that way?'" Lewis said.

It was the same with a book the children read about a fire boat that was being put to pasture when it was suddenly needed to save people's lives after 9-11.

"The book was for children; it explained the burning buildings and all the people killed that day," Lewis said. "Cameron just couldn't believe that someone would want to hurt all those people."

It's that same compassion — a compassion Lewis said Dostie expresses for everyone and everything that crosses his path — that led the first-grader to his project.

"I wanted people to know what was going on in the war," he said. "I don't think we should ever have a war. People should not fight in the war, because we should all get along, no matter what our country is."

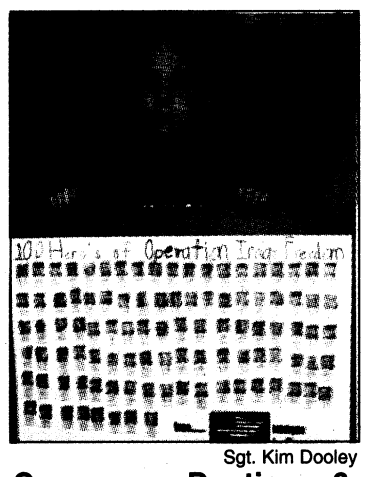
Dostie doesn't like the war, but he knows that it will "make the Iraqi soldiers who are bad lose so that part of the world can get along."

But it still makes him sad to think of all the people who have died in the war, he said, especially since his father will deploy in the coming months.

"It makes me feel sad and worried," he said.

If it were up to him, no one would go. And one day, Dostie said, after he's retired from being a paleontologist, he's going to become president and "tell the whole world not to have these wars."

"And I believe him," Lewis said laughing. "He is such a compassionate and serious child, and I believe it's going to lead him places."



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Cameron Dostie, 6, holds up his poster in honor of 100 Soldiers killed in Iraq.

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Make difference on National Day of Prayer

Chaplain (Maj.) Mark A. Mitera
USAIC Chaplains Office

If you knew that five minutes in one day could impact and change America, would you be willing to block out that time in your schedule to make that happen? We actually have the opportunity to see change happen when we observe the National Day of Prayer on Thursday. The theme of this year's National Day of Prayer is "Let Freedom Ring," and the theme verse from the Bible is Leviticus 25:20 which says, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants."

This year, especially, makes a national prayer meeting compelling when you consider issues such as the upcoming presidential election, a divided country, the dangerous conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, terrorist threats and the numerous issues threatening to destroy marriages and families.

One way you can truly make a difference in combating these negative influences in the world is by dedicating five minutes of your time to prayer asking God to make a difference. It would be even more dynamic if you could commit to praying for our country on a daily basis, but spending five minutes in prayer, Thursday would be a great start.

James 5:16 tells us, "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." You can make your prayers effective by praying for the following on Thursday:

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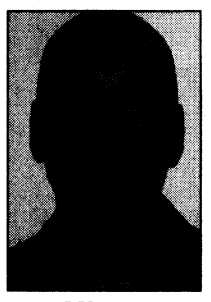
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• Government — The government establishes and implement policies that have far-reaching consequences. Pray that the Lord would grant wisdom, discernment and boldness to those who serve in authority over us, from our commanding general at Fort Benning, to city council members in Columbus, to the president of the United States.

• Media — Whether it's news broadcasts, movies, television sitcoms or Internet sites, the media is the most influential center of power in America. Pray for journalists to be fair and accurate and for entertainers to conduct themselves in a responsible manner.

• Education — Pray that our schools will get back to basics when it comes to educating our children, instilling the leaders of tomorrow with a respect for the Judeo-Christian values upon which our nation was founded.

• Church — The church, including the Fort Benning chapel community, is in a position to impact communities for eternity, as well as influence social change. Pray for your churches, pastors and military chaplains, asking God to grant us the wisdom and vision to make the church a vessel for healing and revival in America.

• Family — The traditional family is truly one of America's greatest assets. Pray, not only for the institution as a whole, but also for individual families within your circle of influence who may be struggling.

As a sign of unity, Dr. Barry Black, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, is asking people to pray the "Prayer for the Nation" at noon Thursday, wherever they are. Let's all join our hearts together in trusting God to do great things in the days to come. You can find out more about the National Day of Prayer at www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

CHAPEL NOTE

Vacation Bible School — The annual Vacation Bible School for the Fort Benning community will be conducted June 14-18 at White School from 9 a.m. to noon daily.

The theme for this program is Lava Lava Island: Where Jesus' Love Flows. This program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for children preschool through sixth grade.

Teachers for this program are needed. A teacher training workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 545-4715.

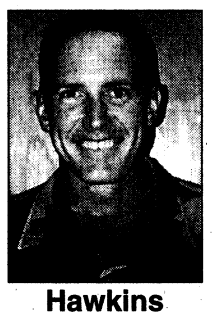
Love the children like Jesus did

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

The little blond-haired, blue-eyed girl sang the tune quietly; she sang the tune gently, "Jesus loves the little children." Jesus *does* love the children ... and so should we.

Almost all the things I do as a chaplain are a joy. One responsibility I discharge here on Fort Benning, though, is not. It is being a member of the Case Review Committee that meets weekly to review alleged incidences and recommend treatment plans for abuse of all types, including child abuse. I don't mind telling you it's the low point of my week.

If I could skip it, I would. If I could delegate it, I would. If I could wish it away, I would. But I can't. So I go. And I sit. And I listen. And sometimes I even look at photos — photos that no one wants to look at.


Hawkins

What is child abuse? Well, it can come in several forms. There's physical abuse when we push or slap or hit or kick. It's the dad of three who's been dumped on all day at work, who comes home and sometimes consciously, most times unconsciously, takes his "stuff" out on somebody who doesn't even know what his "stuff" is.

Then there's sexual abuse, when we touch and fondle, coax or threaten. It's the 17-year-old who got ahold of the "harmless" *Penthouses* and stumbled across the videos under the bed in Mom and Dad's room and now has a problem — a problem he doesn't understand — and a problem his 6-year-old stepsister doesn't understand either.

Then there's emotional abuse, when we threaten or humiliate, demean or harass. It's the mom in the commissary whose words are weapons and whose target is her child.

Lastly, there's neglect, when we don't provide the basics in terms of food or shelter, cleanliness or watchcare. It's the couple who decides it's just easier "not to." It's easier not to wash the dishes. It's easier not to fold the clothes. It's easier not to let the dog out. It's easier not to take the infant in. It's easier not to keep an eye out — it's just easier "not to."

Jesus loves the little children ... and so should we.

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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.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
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
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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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

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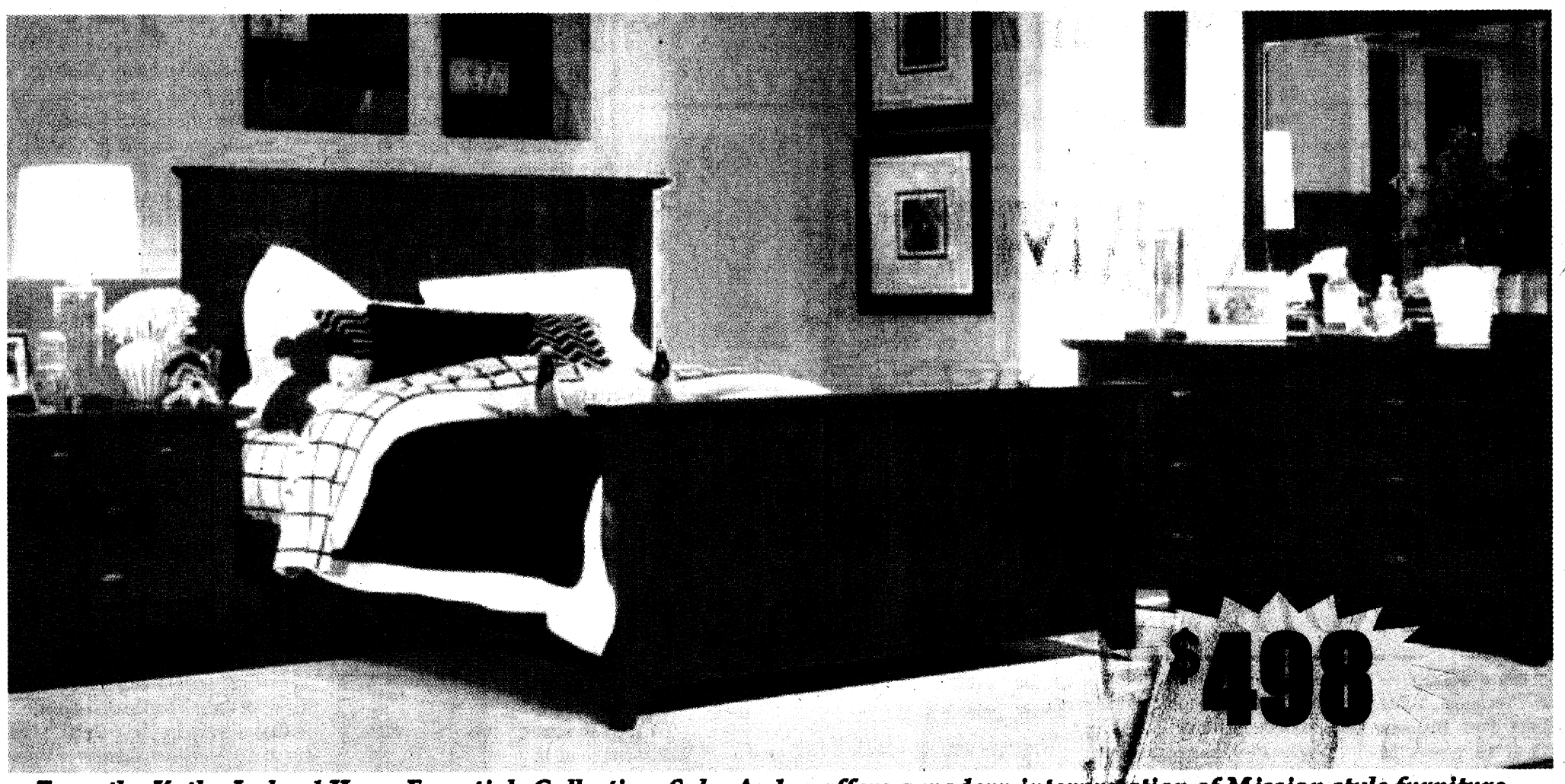

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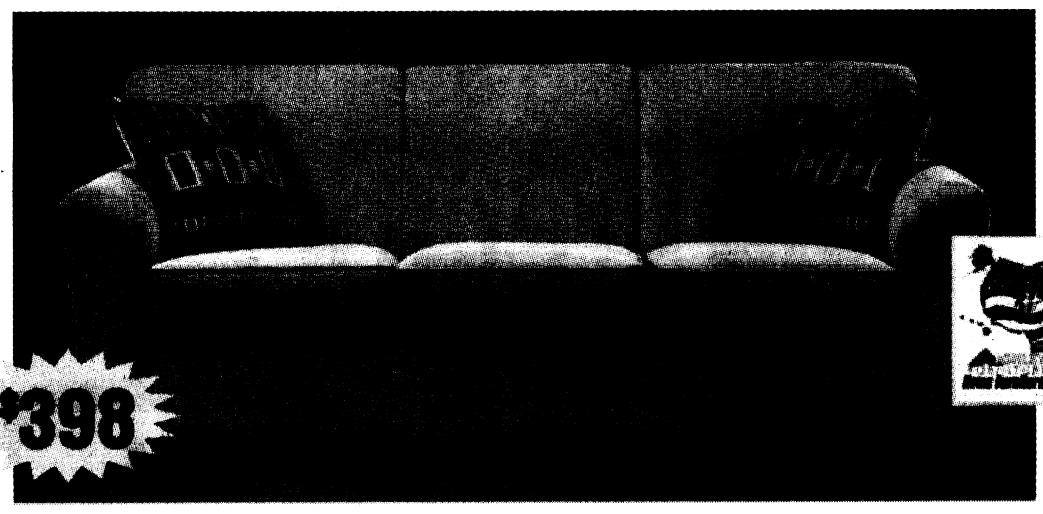

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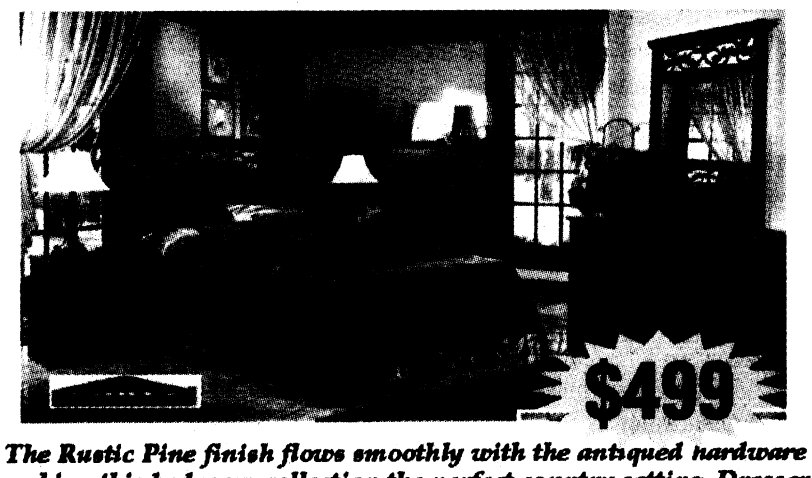

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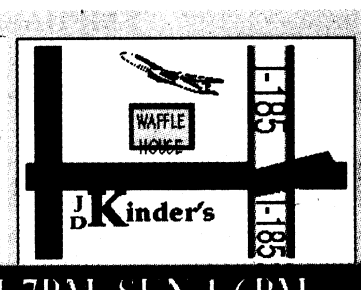

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Post to hold military rugby tourney



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

The Columbus/Fort Benning Cruise-a-Matics held an intensive practice Saturday afternoon in preparation for this weekend's USA Rugby Military Club Championships.

ABOVE: Jake Hunter, a Cruisers forward, breaks away with the ball during practice Saturday.

RIGHT: Roy Krueger carries the ball forward as Joe Sandoval follows in support Saturday.



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Fort Benning will be home to a new kind of battle this weekend — the fight for the prestigious USA Rugby Military Club Championship title. In the world of armed forces rugby, it's the highest honor a team can vie for.

The tournament, which has been held on post for 10 of the past 14 years, will be hosted by the Columbus/Fort Benning Rugby Football Club, better known as the Cruise-a-Matics.

With a half-and-half mix of Soldiers — officer and enlisted from units across post — and civilians, the team will be a much better competitor this year than it has been in the past, said Cruisers inside center A.J. Cortes.

Last year, the team left the tournament two for two.

"In the years before, we've lost people through the military for deployments and PCS," Cortes said. "This year, we've been holding on to the same guys, so we've been working together, and we're stronger as a team."

That stability has also allowed the team to strengthen its "pack," Cortes said. The pack consists of the team's forwards — larger players who are generally used to hold off the opposing team's offense and to force their way into the other team's end zone when on offense.

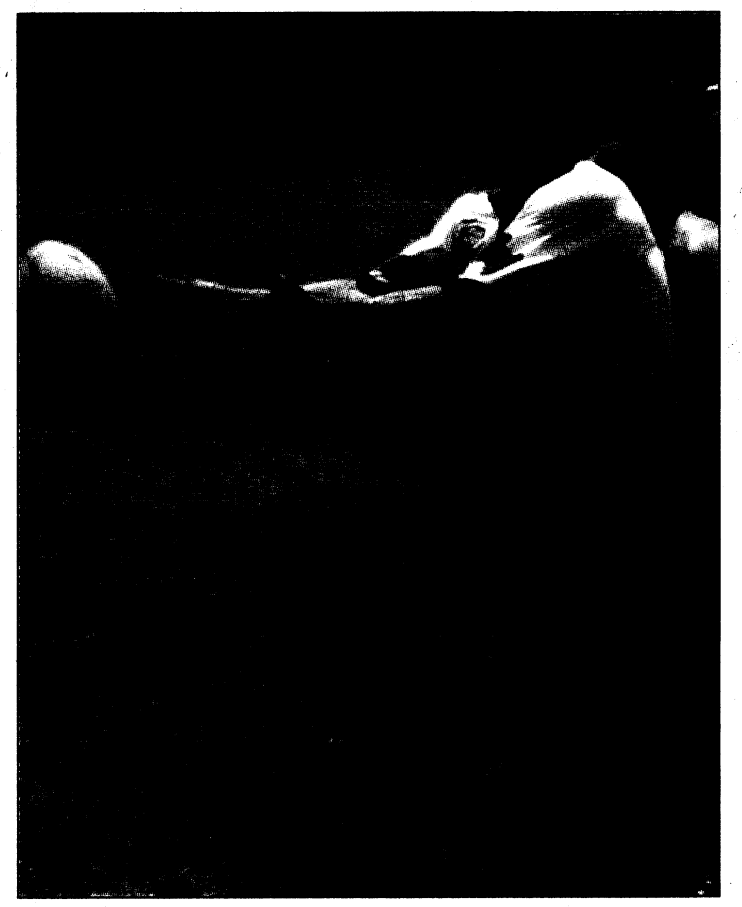
"I really believe the strength of the team is in the pack," he said. "Last year, what we were lacking was a strong (forward line). But this year, we have a good strong core in the pack. I think we're going to do very well."

Club president Roy MacDonald is also optimistic.

"We have a lot more experienced people playing now as compared to last year," he said.

But the tournament won't be without its challenges. As of Saturday, seven other teams were in the running for the top honors, said Ray Davis, tournament chairman.

The teams expected at the tournament will travel from as far away as Europe and represent several branches of the military, Davis said.



Shawn Thayer passes the ball during a drill.

So far, the Cruisers will match up with combined services teams from Europe, Washington, D.C., and Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; Marine teams from Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Cherry Point, N.C.; and Army teams from Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Stewart, Ga.

But whether you're a rugger, a potential rugger or a spectator, you're in for a show, MacDonald said.

"This is a chance to see what rugby is all about and to (witness) the lifelong friendships you develop in rugby," he said. "It's also a chance to see the second most popular sport in the world after soccer — one that's picking up in the U.S."

The Cruisers will also host the USA Rugby South High School Championships during the two-day tournament, Davis said.

Although details are still in the works for the high school tournament, it will take place in the same vicinity as the military tournament, he said.

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> **Roy MacDonald**
> Columbus/Fort Benning Rugby Football Club president

The military tournament will start at 8 a.m. Saturday on Blue Field with an opening ceremony and remarks from Col. Rick Riera, garrison commander. The games will start immediately after the ceremony, Davis said.

Sunday, the semi-finals will kick off at 8 a.m., and the tourney finals will be at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Davis at 587-9393.

Softball tournament brings out best teams

Competition dominated by Airborne Soldiers

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The pre-season intramural softball tournament was held April 23 and Saturday on Knappenburger Field.

The tournament, which had 14 teams entered in it, brought together many teams from 3rd Brigade, the 36th Engineer Group and other units on post.

"This tournament is a great thing for our unit," said Spc. Joseph Arceneaux, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment. "It really brings us together as a unit. It's nice to get to know the other people in your unit outside of work."

The tournament had its share of close games and blowouts.

The first game of the tournament between the 63rd Engineer Company and C Company, 317th Engineer Battalion, was a defensive struggle, but was won on an inside-the-park homerun by 317th's shortstop J.R. Renteria.

"I saw the centerfielder was playing too shallow, so all I did was put it over his head," Renteria said. "After it went over his head, I knew I just had to keep running and I would have an easy inside-the-park homer. The fence in the outfield is too far back for someone to make a play if the ball should get back there. It's rare to see someone play real deep, so if the ball goes back there, then you'll definitely have extra bases."

With the 8-3 win, the 317th Engineers moved into the second round.

Saturday's action brought a lot more excitement.

In the last game of the quarterfinals, E Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, better known as "Absolute Airborne," faced HHB, 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery.

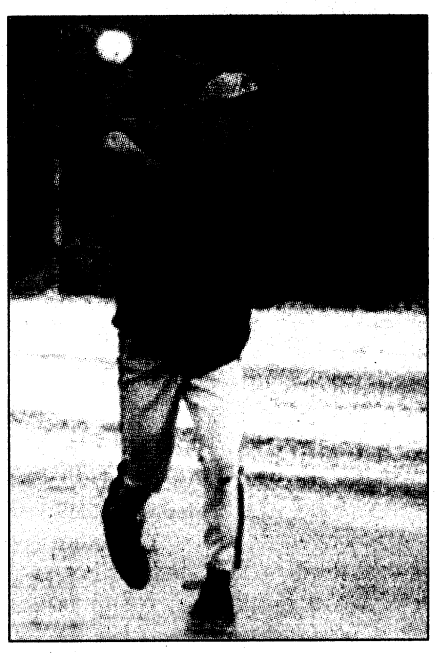
With a combination of smart base running and great defense at the end of the game, the Absolute Airborne team was able to pull out the win, 11-8.

"Last year, we didn't do too well in the season," said Matt Halfaker, Absolute Airborne second baseman. "We wanted to come out this year and make a statement. We wanted to show everybody that we could win it all."

The Absolute Airborne team made it past the semifinals and faced the team from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation for the right to claim the tournament championship.

From the get-go, Absolute Airborne had its way with the WHINSEC team, manhandling pitches and scoring runs at will.

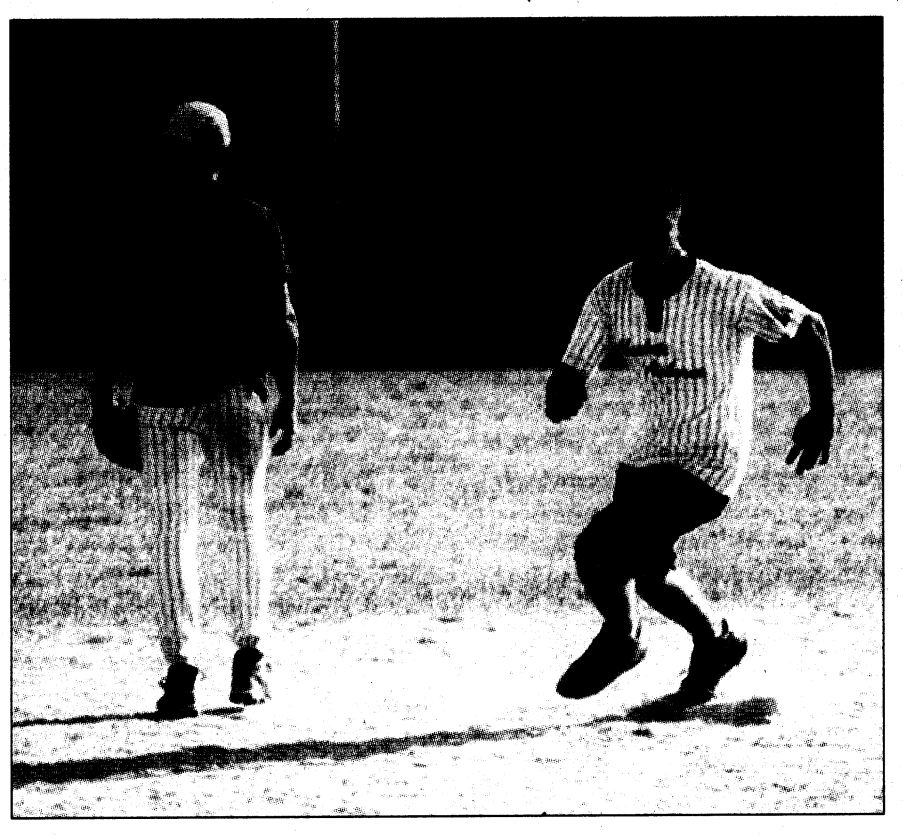
In the first inning, the airborne team scored seven runs, powered by an inside-the-park grand slam from Halfaker.



317th Engineers shortstop J.R. Renteria hurls the ball toward first base to get the runner out.

"It was my first at-bat in the game, and I just wanted to get the bat on the ball," he said. "I wasn't trying to do anything special — I just wanted to get some runs in. Luckily, I hit it in the right spot, and I was able to come around and score."

The rampage didn't stop there for the Airborne team. In the second inning, they capitalized on WHINSEC errors to score four runs, making the score 11-1.



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Absolute Airborne's Matt Halfaker rounds second base and heads for third during the championship game.

Absolute Airborne only scored four more runs the rest of the game, but more importantly, they were able to keep the WHINSEC bats in check by playing good defense and not giving them any chance for a comeback. Absolute Airborne won the game and the pre-season tournament championship, 15-5.

Airborne pitcher Marvin Tom said his defense backed up his pitching and helped pull him out of jams.

"My team is awesome," he said. "The defense was outstanding and I couldn't have asked for anything more."

Soldiers compete in Hockey All-Star game

Friendships formed during season

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff



Sgt. Chris McFarland, right, moves to block the shot of his opponent during the two-on-one portion of the skills competition. McFarland did stop the shot.

With a lot of focus on the Columbus Cottonmouths and the youth ice hockey leagues this year, many people have overlooked another type of hockey — on wheels.

Roller hockey, which is fast-paced and action-packed like ice hockey, is something three Fort Benning Soldiers do in their spare time.

"I love to play roller hockey," said Sgt. Chris McFarland, 3rd Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry Regiment. "It's a challenge, especially at my position (goalie), that I take on with pride."

McFarland, along with Spc. Mark Weeks, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and Staff Sgt. Phil Blaisdell, 4th Ranger Training Battalion, compete in the Columbus Adult Roller Hockey League, which is held at the D.A. Turner YMCA.

The league, which has four teams, hit its midseason with an all-star game and a skills competition April 22 to recognize the best players in the league.

"This is the best of the best in our league competing," McFarland said. "Both the skills competition and the actual game were tough because of the talent out there."

For the skills competition and the game, players were broken up into two teams — North and South.

Skills competitions were broken into goalie and player divisions.

The skill competition included a fastest skater trial, puck handling and shooting accuracy.

"The skills competition was a lot of fun," Weeks said. "It was the first time since the start of the season that we all got to just hang out and have fun."

The goalie competition included rapid-fire, one-on-one and two-on-one events.

"The rapid fire event was the toughest because the shots were coming in so quickly and so fast," McFarland said. "Luckily I stopped six out of eight shots — although I only saw the first one coming at me. The rest of the time I was just sliding back and forth, hoping for the best."

After the skills competition was over, it was on to the all-star game.

After the puck dropped, the action was nonstop from beginning to end.

The North team, which had all three Soldiers on it, dominated the game, winning 23-11.

"The game was the best action the YMCA has seen," McFarland said. "Of course it was supposed to be that way being that it was an all-star game. With that said, both the score and the shots on goal were doubled from a normal game."

The South team jumped out to an early lead, but soon fell behind for good after many turnovers in their zone.

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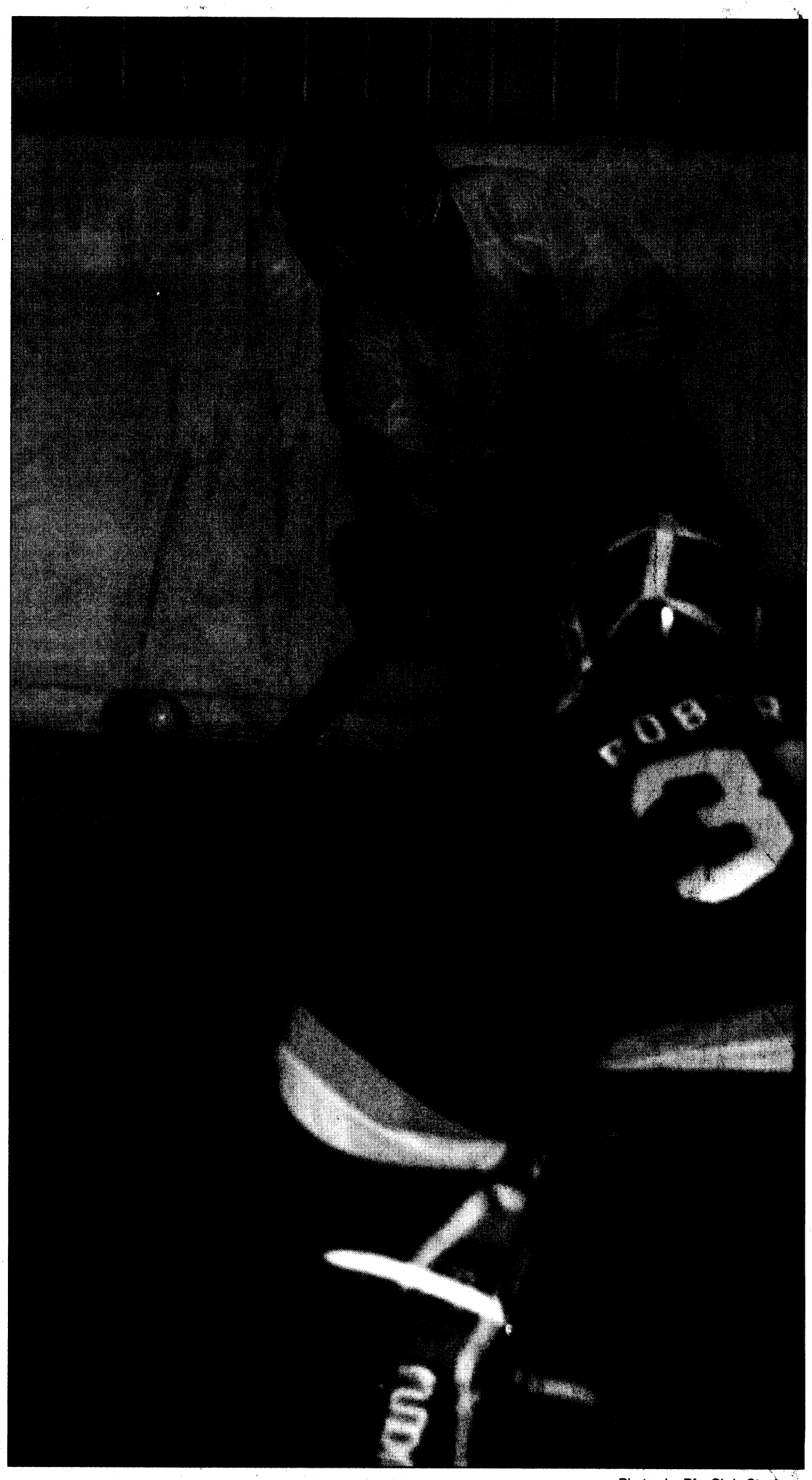
> **Sgt. Chris McFarland**
> hockey player

Weeks said before the game, the South team was talking about how they were going to dominate the game and ultimately win.

"They were making mistakes and we capitalized on them," he said. "We played good team hockey at both ends, and that is what won the game for us."

With half of the season gone, the league hopes to continue to have a succesful season, not only on the playing surface, but off as well.

"The best thing about this league is the friendships you form outside of the game," McFarland said. "Much like how the military has with cohesion in uniform, we have the same family feeling in the league."



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Spc. Mark Weeks takes a shot on goal during the first period of the All-Star game April 22, at the D.A. Turner YMCA. Weeks' team, the North, won 23-11.

Draft day gos and woes

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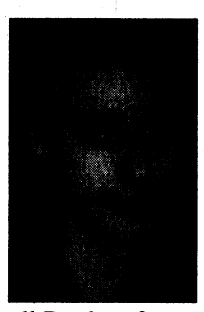

Last weekend, the National Football League draft took place in New York City. I saw many positives out of the draft and noticed a few teams I feel got the best out of the draft.

First, I have to start with the Detroit Lions. By picking wide receiver Roy Williams from Texas and running back Kevin Jones from Virginia Tech in the first round, the Lions have the weapons they need on offense to compete in the NFC North.

Williams will be able to take some of the load off last year's first round pick Charles Rogers. Quarterback Joey Harrington now has two viable targets to throw to down field. Jones will also boost the running game, which ranked last in the NFL in 2003.

The Atlanta Falcons also had an excellent draft.

Needing desperately to get a shut-down corner, the Falcons were happy when cornerback DeAngelo Hall, from Virginia Tech, fell into their lap with the eighth pick in the draft.

Hall will improve the worst pass defense from 2003 and will soon be considered as one of the premiere corners in the league. An interesting fact about Hall — Michael Vick, the Falcons' quarterback, said that Hall is faster than he. Talk about quickness. Vick has been considered not only the fastest quarterback in the league, but also the fastest player.

Demorrio Williams from Nebraska and Chad Lavalais from LSU will also come in and make an immediate impact on the Falcons' opponents' overall running game.

The Falcons were also able to pick up another receiver in Michael Jenkins from Ohio State, to give them another deep threat.

One team I was surprised at having a good draft was the Arizona Cardinals.

Picking up wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald from Pittsburgh, linebacker Karlos Dansby from Auburn and defensive tackle Darnell Dockett from Florida State put Arizona as my team to beat in the NFC West. I think they've finally got the pieces to the puzzle they need to be successful.

And then, of course, I have to talk about last year's Super Bowl champs, the New England Patriots.

I'm still stunned at the caliber of talent they got in the draft.

The Patriots addressed their running back situation a few days before the draft, picking up Corey Dillon from the Cincinnati Bengals.

With that said, the Patriots picked up two outstanding players on defense and one on offense, which begs me to ask, "Who can stop them now?"

Picking up defensive linemen Vince Wilfork from Miami and Marquise Hill from LSU put two more power players on a defensive line that ranked fourth in the league against the rush in 2003.

Also, the addition of Ben Watson from Georgia gives the Patriots the much needed tight end they were looking for. I look for Watson to come in and immediately be a starter.

If anything, I feel the only thing that can stop the Patriots is the fact that they don't have a big play receiver. If they can find one, then who knows, they could be unstoppable.

After saying a few things about the teams with good drafts, I feel there were a few teams that really stunk up the show.

The worst is definitely the Dallas Cowboys.

They were in desperate need of a running back, and they traded that pick. How stupid can they be? They had the opportunity to pick up Steven Jackson from Oregon State with their first-round pick, and yet they traded it away. I feel that was the stupidest move of the draft.

True, the Cowboys did get running back Julius Jones from Notre Dame, but let's face it, he'll never amount to much in the NFL. He's not a big or speedy back, and in the NFL, you have to be one or the other.

Another team I was disappointed in was the Kansas City Chiefs.

What were they smoking during the draft? They got no one who will be able to help their team this year or in the future. I would just like to know what their thought process was during the draft. Players they picked up, including defensive tackle Junior Siavii from Oregon and linebacker Keyaron Fox from Georgia Tech, are unproven in the college ranks. Their ability to succeed in the pros will be slim to none.

The bad move of the year award goes to the New York Giants. I can't believe how much they gave up just to get Mississippi quarterback Eli Manning from the San Diego Chargers. They had selected N.C. State quarterback Philip Rivers with the fourth pick. Why couldn't they be happy with that?

The Giants traded Rivers to the Chargers along with a third-round pick in the draft and a first and fifth round pick in next year's draft.

To me, I think that's just too much. I don't believe Eli will ever be the quarterback that his brother Peyton is.

In fact, I believe Rivers will be a better player in the NFL than Eli will.

With everything that happened, this NFL season will be an exciting one. Who knows what will happen?

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Army 10-Miler pre-qualifier— Fort Benning will hold two more pre-qualifier races for the post's Army 10-Miler team. Racers with the top overall times will earn spots on the team.

Race dates are May 15 and June 19.

Races will begin in front of the Santiago Fitness Center, and are open to all active-duty military.

Race registration will begin at 6 a.m. on race mornings, with the race scheduled to start at 7 a.m.

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For more information, call Bill Hogue at 324-7801.

Mayor's Walk — As a prelude to the Mayor's Walk, Mayor Bob Poydasheff will kick off an afternoon of fitness activities at 2 p.m. May 4 at Health Matters of St. Francis. After Poydasheff speaks, St. Francis exercise specialist Terry Young will lead attendees in exercises to prepare them for the upcoming walk, and T'ai Chi instructor, Philip Chan, M.D., will give a T'ai Chi demonstration at 3:15 p.m.

The public is invited to attend these and other activities from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunglasses and T-shirts will be given away along with a special door prize. Refreshments will be provided.

To register, call 596-4170. Health Matters of St. Francis is located at 3740 Woodruff Road in the Rosemont Health Center.

Children's fishing — The Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority invites organized groups of children (minimum of 10 per group) to fish at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter during National Fishing Month in June. One of the Agricenter's lakes, which has been stocked with catfish, will be available at no charge on a reservation-only basis.

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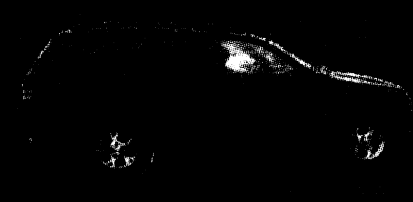

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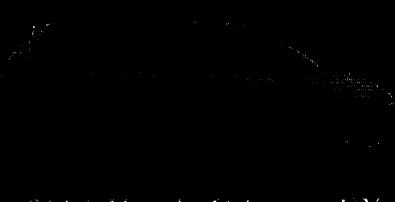

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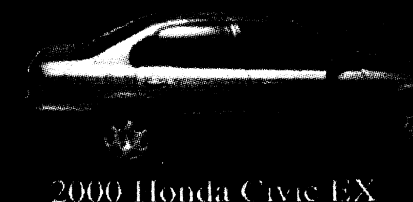

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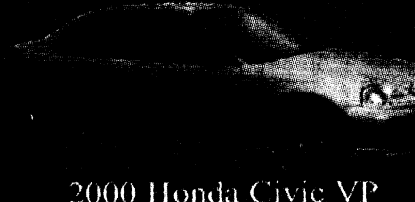

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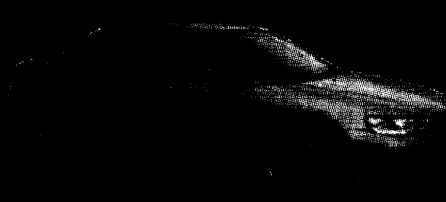

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Moving sale-301-B Stewart Ave. Sat. May 1, 7am-2pm. Furniture, patio set, craft supplies, and much more. For info. call 689-0732. (F7)

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Family Childcare PCS Move Yard Sale 243 Garrett St. Indianhead Terrace Fort Benning (F30)

Multi-Family Yard Sale 163-B Kessler Drive, Custer Terrace Housing (F30)

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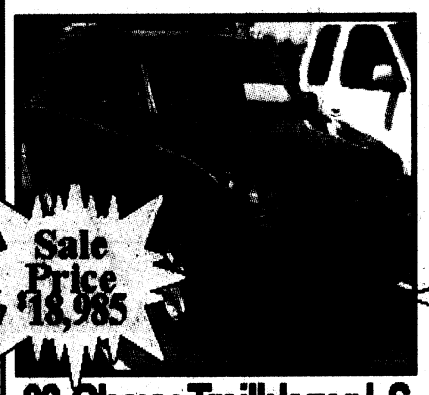

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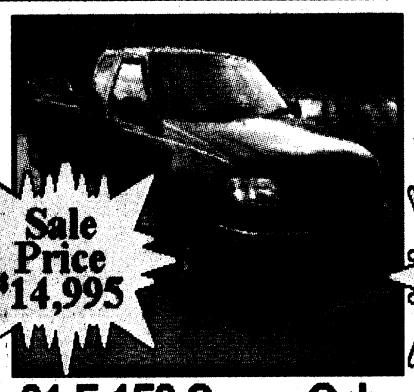

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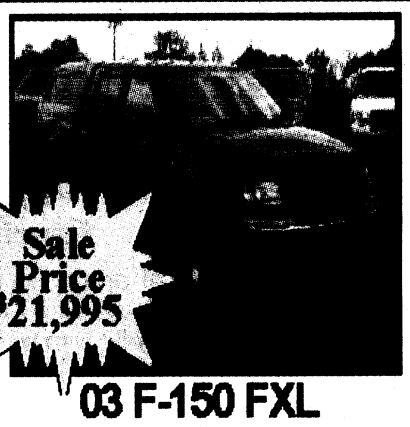

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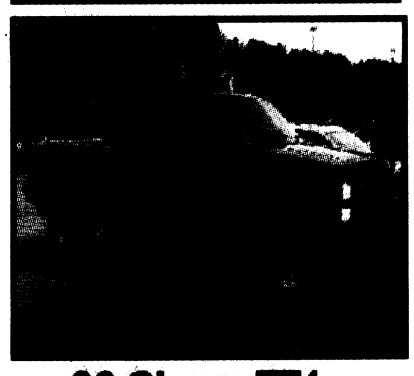

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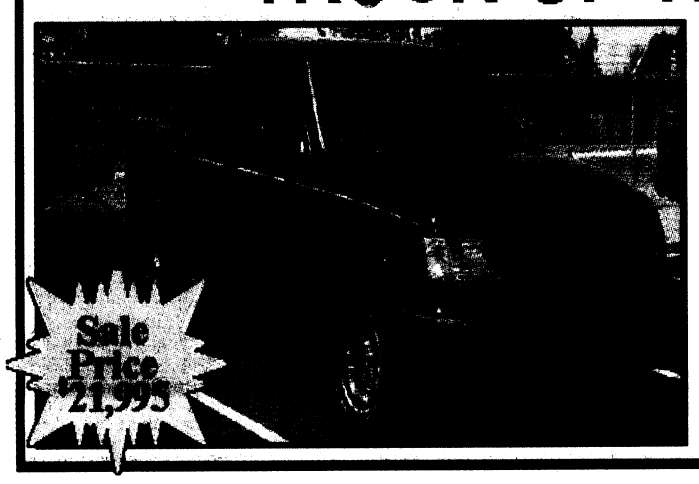

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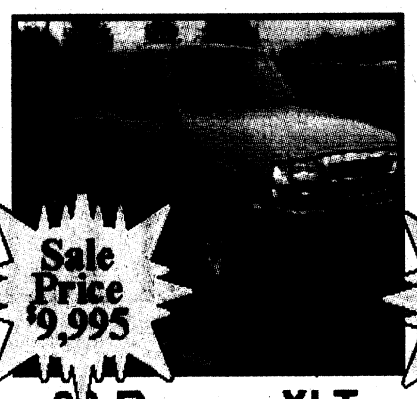

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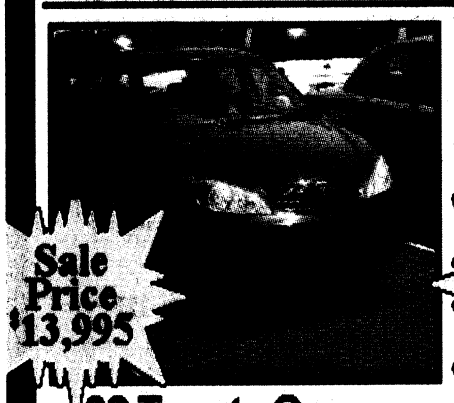

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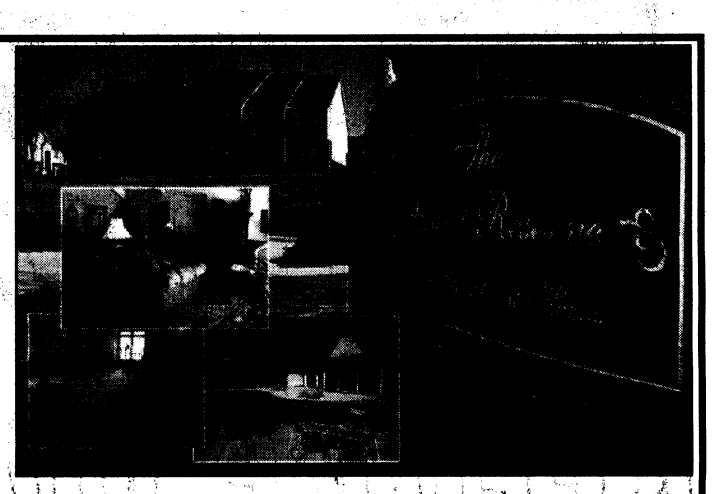

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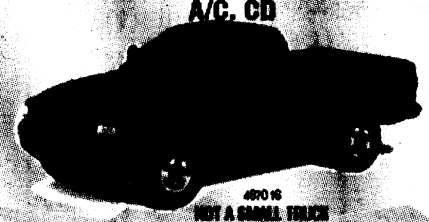

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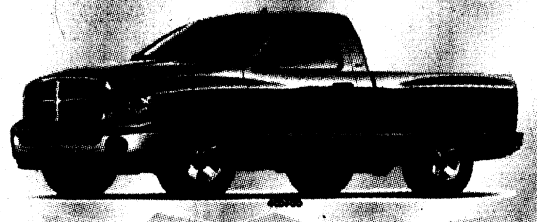

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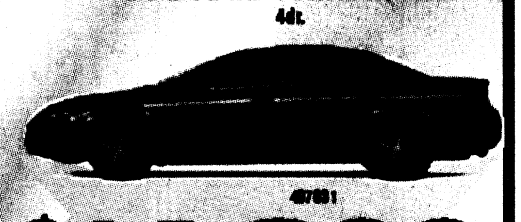

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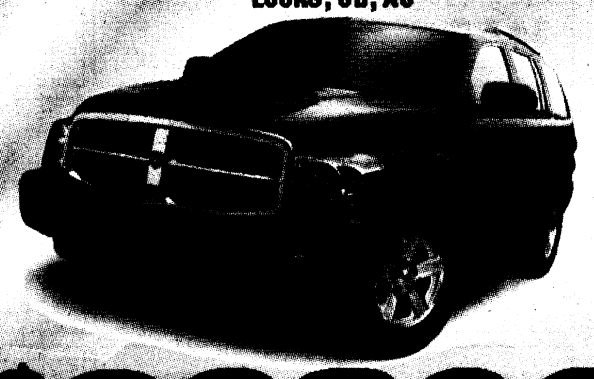

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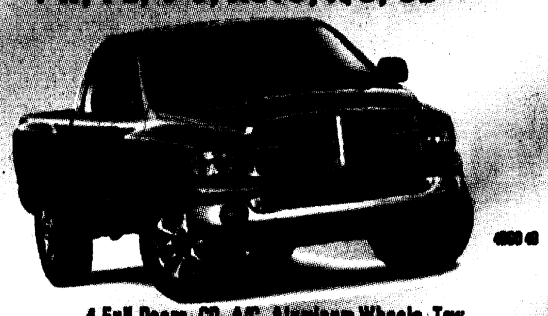

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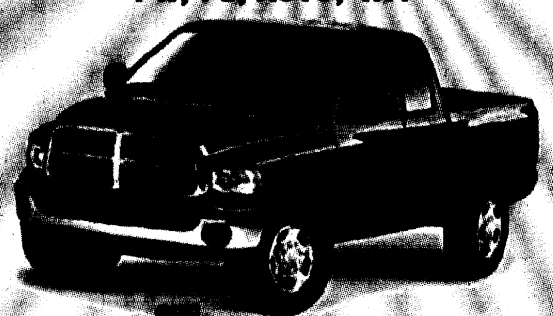

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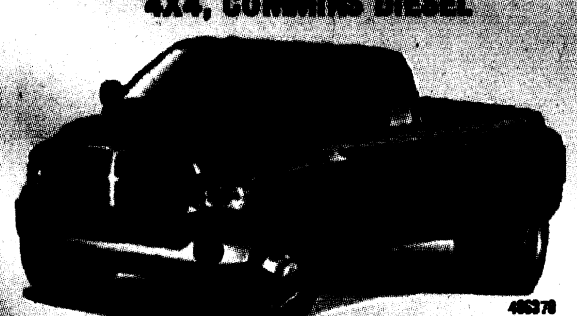

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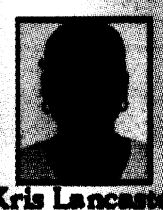

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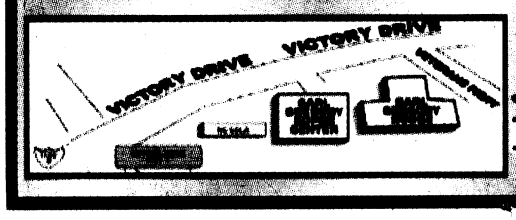

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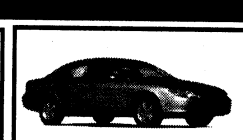
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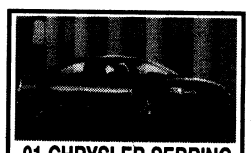
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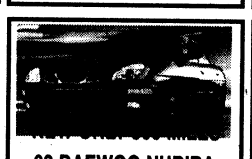
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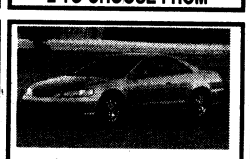
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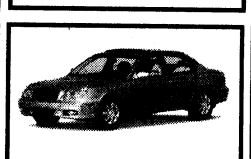
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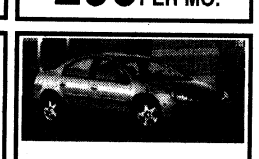
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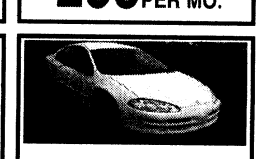
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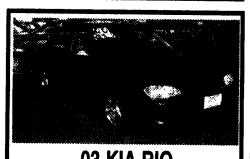
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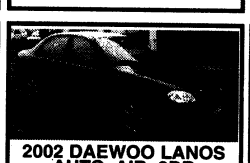
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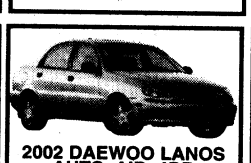
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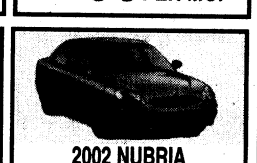
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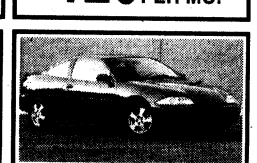
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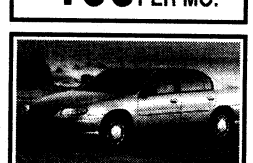
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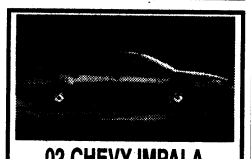
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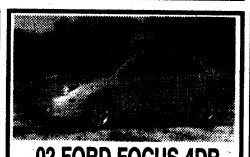
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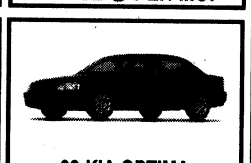
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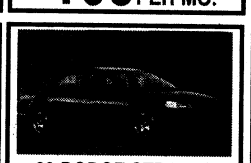
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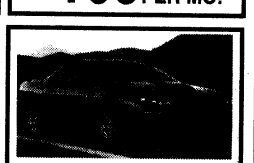
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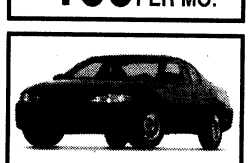
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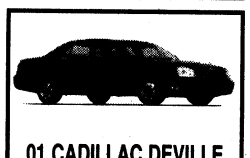
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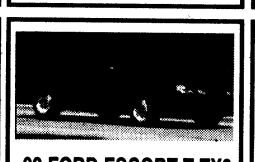
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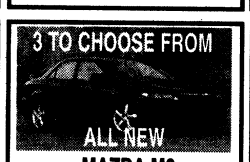
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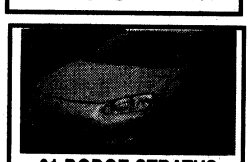
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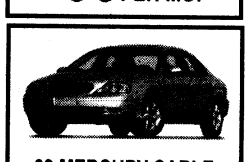
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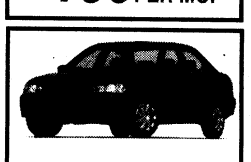
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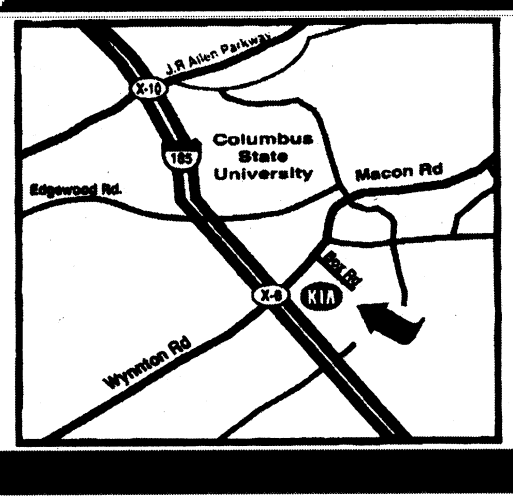

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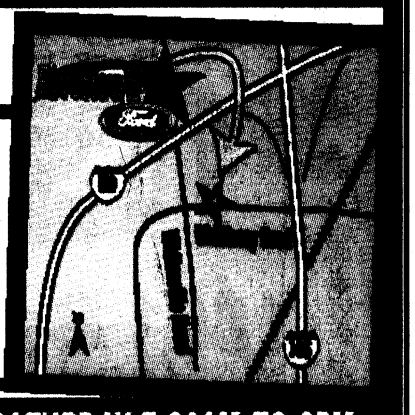

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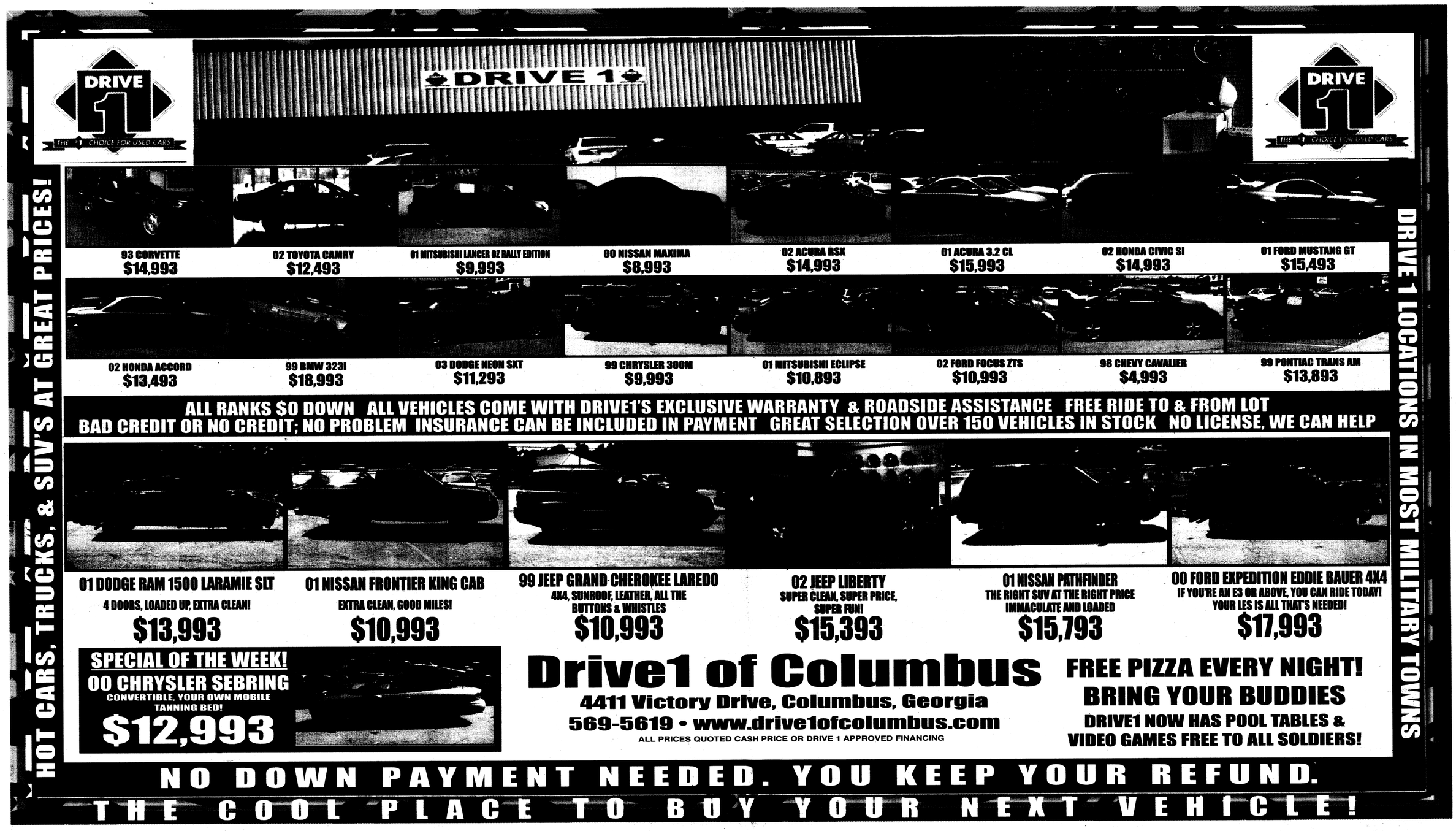
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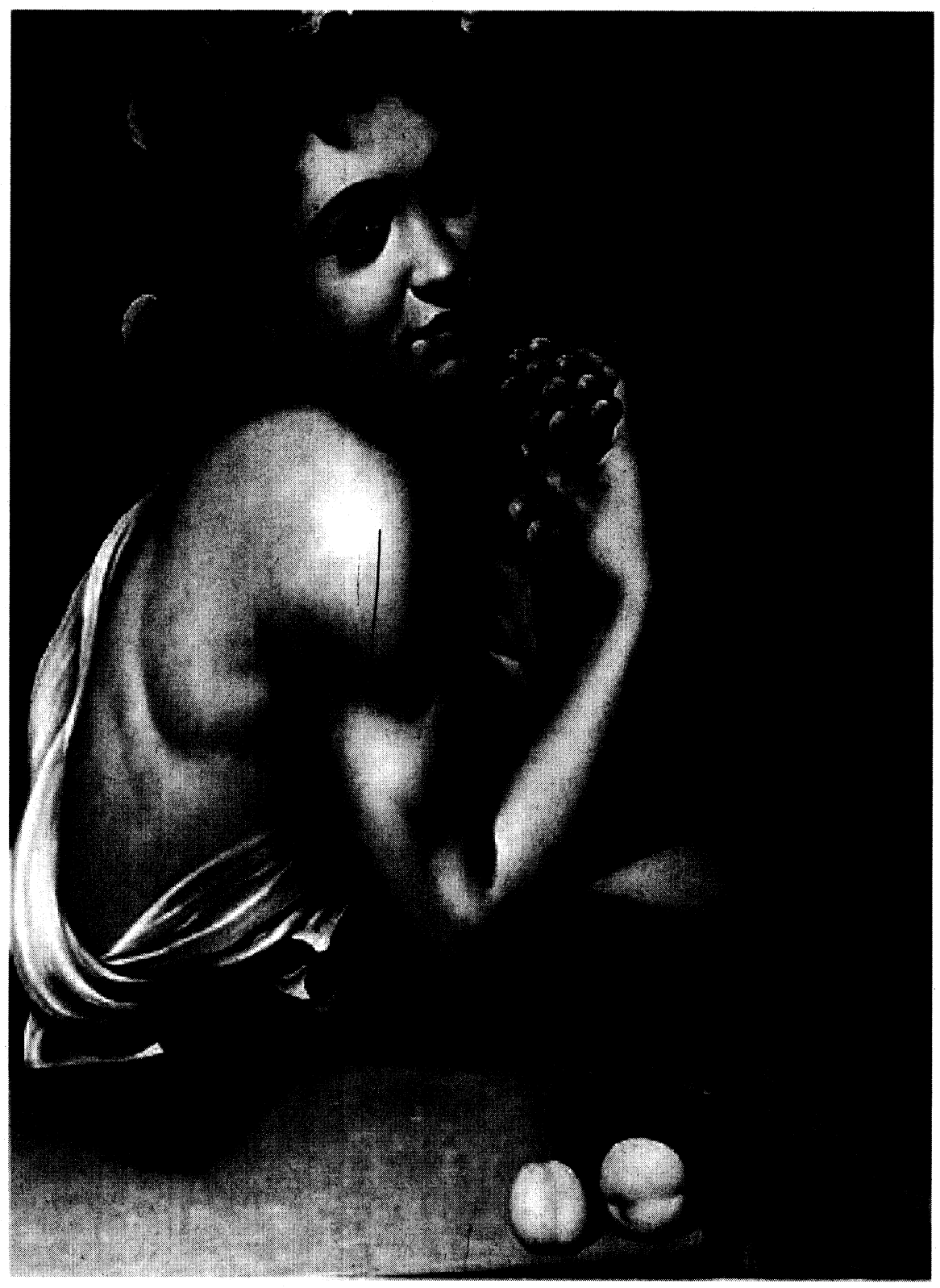

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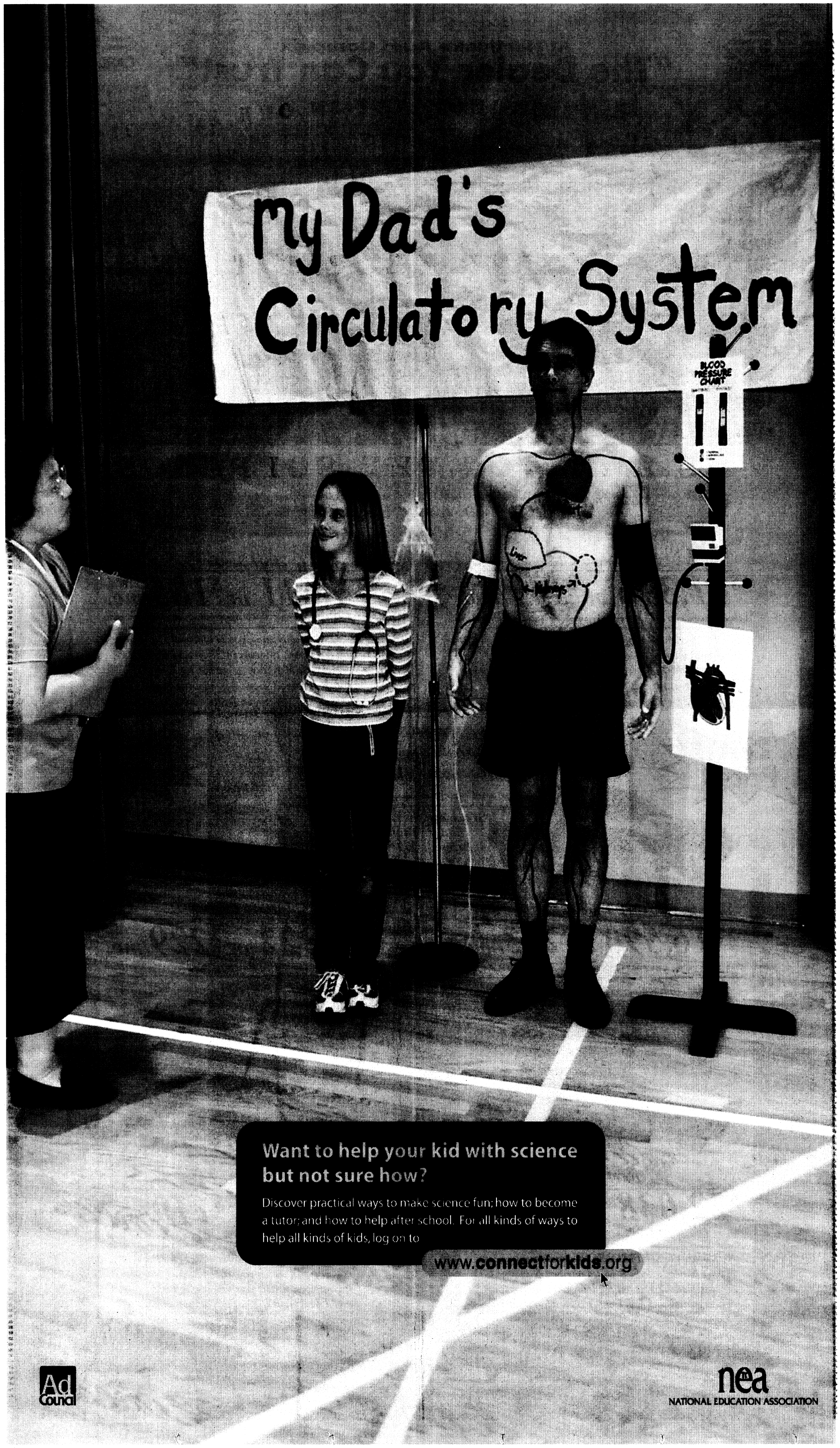
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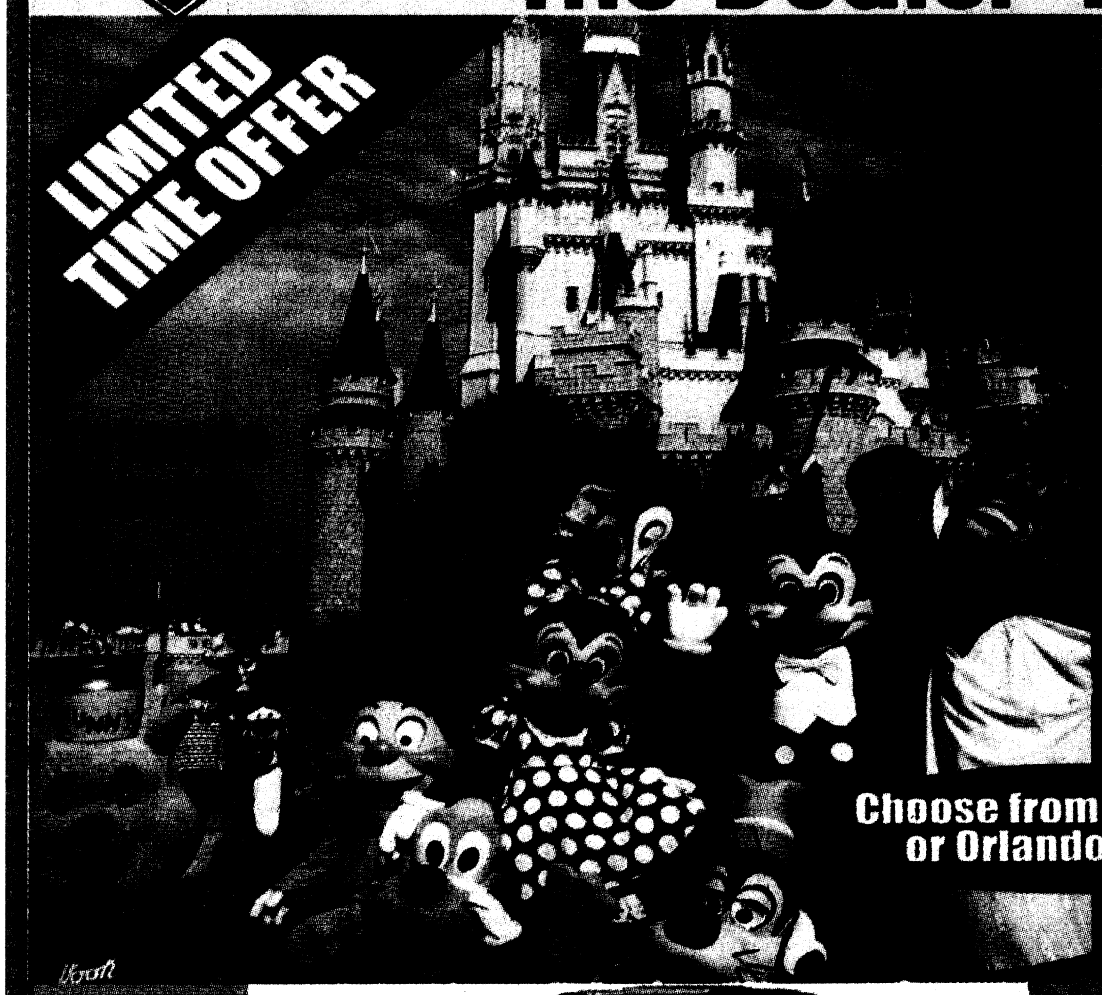

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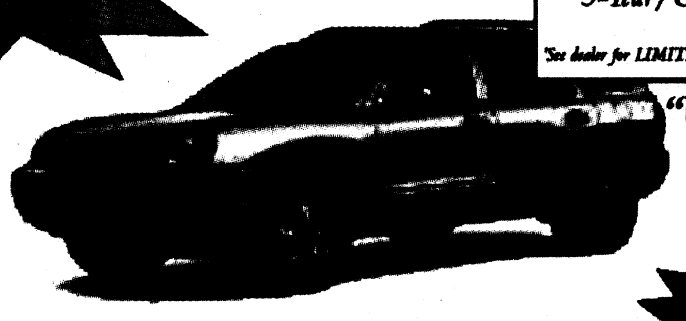

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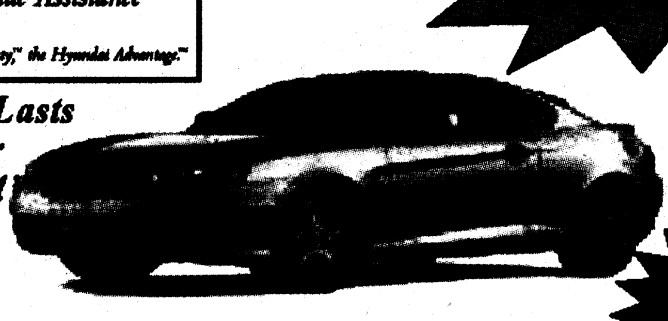

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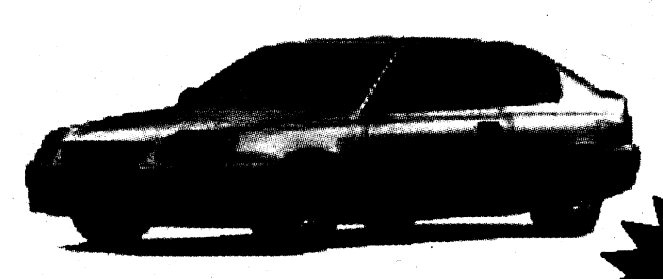

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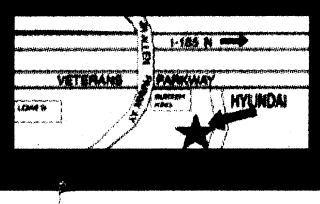

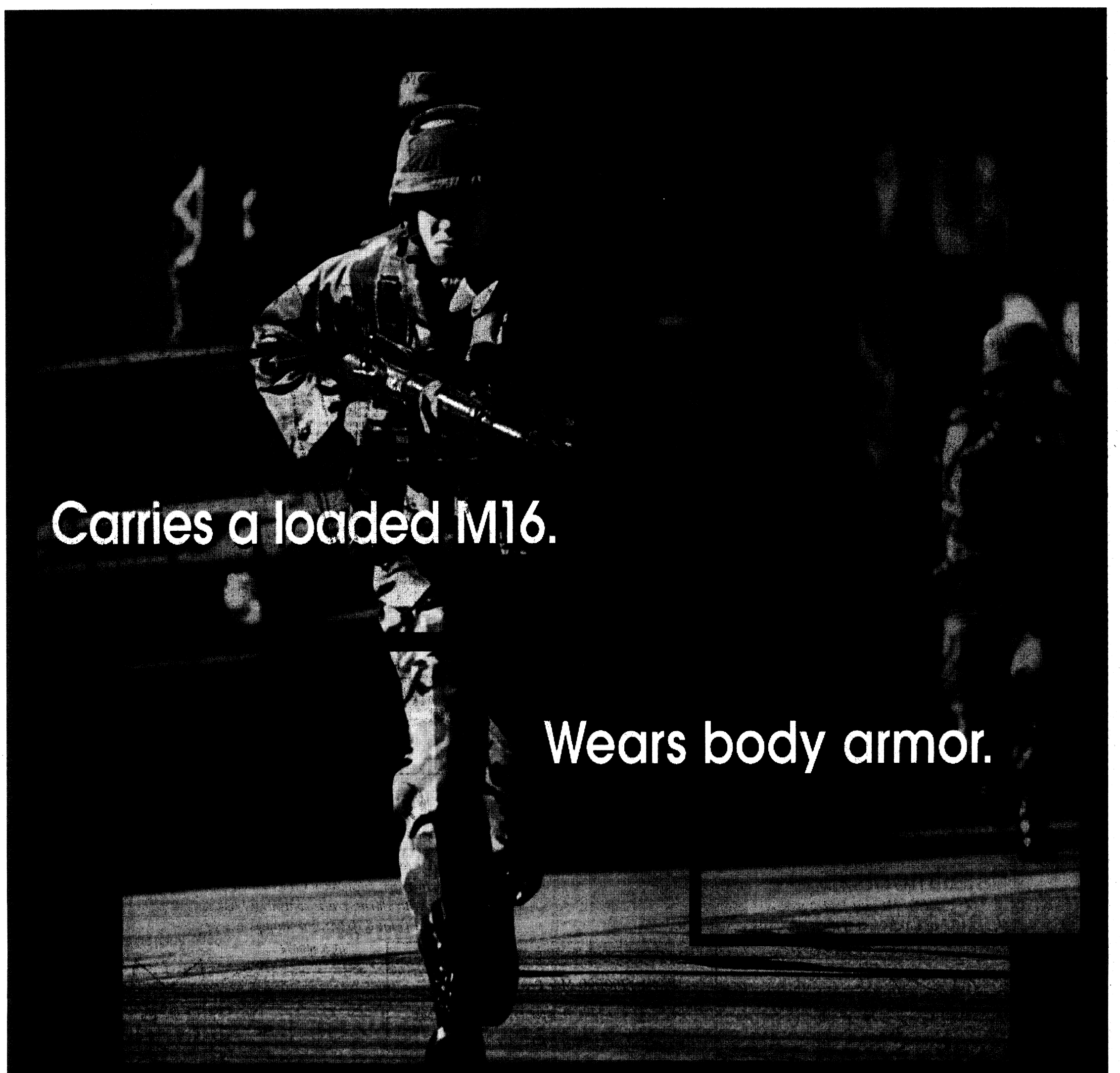

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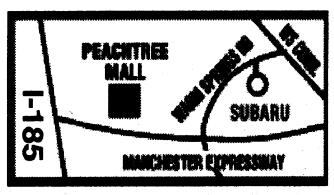

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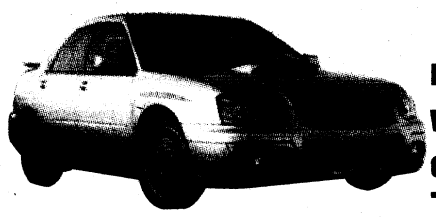

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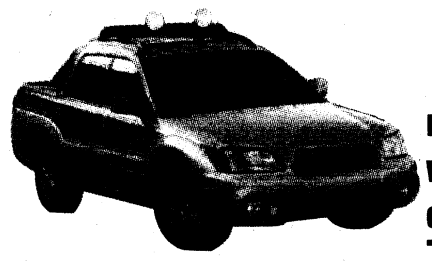

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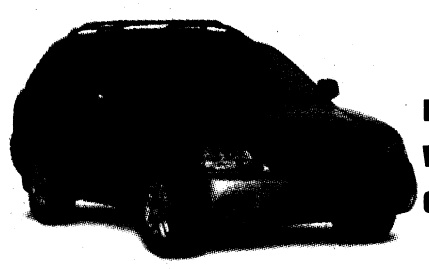

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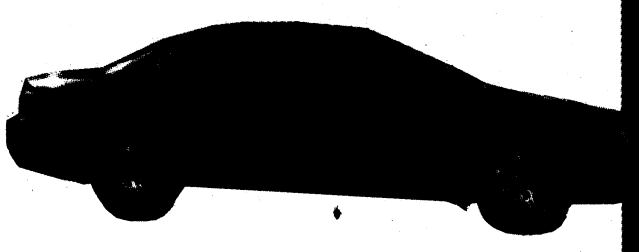

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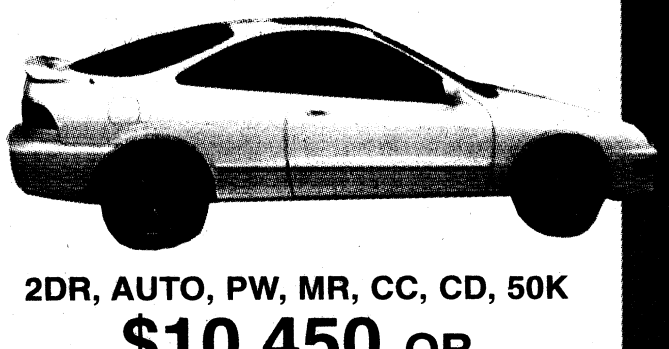

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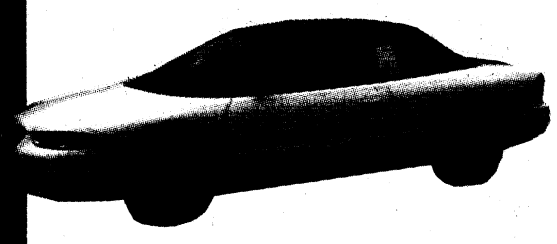

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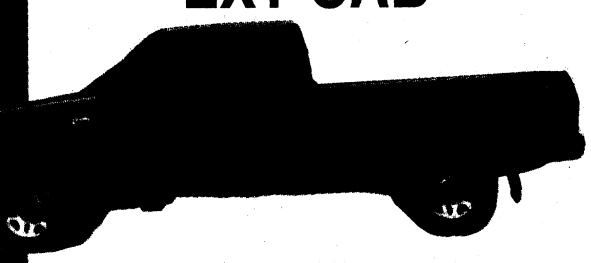

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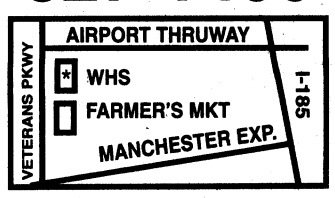

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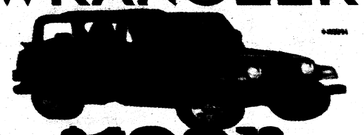

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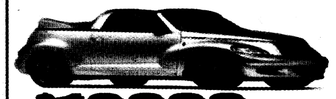

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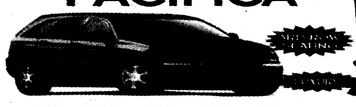

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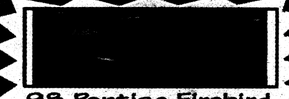

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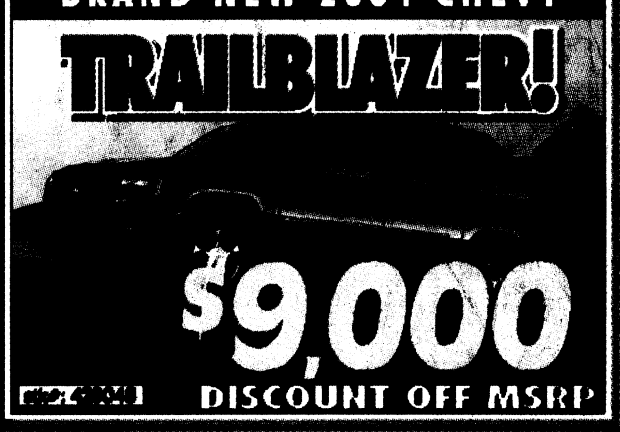
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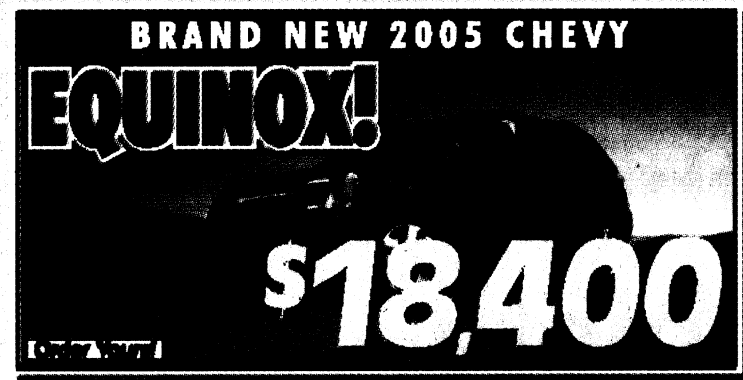
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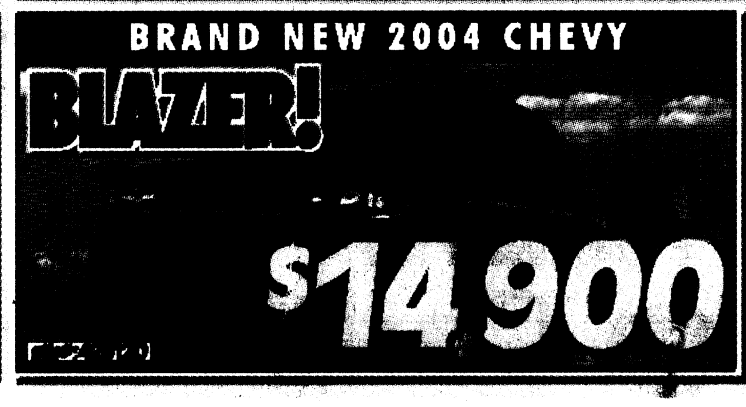
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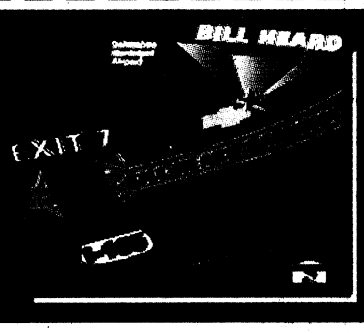

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Goal: Decrease accidents by half

Army initiative hopes to reduce Soldier wrecks

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

The signing of the Army Safety Campaign Plan April 11 officially launched an Armywide initiative to reduce accidents 50 percent by the end of fiscal 2005.

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker were the signing authorities.

The Army initiative comes in response to a Department of Defense call to reduce accidents in all branches of the armed forces.

"Armywide, accidents have gone down since a 10-year high in 1994, but during the last five years, the numbers have begun creeping back up," said Regis Beighley, Fort Benning's safety manager.

Beighley said 185 active-duty accident fatalities were reported across the Army in 1994. That number dropped by almost two-thirds to 58 by 1998, but since then has steadily risen. In 2002, 105 deaths were reported.

Nationally, accidents are the fifth-leading cause of death behind heart disease, cancer, stroke and pulmonary diseases, Beighley said.

Since 1998, Fort Benning has lost 45 Soldiers to accidents, he said.

The majority of those deaths were related to automobile accidents, but four were heat injuries, two were drownings, one was a lightning casualty, one was a training accident involving a Howitzer, one was a parachute accident and one was alcohol poisoning.

Although not every accident can be avoided, many can be prevented and the new Army safety campaign aims to target those.

The "Be Safe" campaign, a name

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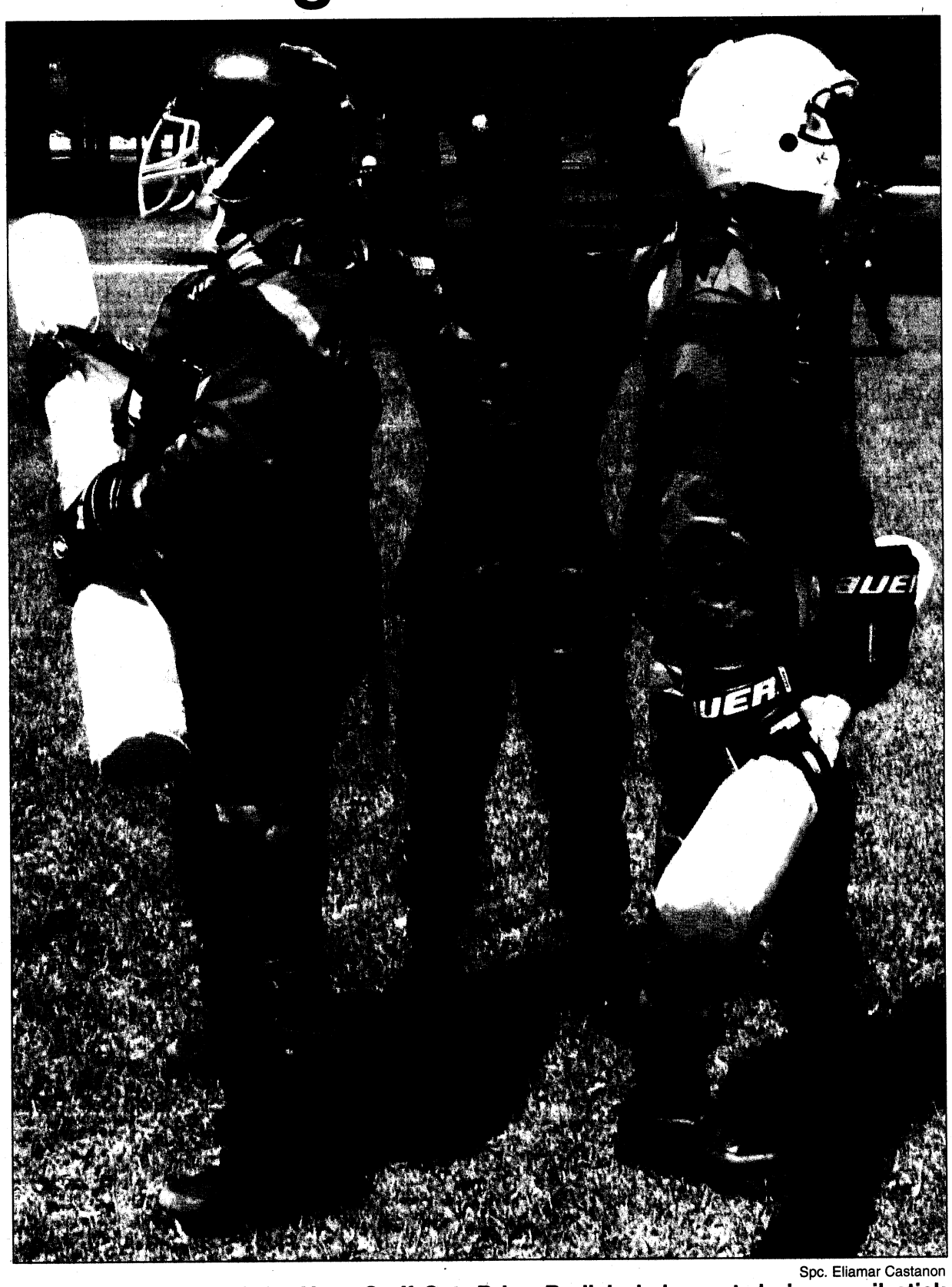
Drill Sergeant of the Year



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

The Drill Sergeant of the Year, Staff Sgt. Brian Rudick, helps out during pugil stick training for the Soldiers of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment.

Post to recognize DS of Year

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

"A successful drill sergeant makes a successful Army," said 1st Sgt. Ismael Diaz, Fort Benning's Drill Sergeant School first sergeant.

"Drill sergeants are 10 feet tall, bullet proof, larger than life," to a new Soldier, he said. "They are the subject matter experts."

Fort Benning will recognize the one drill sergeant who has gone beyond that at the Drill Sergeant of the Year ceremony at 1 p.m. May 12 in the Sand Hill Recreation Center.

Although he's not exactly 10 feet tall — he's 5'6" — Staff Sgt. Brian Rudick, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, has earned the title of Drill Sergeant of the Year.

In a tough competition that began at the battalion level, the nominated drill sergeants were tested on their physical fitness and ability to provide proper hands-on training for Soldiers. They also memorized and delivered 11 oral presentations and underwent a rigid board covering everything from the military uniform to personnel actions for Soldiers in training, Diaz said.

"I never thought I'd make it this far," Rudick said. "But I did."

Rudick, 29, joined the Army Reserves as a motor transportation operator at 18. A year later he joined the active Soldiers.

The Charlotte, N.C., native is the father of a 5-year-old girl, Jordan, and husband to Kelly, his wife of 10 years. "I couldn't have done anything without the support of my wife," Rudick said. "I would've never made it this far without her."

As a former drill sergeant, Diaz understands the challenges of being a drill sergeant.

"Drill sergeants work long hours and face a lot of challenges, both physically and mentally. They need to always be ready to rise to the occasion," Diaz said.

As the 1996 Fort Jackson, S.C., Drill Sergeant of the Year, Diaz also understands the importance of the responsibilities that come with this title.

As the Drill Sergeant of the Year, Rudick will serve as the "voice of reason for the drill sergeants of the installation," Diaz said.

Rudick will serve as a liaison to acquire feedback from drill sergeants on the trail concerning training and other issues and bring those topics up to the post commander and post command sergeant major, Diaz said.

"I've accepted the challenge and feel honored to have been chosen," Rudick said.

"There are a lot of great drill sergeants out there worthy of this recognition," Diaz said.

Abizaid wants more troops

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — An Army brigade and two Marine expeditionary units will replace units of the 1st Armored Division and the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Iraq, Defense, Joint Staff and Army officials said.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told reporters Tuesday at a Department of Defense news briefing that he has approved Army Gen. John Abizaid's request to keep the number of U.S. troops in Iraq between 135,000 and 138,000.

In April, Abizaid, head of U.S. Central Command, asked for additional troops. DoD extended two brigades of the 1st Armored Division and the 2nd Light Cavalry Regiment in Iraq to give commanders a mobile reserve. The units are now operating in the Central-South region headquartered in Hillah. The units operate in and around

See **IRAQ**, A-8

ITB gets ready for plus-up

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

To meet the Army's need for more Soldiers, the Infantry Training Brigade will train 2,225 additional infantry Soldiers this fiscal year and 6,145 additional Soldiers in fiscal 2005.

The plus-up is part of the "temporary" upsizing of the Army by 30,000 bodies over the next few years, the majority of which will be infantry Soldiers, said Col. Brian Baldy, ITB commander. The Army will gain 37 new infantry battalions by the end of fiscal 2007.

"The Army has a requirement for additional Soldiers to support the global war on terrorism," Baldy said. "Our mission is to not only support this requirement, but also to ensure there is no degradation in the training standards for the more than 17,000 infantrymen and special forces we are already training today.

See **PLUS-UP**, A-8

MILITARY SPOUSE

Backbone of the Army

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



I bet you didn't know today is Military Spouse Appreciation Day. And don't forget, Sunday is Mother's Day, so you still have time to get out there and do something nice for Mom.

The military spouse has certainly evolved a bit over the past century or two. They've gone from being all women, to being men and women. And from "short term" spouses — those whose Soldier only served one three-year stint in the Army during wartime — to "long termers" with 20 or 30 or even more years with the Army under their belts.

But I've decided the military spouse of today is not really that much different than those of 30 or 40 years ago.

Here's my case study — a classic boy-meets-girl, boy-joins-Army story.

She grew up in a small northeastern Pennsylvania town.

He grew up outside of Philly. They meet in college, fall in love. She waits a year for him to graduate so they can get married. So far, so good.

He carts her off to Fort Benning for a year of infantry, Ranger and airborne training. She teaches at Columbus High, until he moves her off to Panama for a few years, then goes off to war in Vietnam. So the young wife waits, and hopes and prays for his safe return.

He makes it back, carts her off to Alabama, Michigan, New York, Kansas and then to Germany. By this time, they have two children along for the ride.

Now in the second decade of service, our Soldier introduces his family to the joys of Virginia, California and Illinois. Years later, our spouse confesses she never, ever, ever wanted to go to Illinois. The kids never knew.

By not saying anything, by not complaining about casting her lot with her Soldier, she gave the children the opportunity to make the move with open minds. They did well there, and our spouse emerged from the experience as a die-hard Cubs fan.

And she moved on. Another trip to Virginia, then Texas, then back to Illinois. Then, right after dropping her youngest at college, our spouse packed off to Germany for three more years. She returned to Pennsylvania, and then it was back to Illinois yet again, then a third trip to Virginia. She logged countless miles and 32 houses in 36 years.

Our military spouses of today aren't so different. Many of them finish high school with the same friends they had in kindergarten, leaving town only because of a set of military orders.

Some will argue that the NCO is the backbone of the Army. I tend to disagree. I think it's the military spouse — you know — the one waiting, hoping and praying for the Soldier's safe return from Iraq or Afghanistan.

She's the one putting her career plans on hold to hold down the fort while her Soldier makes the world a better place, in this decade, just like the Soldiers before him.

She's the one charging into each new move with an open mind and a "let's-make-the-best-of-this" attitude. And, somehow, she knows more about medicine than your doctor and you wonder if she might have wanted to be one, but never could manage medical school with a Soldier and a family. She'll be the one you call for advice.

If you see a spouse today, say hi. Say thanks for all she does for her family and for the Army.

Chances are she needs it.

And don't forget to call you mother this weekend either. I know right where to find mine.

She's back home in Pennsylvania.

My mom rocks and rules

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

I knew being a mom wasn't going to be easy. I grew up watching *The Brady Bunch* and *The Partridge Family*. Entire episodes revolved around kid problems like jealousy and tattling and teen hormones.

The problem was, Carol and Shirley had nothing on my mom. She wore pantyhose and skirts every day, served meals that didn't start in a box on plates that weren't paper, and ironed all our clothes. (Even sewed some of them.) She monitored our TV viewing and refereed our fights. She ruled the house, Mom did, since Dad was mostly not home. And she made it all look easy.

Did I mention there were seven of us children?

So why is it that I, child number five, who inherited her mother's forehead, her taste for all foods fried and her love of literature, why wasn't I outfitted with Mom's designer genes?

Oh sure, I got the first part right — that whole reproduction thing comes fairly easy, thank you very much. I've been blessed, and I do mean blessed, with four incredible children.



But these wonderful, brilliant, funny, complex creatures often leave me wondering. I mean *wondering*, as in, "Whose kids are these, and why do they keep tugging at my sleeve?" And *wandering*, as in, "Help me someone, help me find my way out of this maze of dirty laundry."

Really good mothering is an art, I'm convinced, and my mom was the master — still is, for that matter.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying she never broke a sweat, never raised her voice and never served leftovers. Au contraire. She had, in fact, the world's most diabolical mother glare, one that sent shivers down my spine. It was nearly always accompanied by a great sigh — more like a heave — one that engaged her entire upper body starting low in the lungs. By the time the sigh was expelled in a great, windy gust, it was too late. Better run.

But Mom had the whole child-rearing act down pat in the areas that mattered most. She was consistent and unequivocal in principle and policy. Bad behavior wasn't tolerated in our house, even if the culprit was on TV. We never doubted who was in charge, and like Aesop's Fables, stories of the few times we challenged her authority still circle regularly at family reunions, in hopes the younger crowd might somehow profit from our folly.

Last year, my sweet daughter Brittney entered a contest sponsored by a local radio station called "Treat My Mom Like a Rock Star." Brittney's letter won, and for a brief moment I allowed myself to believe I just might make the Really Good Mom short list one day.

But truth be told, in spite of my daughter's blind faith in me, bless her, I know I'm just a watered-down, second-generation wannabe when it comes to rockin' mommas.

My mom still rules.

Army recognizes spouses contributions

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 23 Military Spouse Day to recognize the important role spouses play in the readiness and well-being of our nation's armed forces. The secretary of defense standardized the day as the Friday preceding Mother's Day in 1985. This year we honor our military spouses today.

We are an Army engaged in our nation's global war on terrorism. During the past year, our Soldiers have once again been asked to defend our freedom and the privileges we all enjoy.

While our Soldiers face increased deployments and longer separations, our spouses remain the consistent, predictable cornerstone for the well-being of our Army family. Army spouses continue to meet the unique challenges of Army life, as has been the case throughout the Army's nearly 229-year history. Army spouses have always played an instrumental role in the preparedness and success of our forces.

The contributions of the first spouses who followed their Soldiers to Valley Forge in 1777 set the standard for all who followed. These brave women nursed the wounded and laundered Soldiers' uniforms. At times dodging bullets and even taking up arms when needed, they provided unending support and served as the Army's first force multipliers, but never received official recognition from the Army. Their immeasurable contributions to the ideals of family, patriotism, service and freedom, and their distinctive sacrifices continue to endure today as our Army and our nation face new threats.

Much has changed in the years since Valley Forge. Today's Army spouses receive well-deserved recognition for their role in the defense of our nation; support programs, systems and services allow for a level of well-being not always available in the past.

In a world where change is the norm, Army spouses remain the constant. They continue to be the mainstay of moral support and encouragement on the home front for our Soldiers and the work force that supports them. They are the driving force and energy that makes our Army strong. Today, as in the days of old, through great personal sacrifice, the Army spouse is a key component in keeping our Army relevant and ready.

Military Spouse Day affords us the opportunity to publicly acknowledge the commitment of our Army spouses across all components — active, National Guard and Army Reserve — and to pay tribute to their critical role in the strength of our nation and the success of our Army in accomplishing the mission. So, to the many spouses who support their Soldiers, thank you for your courage and patriotism and the love and commitment to your Soldiers and to the Army family.

Furthermore, we would like to thank you for your generosity and your devoted service. Many blessings to you and your families, the Army and our nation today and throughout the year.

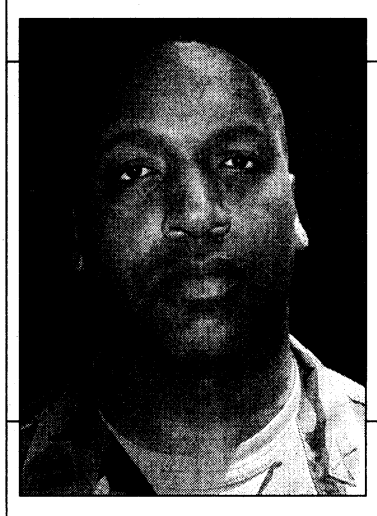
— Honorable Les Brownlee,
Acting Secretary of the Army

Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker,
Army Chief of Staff

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston,
Sergeant Major of the Army

VARIOUS VOICES

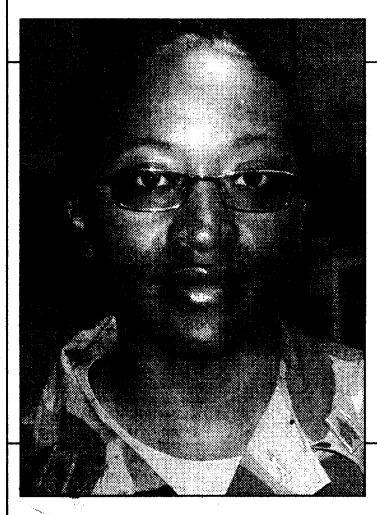
What is the best advice your mother ever gave you?



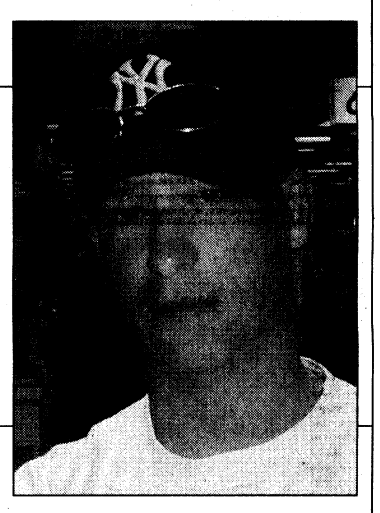
Capt. Arthur McGrue, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "Don't ever let anyone set your standard. That keeps me going. My mom always told me to never settle for less."



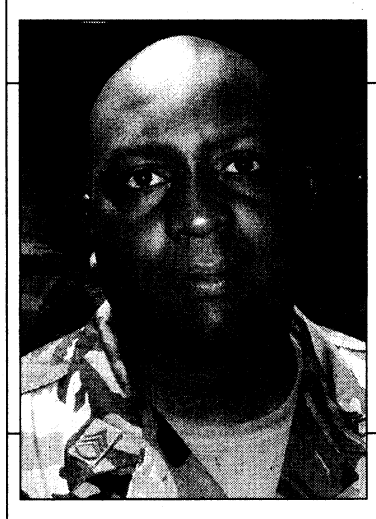
Betty-Jane Chappell, family member — "To obey the word of the Lord, because he is the highest power."



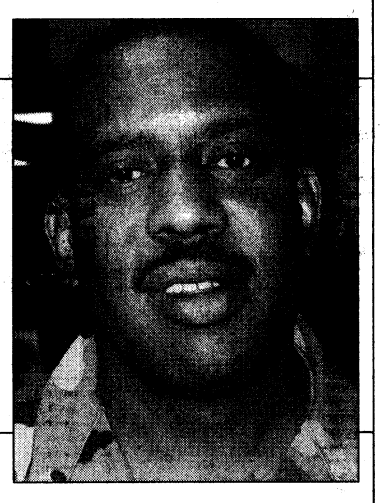
Sgt. Lathoshia Collins, 690th Medical Company — "Never forget where you come from. Just because I'm in the military and I don't live at home anymore, that doesn't mean that when I do go home, I can't pitch in and help out."



Staff Sgt. Robb Lee, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "Stay in the Army. It provides job stability, a paycheck and benefits."



Staff Sgt. Loviet Conner, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment — "If you do something, do it the fullest. Don't start something that you can't finish."



Sgt. Warren Blake, 1st Battalion, 167th Infantry Regiment — "Love the Lord with all of your heart. When things aren't going your way, or if they are, God is the number one source for all things."

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Conference unites post, community officials in mission to prevent domestic violence

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Officials from Fort Benning and the surrounding communities joined forces to promote education and prevention in the fight to stop domestic violence last week.

More than 200 social workers, law enforcement agents, educators and other community agency representatives — including 150 from Fort Benning — met for the biennial Domestic Violence Conference at the Columbus Trade Center April 27 to 29.

The conference, which began in 1990, educates community agencies that will most likely be involved in domestic violence cases and betters the working relationship between military and civilian agencies, said Rebecca Welch, Fort Benning's Family Advocacy Program manager and co-founder of the conference.

"This was an opportunity to bring our communities together for the betterment of family life," Welch said. "We have a lot of military families living off the installation, so we need to have a good working relationship with off-post agencies, like the Columbus Police Department. If they have to respond to a (domestic violence) call with our families, it's good to know who you're talking to."

But for Welch, the ultimate goal is that it never gets to that point, and education is the key to prevention, she said. Education is especially important in the military community, where Soldiers come and go constantly.

"This is a way to expose us to new ideas, concepts, research and practices that will help all of us perform our duties more effectively," she said.

The attendees spent three days learning about new domestic violence laws and developments, trends and misconceptions and other important information.

One of the "highlights" was a guest speaker who discussed a common stigma about domestic violence, Welch said.

"A lot of people look at abuse and automatically think it was a man abusing a woman," she said.

But that's not always the case, and a growing number of men are coming forward as domestic violence victims. One of those men, Stanley Green, who has appeared on *20/20* and *Oprah*, shared his story at the conference.

"It's something that many people don't think about," said Yvonne Wilbanks, alcohol and drug control officer for Fort Benning's Army Substance Abuse Program, who attended the conference. "It's just such an underreported problem, but these males can also be victims, and they need our help and support, too."

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>
> **Rebecca Welch**
> Family Advocacy Program manager, conference co-founder

Wilbanks said Green's presentation and the overall conference were "very enlightening."

Other presentations brought to light new information about how the Department of Child and Family Services handles its investigations, distinguishing between types of infant deaths — instead of dismissing them as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome — how domestic violence perpetrators are prosecuted and how victims should be assisted.

James Rutland, a counselor at McBride Elementary School, attended the conference to update his knowledge base about child abuse.

"This conference is just an excellent way to keep up on new news and to learn about child abuse," said Rutland, a 38-year teaching veteran.

"You always need to know the signs of child abuse and how to be able to teach children about the different lures (perpetrators) use," he said. "It's all about prevention, and we want to provide a safer environment, safer homes and schools."

For Welch, the conference was also about revitalizing and rededicating herself to her mission — preventing domestic violence and helping those families who still suffer.

"Day in and day out, when you think about all the calls that come in, when you're dealing with all these problems, it's just so sad ... It drains your energy level on a day-to-day basis," she said.

When Welch was directly involved with assisting domestic violence victims, her "reward" was knowing they had been taken care of.

"Being on the prevention side, the reward is that I'm providing the best training for these professionals," she said. "It gives us an uplift that we are doing the best job we can, that we're providing the best training to Soldiers and their families and that we're trying to stay on top of this problem."

And "this problem" — family abuse — is deeply personal for Welch.

"Family probably means so much more to me than some others, because I don't have one," she said. "I know how important it is. Your family should be the closest thing to you; you should appreciate them."

Welch said there aren't many days that go by when she doesn't get a call from a parent or spouse having problems with their loved ones.

"All of us are going to have stress. We're all going to have problems in our lives," she said. "The key is how you handle it."

And there are plenty of resources to help families deal with their problems effectively, she said, especially in the military community. It should never come to abuse.

For more information about domestic violence or family assistance agencies on Fort Benning, call the FAP at 545-7517.

5th Ranger Training Battalion will host an Open House Saturday at Camp Frank D. Merrill in Dahlonega, Ga., starting at 6 a.m. There will be several bike and foot races, static displays, a Rangers in Action demonstration, and a BBQ and Bluegrass festival starting at 2 p.m. For information, call (706) 864-3367, ext. 211.



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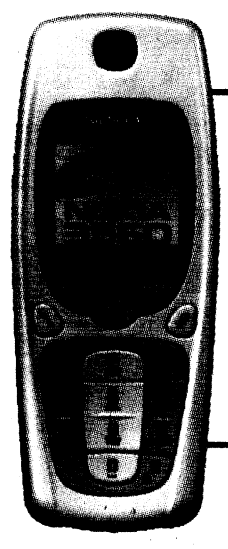

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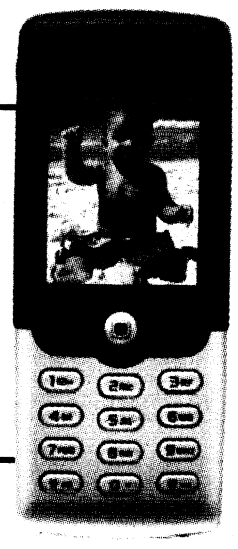

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Widow donates uniform, money to museum

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Like the widow's copper coins in St. Luke's Gospel, a local woman's donation of $100 to the National Infantry Foundation touched the heart of one who recognizes its value beyond dollars.

As the director of the National Infantry Museum, Frank Hanner cannot solicit funds for the foundation, which needs $70 million to construct a new state-of-the-art museum complex on the 200-acre strip of land that connects Fort Benning and Columbus along Fort Benning Road.

But he has a vested interest, nearly 25 years of sweat equity and an emotional attachment to the museum's collection of more than 30,000 artifacts.

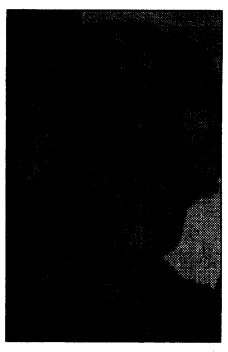
So he stays abreast of the foundation's progress, and he's well aware that some might say Isabel Emmerich's contribution pales in comparison to the five-figure donations offered up by large businesses and government grants.

But Hanner figures the true value of Emmerich's "gracious gift" is immeasurable if one considers the sentiment behind it.

"She just wanted to save her sister's uniform and share her story with others," said Hanner, explaining the Hamilton, Ga., resident's reason for visiting the museum in March.

Emmerich's sister, Adelaide Ashton Davies, was a member of the Army Nurse Corps during World War II. She crossed the Rhine River with Patton's Army and worked in field hospitals until the war's end. Davies retired as a major in 1963 and died shortly after.

Davies had no children, so her younger sister inherited the uniform and the stories that go with it. Emmerich, who's in her 90s, passed them along to Hanner March 22.


Emmerich

"I can't take care of them anymore, but I wanted them preserved so other people could enjoy them," she said. "It was important to find a good place for them."

Emmerich is confident she found that place in the National Infantry Museum, and most assuredly in the hands of Hanner and his associates.

"I appreciate what they're doing there," Emmerich said. "Mr. Hanner is so obviously dedicated and remarkably knowledgeable about our history."

And of her contribution to the construction of the new museum, Emmerich simply said, "It's something that's greatly needed."

Indeed, the National Infantry Museum on Baltzell Avenue is the most frequently visited public building on Fort Benning. More than 2,000 visitors toured last week alone. But they saw only a third of the museum's collection, because, with only 55,000 square feet available, much of the military artifacts are relegated to basement archives.

That'll all change with the opening of the new museum, though no one can say just when that will be. Architectural firm E. Verner Johnson and Associates was selected to design the 150,000-square-foot main museum, which will be flanked by a five-acre parade field, a quarter-mile Memorial Walk, life-size outdoor vignettes of war scenes and a World War II company street.

A few years ago, Hanner might have been forced to turn away Emmerich's uniform. With limited space, the museum's staff of five had to focus strictly on infantry artifacts. Now, with their sights on the new museum, they can paint a much broader picture of the history of the infantry.

"We want to put a face to military history," Hanner said. "Yes, our focus has always been the infantry. We are the Home of the Infantry. But for every infantry Soldier on the battle field, there was a mom back home, or a wife and children. And there were nurses like Ms. Emmerich's sister and scout dogs and drummer boys.

"If we're going to tell the story of the infantry and do a good job of it, we'll have to tell the whole story."

And with her "widow's offering" of $100, Emmerich will help preserve a chapter of that story.

To learn more about the National Infantry Museum or to donate funds, call 653-9234.

Prison investigations moved swiftly, officials say

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Once military authorities received information about possible prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad, investigations moved swiftly, Defense Department officials said Monday.

A Soldier, disturbed by the goings-on at the prison, went to officials with his allegations Jan. 13.

The next day, Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, commander of Combined Joint Task Force 7, launched a criminal investigation.

The criminal investigation has resulted in the Army charging six Soldiers from the 800th Military Police Brigade with a variety of offenses. The Soldiers are serving in Iraq still — although not as military police — and will remain there until the investigations are complete. The offenses against them include conspiracy, dereliction of duty, cruelty and maltreatment, assault and indecent acts with another.

There are four other investigations into the "heinous" acts that allegedly took place in the prison, said a senior defense official.

A second investigation, recently completed by Army Maj. Gen. Antonio M. Taguba, looked into procedures used at the prison. Taguba is the deputy commanding general for support at the 3rd Army, Fort McPherson, Ga. Although classified, the investigation is "damning," said one official. Six NCOs and officers have received letters of reprimand following that investigation.

The Army inspector general's office has launched a third investigation, which began in February. That group will look at "detention operations around the world" to ensure humane, normal policies are being followed.

Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, chief of the Army Reserve, ordered a fourth investigation to assess the state of training of Army Reserve units. The 800th is an Army Reserve unit based at Fort Totten, N.Y.

Another investigation is looking into the possible involvement of military intelligence personnel in the abuse. Army Maj. Gen. George Fay, the deputy chief of staff for intelligence, is leading that inquiry.

Individuals' actions, not system, at fault

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers who allegedly abused and tortured Iraqi prisoners acted as individuals, said the spokesman for the Combined Joint Task Force 7 during an interview on NBC's *Today* program.

Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the command's deputy operations director, said these are cases of individual criminal conduct.

"Nobody gave them the order to break the law," he said.

Kimmitt said his response to the allegations at Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad is the same as every other Soldier in Iraq: "Just absolute disgust."

Six Soldiers face courts-martial for the offenses. Another six have received reprimands for their actions or lack of action, Kimmitt said in a follow-up interview. When the alleged acts occurred, the prison was under the control of a company of the 800th Military Police Brigade out of New York. The 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne) from Fort Bragg, N.C., now runs Abu Ghraib.

Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, commander of CJTF 7, has ordered a third investigation into military intelligence aspects of the case.

The case has caused outrage throughout the Middle East, officials said. Pictures of the torture and humiliation have appeared on the front pages of Arabic-language newspapers throughout the region.

"We need, as Americans, to be a bright, shining light for the treatment of prisoners," Kimmitt said. "We have to demonstrate to the world that our Soldiers treat their soldiers with dignity and respect. Otherwise, we have no right to ask that of our adversaries. That does have me concerned."

Kimmitt said the actions of a few do not indicate a systemic problem throughout the Army. The general said those in charge needed to do more "checking, double-checking and rechecking. And it's also having the guts to stand up, when you find something's wrong, and say, 'That's wrong, and we need to fix it.'"

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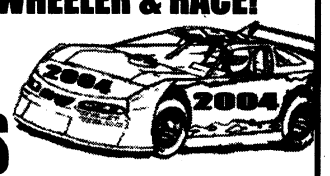



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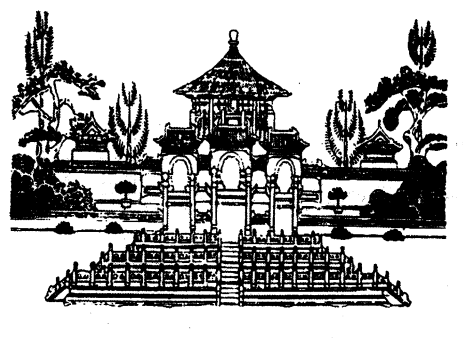

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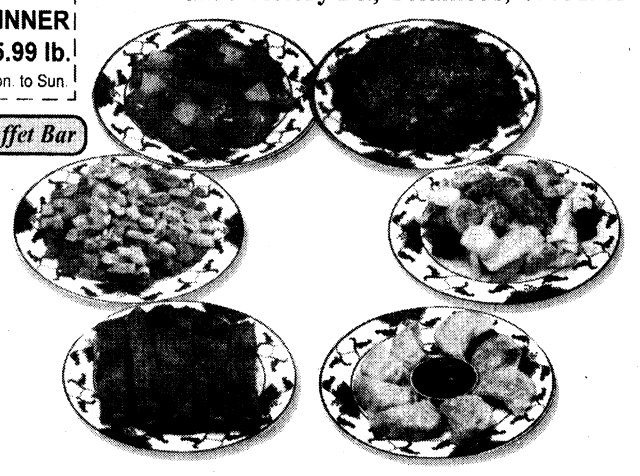

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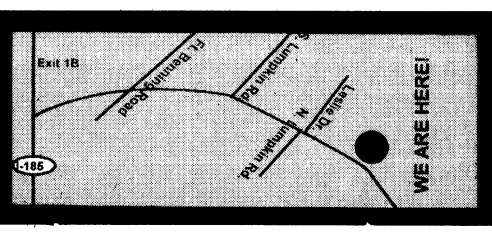

Community contributions crown campaign goals

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's efforts during the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign will be recognized May 21 in a ceremony at the White House.

Cindy Cain, director of the tricommunity CFC, received a phone call last week from the Office of Personnel Management inviting her and a representative from Fort Benning to the ceremony.

Chuck Walls, the garrison manager, will travel with Cain to accept the award for the highest percentage dollar increase.

Walls and Col. Rick Riera, garrison commander, oversee the CFC campaign at Fort Benning and head the local federal coordinating committee.

The $770,000 pledged by Fort Benning Soldiers, civilians and from local governmental agencies like the Internal Revenue Service and U.S. Postal Service represented a 27.2 percent increase, Cain said. The tricommunity campaign beat 352 other national campaigns.

Cain said she was excited by the award, but wanted to make sure the right people got the recognition they deserved.

"The general and I can set goals and strategize," she said, "but it's the key workers down in the units, those trying to get donations — those in the trenches — who made it happen."

And what happened was Fort Benning Soldiers and civilians met and exceeded their CFC goal, collecting more than $650,000 for agencies in the tricommunity and across the nation.

> "ITB — God love them. They just give and give and give."
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> **Cindy Cain**
> Director of the tricommunity Combined Federal Campaign

Cain gives a great thanks to the Infantry Training Brigade for collecting more than $238,000 of that money.

"ITB — God love them," Cain said. "They just give and give and give."

She said she personally processed all of the pledge cards and "saw where the young Soldiers and older NCOs gave their money. They picked organizations that meant something to them."

She regrets that the CFC budget doesn't hold enough money to allow for some sort of big recognition event, but said Fort Benning is headed in the right direction with its commanding general's awards program.

"I hope that someday, somehow, we will have a huge recognition celebration," Cain said.

"Right now, we just have to be good stewards of the money (people pledge)."

Once the word gets out about the award, Cain thinks it might be the push the tricommunity CFC needs to reach the $1 million mark next year.

"You keep pushing and pushing," Cain said, "but we still only have 36 percent participation."

Those 11,060 donors deserved the biggest thanks, Cain said.

"During these days where demands on time, resources and focus are understandably extreme, true professionalism and a kind heart still seem to rise to the surface when the welfare of others is at sake."

AROUND POST

Ranger School graduations

The following Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

- Class 6-04, today
- Class 7-04, July 9

The graduation is preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration, starting at 10 a.m.

EO 2004 Luau

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office has pre-sale tickets available for purchase.

The tickets are $6 in advance and $7 the day of the event.

The meal consists of Polynesian pork, teriyaki chicken, fried rice, tropical fruit and soda or water.

The luau will be held from 4 to 11 p.m. May 14 at Uchee Creek.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 545-6665 or visit Building 2509.

Tax center remains open

The Fort Benning Tax Center remains open and will still prepare federal and state tax returns for the 2001, 2002 and 2003 tax years.

The off-season location is Building 5, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Appointments are required.

For more information, call 545-3281.

Hatch Act

It's election time, and time to remind civilian employees of the restrictions on their political activities.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has issued a letter identifying in detail many of the prohibitions relating to political activities.

The letter can be viewed at www.osc.gov/hatchact.com.

For more information, call Nancy Skates at (703) 325-1334, DSN 221-1334 or e-mail nancy.skates@asamra.hoffman.army.mil.

PLDC graduation

Primary Leadership Development Course Class 6-04 graduates at 10 a.m. May 27 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The public is invited to attend.

CID brief

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information pertaining to the larceny of a 2003 Kawasaki ZX636-B motorcycle from the parking lot adjacent to Building 2939.

The incident occurred between noon April 11 and 5 p.m. April 12.

In an effort to identify and apprehend the perpetrator(s), CID is requesting the assistance of the local community

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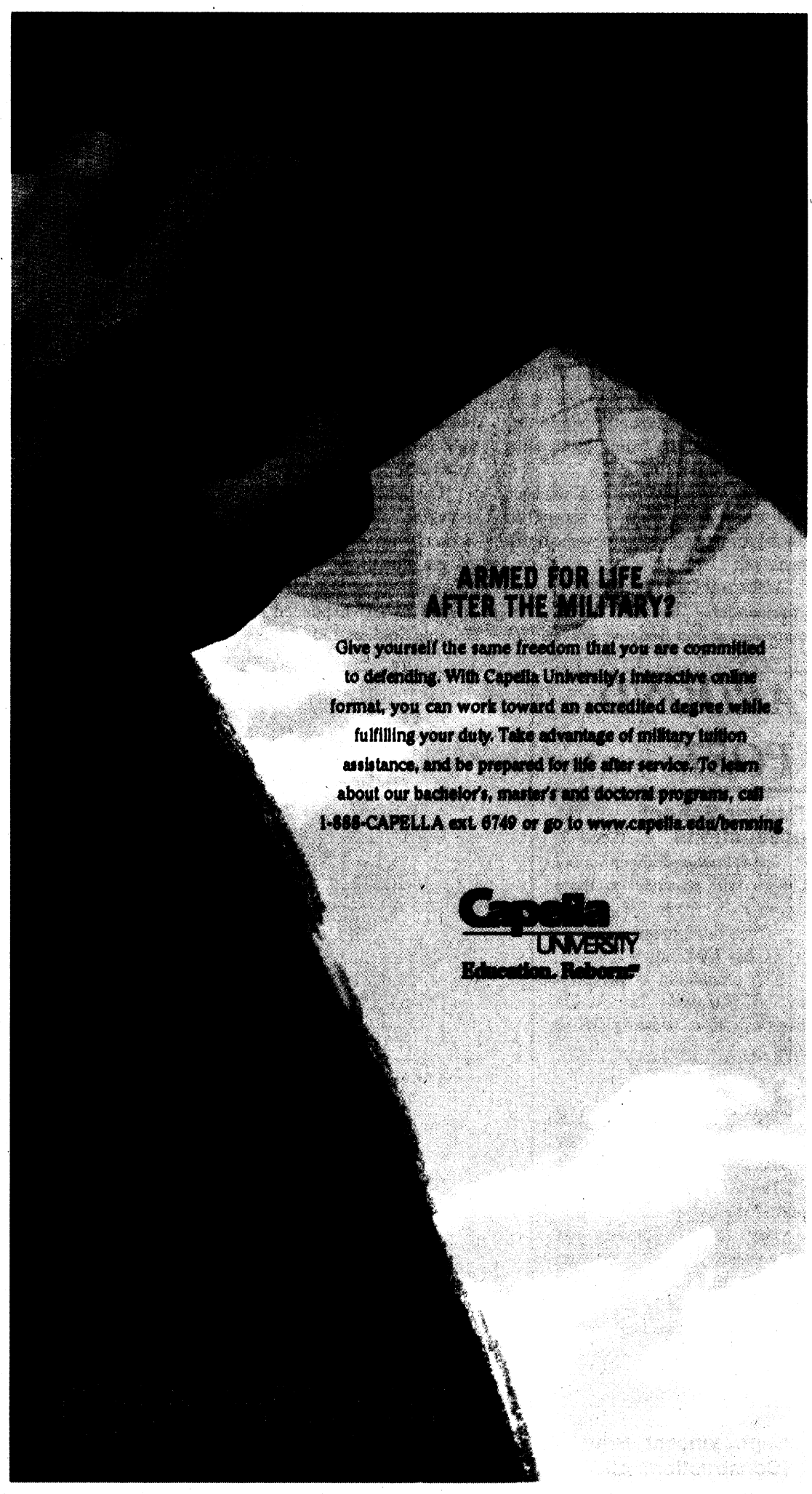

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International jump promotes partnership

Spc. Maggie E. Ruiz
WHINSEC Public Affairs Office

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation conducted its first international airborne operation April 29 afternoon at Fryar Drop Zone.

At a height of 1,500 feet above ground level in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, several Fort Benning units including WHINSEC, 75th Ranger Regiment, 4th Ranger Training Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment and 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, took to the skies, earning a pair of Chilean jump wings at the conclusion of the event.

However, for many, the event held a deeper meaning than just a simple exchange of foreign jump wings, said WHINSEC Commandant Col. Gilberto Perez, who has earned four international jump wings.

"There is a certain elitism that comes with being a paratrooper," Perez said. "It's a unique camaraderie we share. We are friends and allies pursuing the same goal regardless of our nationality. Sharing this risky experience as one entity during this operation symbolizes, to me, the great strength we have as professionals and allies."

Paratroopers representing the United States, Chile, Ecuador, Colombia and Australia participated.

The jump was supervised by one U.S. jumpmaster, Staff Sgt. Raul Esteras, and one Chilean, Master Sgt. Luis Vasquez. Vasquez brought significance to development of the event by being one of the first WHINSEC guest instructors to be certified to conduct jumpmaster duties in the United States, therefore affording the opportunity to fellow paratroopers to gain Chilean jump wings during the event.



WHINSEC Commandant Col. Gilberto Perez watches as Chilean guest instructor Master Sgt. Luis Vasquez V. performs a safety check on WHINSEC Command Sgt. Maj. Rafael Colondres's gear.

"This jump showcases my ability as a jumpmaster, which goes beyond just being able to perform them in my country," Vasquez said.

"Our countries share the same kind of training, the same experiences and the same brotherhood that is born through our same goals and risks we take, because we know the rigors of jumping," he said.

Vasquez said he feels more confident after the success of the jump.

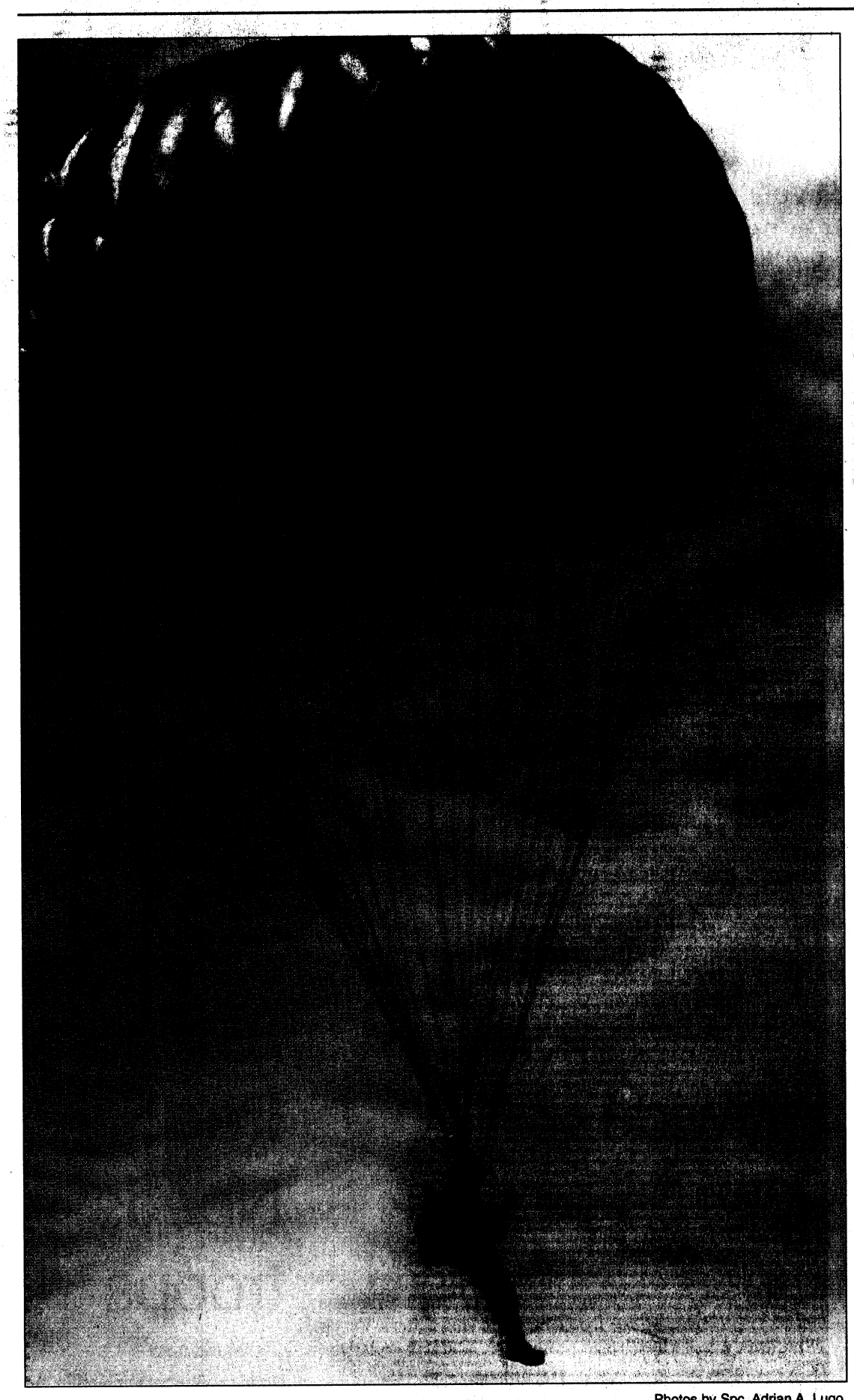
"I know what it takes to conduct such an operation, beginning from its planning stages to the moment our feet touch the soil," he said. "I hope that I may be able to do this again and do it right as I have in this event."

The event's primary purposes were to promote the working relationship and partnership between WHINSEC and other Fort Benning units and to re-establish the foreign jumpmaster program at WHINSEC, said Capt. Orlando Cosme, safety officer for the jump.

"This airborne op demonstrates WHINSEC's ability to plan and execute airborne ops in conjunction with international jumpmasters," Cosme said.

"We are very appreciative of the teamwork that other units have displayed toward us. They play a great part in our success."

He said more jumps will be organized for future dates. Events such as these promote unit cohesion and boost morale.



Photos by Spc. Adrian A. Lugo

Capt. Vincent Bray, an operations officer with the 36th Engineer Group (Construction), glides down to Fryar Drop Zone April 29. Bray joined about 70 of his U.S. and foreign military parachutist brethren in a jump wing exchange hosted by the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation and sponsored by the Chilean government.

Army Reserve gets more full-time positions

Increase to support active AGR mission

Army News Service

ST. LOUIS — The Active-Guard-Reserve program has seen an increase of approximately 300 new assignment opportunities during this fiscal year.

The increase comes as a result of ongoing efforts to add more full-time support to Army Reserve units, officials said. Another 975 positions will also become available during this fiscal year through normal attrition, according to officials at the Army Reserve Active Duty Management Directorate in St. Louis.

"The AGR program is absolutely vital to the training and readiness of our units," said the chief of the Army Reserve, Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly. "AGR Soldiers are now deployed in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world as an essential part of our Army, enabling mission accomplishment and executing important missions on behalf of the nation.

"We will continue to grow the AGR program with the required skills necessary to transform the Army Reserve while at war, enabling a greater level of readiness, agility and responsiveness," he said. "We need the best and brightest as AGR Soldiers and I encourage all who are interested to apply and join the ranks of our AGR Soldiers."

AGR Soldiers serve in full-time, active-duty positions in worldwide locations.

They provide day-to-day operational support needed to ensure Army Reserve units are ready to mobilize when needed.

The program, begun in 1979, provides AGR Soldiers with the same benefits as their counterparts in the active Army. This includes active-duty pay and allowances, medical care, commissary and post exchange privileges and a full retirement after 20 years of active federal service.

In addition to a wide range of assignment locations, the AGR program also offers officers, warrant officers and enlisted Soldiers the opportunity to serve in a variety of fields including transportation, human resources, military intelligence, finance, medical service and recruiting.

The AGR program is open to Soldiers who serve in the Army Reserve, the Army National Guard and the active Army.

To download an application packet, Soldiers can visit the AGR portion of the U.S. Army Human Resources Command Web site at https://www.2xcitizen.usar.army.mil/soldierservices/programs/agr/agrprogram.asp or call (800) 318-5298.

ONE TEAM

Civilian's 40-year dedication earns Army employee recognition

Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner
USAIC Public Affairs Office

There is probably nothing more heartwarming than Soldiers returning home to Fort Benning after a deployment to a combat zone. The flood of emotions, tears and pride from family members and friends is overwhelming.

There is, however, a stranger to most of these returning Soldiers who, although he may not always be at the homecoming, takes a great deal of pride in knowing that he and his staff played an important role in their safe return.

Earl Brown, chief of Plans and Mobilization Division, received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award April 13 and was also recognized for his 40 years of civilian service at the Commanding General's Two Star Excellence Breakfast April 23.

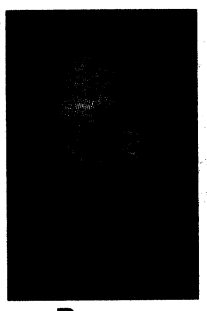
Brown is proud of his accomplishments, but is quick to share the credit for his success.

"It is a team effort," Brown said. "We have an excellent staff experienced in mobilization."

The 2145th Garrison Support Unit, CONUS Replacement Center, Directorate of Logistics, Directorate of Public Works, Directorate of Community Activities, MEDDAC, DENTAC and AG all play a vital role in preparing Soldiers for deployment. He also credits his supervisors, Col. Robert Brown, director of Operations and Training, and Robert Jordan, deputy director.

"They give me a lot of flexibility and allow me to do my job without direct supervision," he said.

His supervisors not only give him flexibility, but credit him with the successful deployment of more than 191 Reserve units and 7,000 individual augmentees for a total of more than 18,800 soldiers since 9-11, Col. Brown said.



Brown

"He is a consummate professional who is highly regarded by those he works with here at Fort Benning, TRADOC, 1st Army and FORSCOM," Col. Brown said. "The CG of 1st Army comes to Fort Benning on a regular basis just to sit with Earl Brown to seek his views and opinions on mobilization issues. His ideas on the roles and missions of the CRC after Desert Storm, led to the development of the Garrison Support Unit to help with the administrative burden of mobilizing units."

Brown has known deployments for years.

He began his Army career as an infantryman in 1955 and retired as a command sergeant major in 1985. After retiring, he moved over to the civilian side of the Army.

"I wanted to stay associated with the military," he said. "Being a DA civilian is as close as you can get without being in uniform."

The Missouri native began his civilian career as a Combat Development Organization planner in the Directorate of Combat Development. He then moved to the chief position in the Mobilization Branch before assuming his current position.

Although he is not in uniform his concern for Soldiers is just as great. When asked about his most memorable accomplishment, he said it was the opportunity to bring Reserve Soldiers to Fort Benning to be mobilized and deploy. Individual Soldiers and units were brought on board and had to prepare for deployment.

Training had to be validated, as well as logistic operations, personnel readiness and medical readiness.

"They have to be ready," Brown said. "There's no compromise in readiness. We check to ensure they are trained and equipped. We don't waive any training or equipment issue. It's a good feeling when we deploy Soldiers knowing they are ready. I get great satisfaction in being part of that."

His commitment to the mission is evident, Col. Brown said.

"Sometimes I think Earl Brown works eight days a week," said the colonel said. "I have to sometimes tell him to go home and get some rest."

Another notable accomplishment of Brown's is his education. He began his Army career as a high school dropout, but took advantage of the few educational opportunities available then.

"I was a brigade operations sergeant going to school at night during the week. There were no day or weekend classes then." Senior NCOs were expected to earn an associate's degree then. He has since earned a master's degree.

His work as a junior NCO paid off with a promotion to sergeant major. He was selected for and attended the first class at the Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss.

Brown isn't planning on retirement soon.

"I'm still in good health and as long as I enjoy it, I'll continue to work."

But someday Earl Brown will retire, and if Col. Brown gets his way, it won't be until he leaves.

"I've told Earl Brown he is not authorized to retire on my watch," he said. "When it does come time for Earl Brown to retire, it will be extremely difficult to find someone to replace him. I mean, we can all be replaced, but Benning will be hard pressed to find a replacement in the near term to do all that Earl Brown does."

Citizens face danger in rebuilding Iraq

Civilians hold strong role in Iraq mission

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The kidnapping and murder of civilian contractors in Iraq has not deterred thousands of workers from providing aid to American troops and assisting with the build-up of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Restoring fuel, water and power lines, providing humanitarian aid, and maintaining military vehicles — there are umpteen jobs being performed by civilians in Iraq, and most will go unknown.

"I have been part of several large incidents within Iraq where many people have lost their lives or been brutally hurt due to cowardly acts of terrorism," said William Hodge, a firefighter with Kellogg, Brown and Root.

Hodge, of Sumter, S.C., is part of an education program that is training 125 people on the local fire department, and bringing the country up to date with 21st century firefighting.

"Seeing smiles on little kid's faces as we pass by in fire trucks is remarkable," Hodge said.

Kellogg, Brown and Root, a subsidiary of Halliburton, has more than 24,000 employees and subcontractors in Iraq and Kuwait. The company has lost 34 personnel, including the recent confirmed death of Tony Johnson, 47, of Riverside, Calif., who was involved in a convoy ambush April 9.

Part of that same convoy was Thomas Hamill, a truck driver with Halliburton, who escaped from his Iraqi captives May 2. Hamill, from Macon, Miss., suffered a gunshot wound during the attack. He was reunited with his wife, Kellie, at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany Wednesday.

A firefighter with KBR said he will remain in the dangerous environment to support the overall cause — freedom.

"Without contractors, the military would have to fill positions that may be of less importance in nature, rather than being on the battlefield enhancing our military force," said Evan Bolles, a firefighter in Baghdad. "I know that by volunteering, it gives relief to our Soldiers who have been in the area for a long time."

The U.S. military has always used contractors in times of war. However, until the charred bodies of civilians hanging from a bridge in Iraq were aired on the news, most Americans didn't realize how close contractors work with Soldiers in combat zones.

"Our employees followed Soldiers into Iraq within 72 hours after they crossed the border and began providing logistical support," said Patrice Mingo, a Halliburton public affairs specialist. "They (Halliburton employees) live in the same camps that come under mortar fire, and travel in the same convoys that come under attack."

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> **Evan Bolles**
> Firefighter in Baghdad

Contractors augment the military by providing non-combat services. KBR recruits for more than 100 jobs, including food service, laundry, water purification, and fuel distribution, Mingo said.

MPRI, a smaller company headquartered in Alexandria, Va., has about 500 contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan providing convoy security, instruction to ministries of defense and training to the new Iraqi army.

Even though some countries have urged their civilians to leave Iraq, and American corporations, such as General Electric have suspended operations, MPRI has not had any withdrawals, said Rick Kiernan, vice president of Strategic Communications for MPRI.

"We are prudent in our daily movement to and from our place of duty. We also have the benefit of working and living on secure compounds," said Kiernan, who is a retired Army lieutenant colonel.

Former military personnel make up the majority of MPRI's contractors overseas, performing similar duties based on their military training and expertise, Kiernan said.

Minus the uniform and an M-16, a number of KBR workers are also doing the same job they once did in the military.

What motivates citizens, who aren't enlisted in the armed forces, to leave their families behind to build a democratic nation elsewhere in the world?

"If the troops can do it, so can we," said Terry Johnston, a firefighter from La Porte, Texas. "Just because we are civilians doesn't make us any better than the military. I want to do my part as an American to help support the troops in any way possible."

Contractors working overseas can earn up to a six-figure salary, which can be an incentive for some to apply for dangerous duty.

There are three reasons people work overseas — patriotism, money, and opportunity for change, Mingo said. But once they arrive in country and begin working with Soldiers, their desire to serve becomes paramount, she added.

"What I'm doing in Iraq doesn't compare to what the Soldiers are doing for the locals," said Tyler Libby, a firefighter with KBR. "Soldiers don't have a choice but to be here. God bless them all, and I hope them a safe return home."

Unlike Soldiers, employees for KBR sign a one-year contract, Mingo said. However, if conditions change and they make the decision to leave, KBR will fly them back to their home of record.

"Our employees and subcontractors understand the danger in Iraq and — with very few exceptions — they are steadfast in their dedication to complete the job in Iraq," Mingo said. "KBR also provides ten days rest and relaxation for employees every four months."

Contractors are regulated by the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program under the Army Material Command. LOGCAP was established with the publication of Army Regulation 700-137 in December 1985.

Safety: Extends campaign Armywide

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drawn from a phrase commonly used by Soldiers in combat theaters, was outlined as an aggressive, proactive plan by Brownlee and Schoomaker in an Army Safety Campaign plan publication.

The publication challenges leaders at the strategic, operational and tactical levels to target problem areas, hold leaders and Soldiers accountable and establish clear, consistent messages throughout the Army.

"We are an Army at war," Schoomaker said. "We owe it to our nation to protect every Soldier. Simply put, we can't do it without every one of you."

The safety campaign plan outlines five major objectives to guide actions within the ranks.

The objectives urged Army agencies and commands to disseminate the Army initiative information to the lowest levels, use proven safety measures, incorporate risk management into training, measure the effectiveness of the campaign and reward safety excellence.

"Now more than ever, we need the focus of every first-line leader to enforce policies, teach their Soldiers about everyday hazards and reduce risk in everyday operations," said Sergeant Major of the Army Ken Preston.

"Our Soldiers are too valuable to the Army and their families to take any chances with their safety," the plan reads. "Each life saved, each serious injury avoided and each piece of equipment undamaged may be the deciding factor in a battle in the global war on terrorism."

Under the new initiative, company commanders will be required to complete a commander's safety course prior to assumption of command and unit safety officers and NCOs will be required to complete the course within 30 days of receipt of duty assignment orders.

It urges leaders to keep safety in the face of their Soldiers and urges them to review current measures and modify them accordingly.

Here at Fort Benning, where there have already been three privately-owned vehicle fatalities this year, as compared to three for all of last year, focus on safety has been measurably sharpened.

On Kelley Hill, 3rd Brigade has implemented strong corrective training for Soldiers who are caught not wearing their seat belts.

For a first offense, the Soldier spends a day standing at an intersection with a sign that says "buckle up."

On the second offense, the Soldier's platoon sergeant and company commander have to stand with him.

Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Baker, brigade command sergeant major, said there haven't been any second offenses.

"We had some pretty bad accidents," said Baker.

"Soldiers were killed and some got very seriously injured and weren't wearing their seat belts, so the brigade commander and I implemented this policy," he said. Safety is a major priority for the unit.

Readiness is key, Baker said, and making sure the unit is prepared for its missions takes strong leadership.

"We practice safety procedures every day," Baker said.

"The policies have been in place, but it takes good leaders to enforce the regulations and standards," he said.

Baker said POV and motorcycle safety have been major concerns since the unit's redeployment last year and the subsequent proliferation of new vehicles and renewed interest in driving..

In addition to the seat belt focus, the brigade has implemented motorcycle safety courses to supplement the one required by installation regulations, Baker said.

Initiative like that is the action encouraged by the safety campaign plan.

"We are counting on every member of the Army team to do his or her part in reducing preventable accidents," it reads. "Every leader at every level is responsible for raising their units' level of safety awareness. This is a command function. Safety must be an integral part of every operation, on and off duty, tactical and administrative. The American people expect no less."

To download a copy of the Army Safety Campaign Plan or for more information, go to https://safety.army.mil/

Iraq: Needs troops

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Najaf, Karbala and Al Mahmudiyah.

Under the plan, the units were set to spend not more than 90 days extra in Iraq and not more than 120 days before getting home.

Now the 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, N.Y., the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp Pendleton, Calif., and the 24th MEU from Camp Lejeune, N.C., will arrive in Iraq in the June-July time frame.

"That will take us to a sustained level for now of around 135,000," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Norton Schwartz, the Joint Staff operations chief.

Before the Abizaid request, planners estimated the number of U.S. troops in Iraq was set at 115,000.

The 10th Division's brigade is going back to a combat zone after about seven months at Fort Drum.

The brigade deployed to Afghanistan and arrived home in December 2003. The Marine units will have spent a year at their home stations.

The Marine units will stick to their seven-month rotation plan, Schwartz said, and the Army unit can spend up to a year in Iraq. All this, of course, is subject to the needs of the combatant commander, he pointed out.

Schwartz also said that Rumsfeld has approved alerting more than 600 Army National Guard and Army Reserve units as part of the deployment for the Operation Iraqi Freedom 3 rotation.

These units will not deploy until later in the year.

This alert affects more than 37,000 Soldiers in combat-service and combat-service-support units.

He said the units include the gamut of specialties — among them aviation, transportation, quartermaster, signal, medical, military intelligence, military police, explosive ordnance disposal, maintenance, adjutant general, chaplain and engineer units.

The forces could be in Iraq for a year.

Plus-up: Requires Benning's mission to grow

"Our annual mission will rise from training 17,000 infantrymen a year to more than 23,000," he said. "We need to ensure *all* leave with the same skills and confidence to perform their infantry mission immediately upon reaching their first unit of assignment. Today's world situation demands this."

The fiscal 2005 gains increase the projected student load of 17,703 to 23,848 — a 30 percent increase, said Col. Robert Brown, director of Operations and Training.

Brown said the tasking for fiscal 2004 will cost $19.2 million. Of that, $6.6 million will pay for equipment, rounds and other training materials, while the remaining $12.6 million is already paying for modular housing for the additional troops, utilities, expanded dining facilities, additional 30th Adjutant General Reception Battalion billeting and additional civilian support.

The fiscal 2005 tasking has been tentatively priced at about $63 million.

That amount is significantly larger than what was approved to support the ITB mission in fiscal 2003, Brown said.

The money will have to come from somewhere, and funds may be diverted from officer and NCO education courses, he said.

The reallocation of OES and NCOES funds will come at a time when mission requirements are growing for the NCO Academy here, Brown said.

An NCOES backlog created by the ongoing operational tempo is already stretching the academy's resources, as well as those of Fort Benning's other source of trained instructors, the 29th Infantry Regiment.

Instructors who have been stabilized at Fort Benning for up to five years are now finally PCSing, Brown said, leaving NCOA and the 29th short on manpower and experience. Those holes aren't easily filled when it can take 30 to 90 days to train and certify an instructor, he said.

Brown said another big challenge is scraping together the equipment needed to train Soldiers to standard.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have depleted the pool of M-16 A4s, optics, M-40 gas masks, NVGs and ammunition, he said, leaving basic training units and combat courses hard-pressed to get the mission accomplished.

Brown said when adding this many new students, new units are formed and personnel, like rounds, "don't exactly grow on trees," he said.

"You have to build new companies," he said. "So you have to have a company commander and a first sergeant, an administrative section, a supply section and you have to have 12 drill sergeants to a company.

"Where do they come from?" he asked. "The Reserves."

The 1st Brigade, 84th Infantry Division (Institutional Training) is composed of Reserve drill sergeants who will augment the already short-staffed, active-duty drill sergeants currently on Sand Hill. The unit arrived Sunday.

A new battalion, the 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry Regiment, has been formed to help handle the regular summer rush of basic trainees and the additional Soldiers brought on by the tasking.

The new brigade structure will add the four companies and battalion headquarters of the 1st Bn., 329th Inf. Regt., and supplement the regular five battalions with E and F companies, Brown said.

These arrangements will carry ITB through fiscal 2004, Brown said.

But to meet the fiscal 2005 goals with the resources available, those Reserve drill sergeants will have to extend for an additional year and Training and Doctrine Command will have to stand up two additional companies.

"If they inactivate those drill sergeants, (TRADOC) has to replace that capability," he said.

Another option would be to have the Basic Combat Training Brigade conduct one-station unit training, as well, Brown said, but that option is "not acceptable for the infantry."

Because more than 60 percent of the skills taught in Armywide basic training units are infantry skills, Fort Benning is the proponent for basic combat training. By converting BCTB to OSUT, Fort Benning would essentially be giving up its proponency, Brown said.

"This mission does present some challenges," Baldy said. "Fortunately, these challenges are mitigated by the proactive and detailed planning conducted by the ITB staff, Fort Benning and TRADOC. We will accomplish this mission to standard because the Army understands its importance and is prioritizing resources accordingly.

"The support from TRADOC, the Installation Management Agency and the Army staff remains outstanding," he said.

That resource prioritizing concept was affirmed by the TRADOC commander, Gen. Kevin Byrnes, during a visit to Fort Benning April 22.

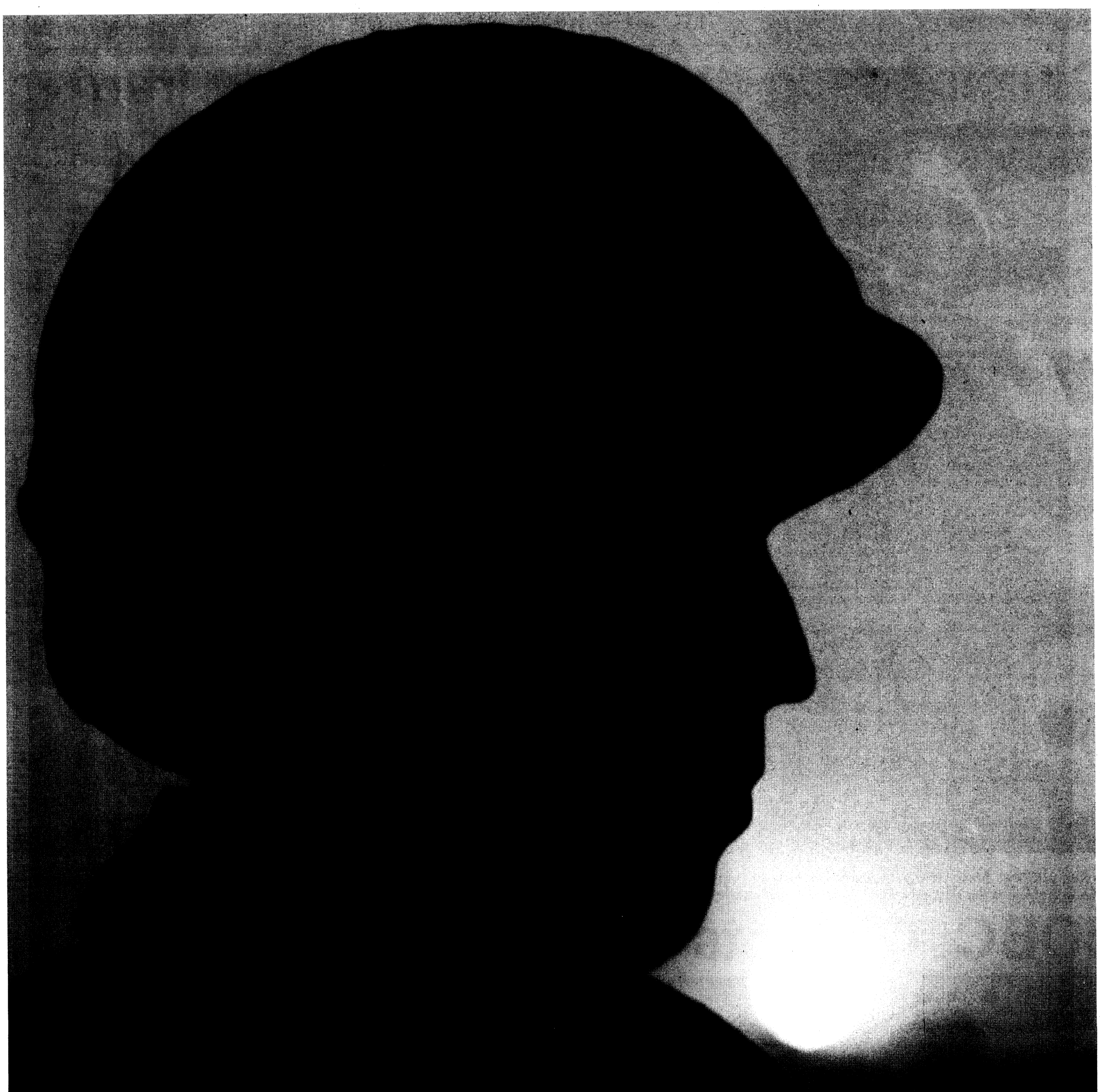
"(Fort Benning cadre) will get what they need," Byrnes said. "Money, people — I'll divert whatever I have to."

There are even more challenges ahead for Brown, Baldy and the ITB cadre in the coming months, though.

The added work load will fall in what Brown calls "the red zone." Between May and September, there is a normal surge in the training load throughout the schoolhouses at Fort Benning; these 2,300 extra Soldiers complicate an already chaotic time, he said.

"Our resource challenges are being addressed by the installation staff, TRADOC and the Army," Baldy said. "The importance of this mission is evident in the prioritization of Armywide resources including the mobilization of seven Reserve companies and a battalion headquarters to support the mission."

But the sacrifices are necessary, Brown said. As a nation at extended war in multiple theaters, he said the number one priority is supporting those forces deployed overseas by giving them the manpower they need.



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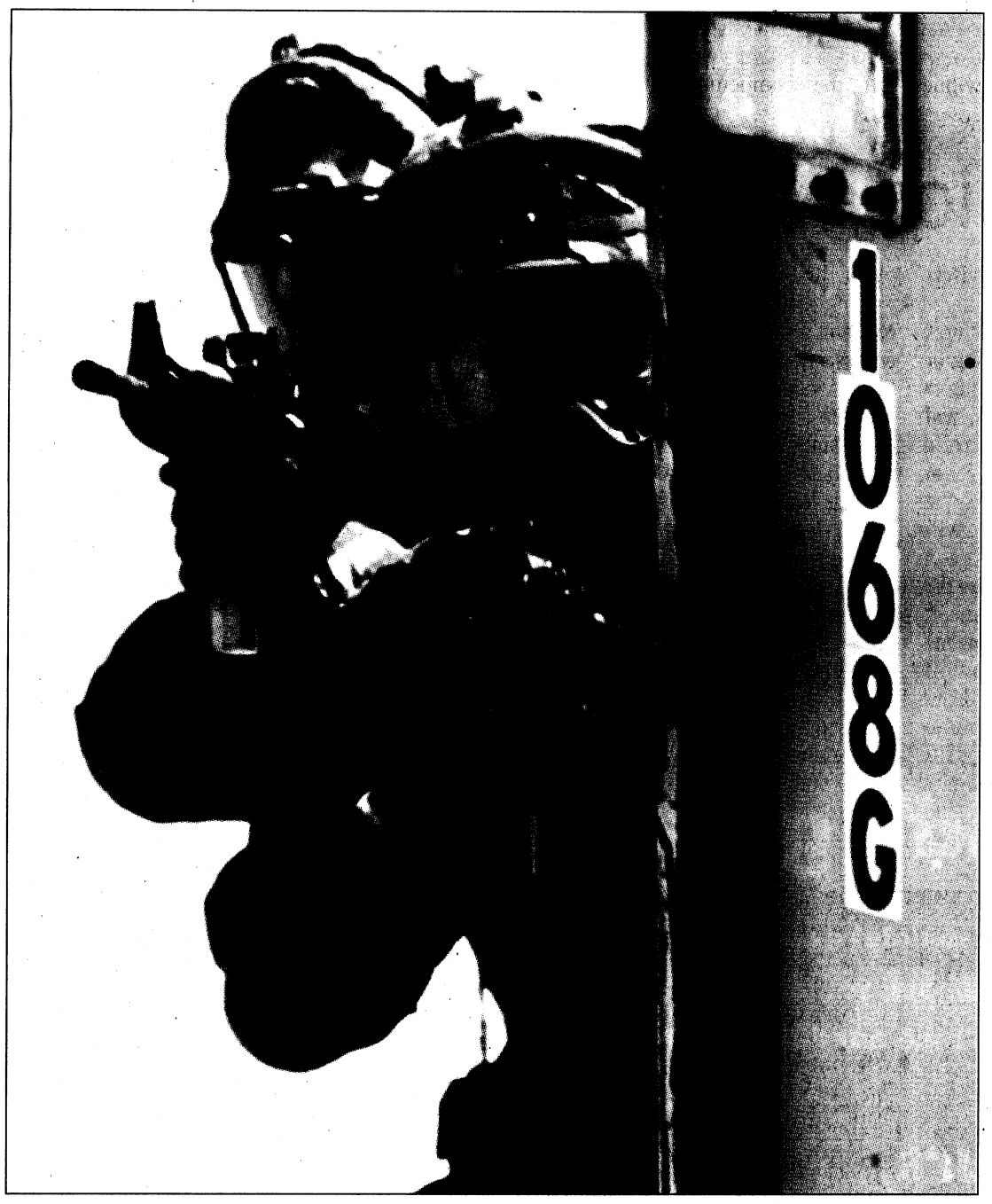
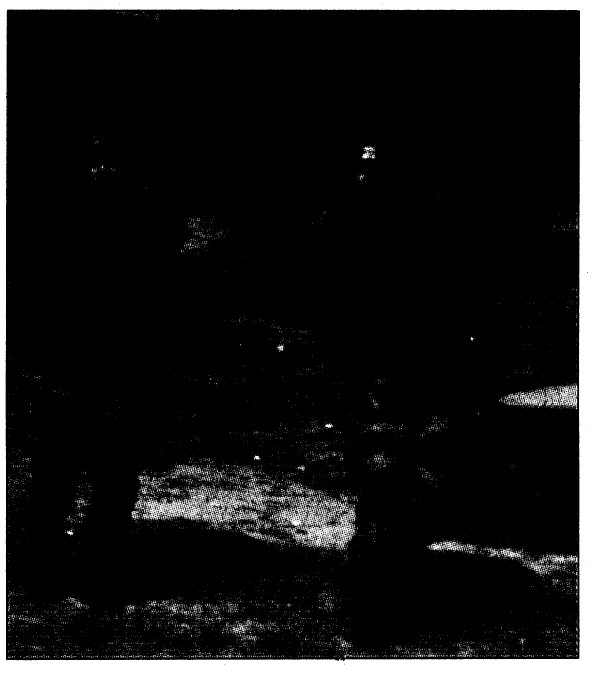
Infantry Officer Basic Course students practice staying alert and alive as they provide cover and security for their battle buddies who are clearing buildings along a street at the McKenna MOUT site Tuesday afternoon. The students are wearing protective gear to help lessen the impact of 9 mm "simmunition" rounds.

IOBC, OIF vets conduct MOUT ops



ABOVE: Students look from behind cover as their squad prepares to enter the MOUT site town and begin searching and clearing buildings.

RIGHT: Students rush into colored smoke they used as concealment during their initial assault on the MOUT site, as a battle buddy provides cover. Each platoon faced seven Soldiers from C Company, 1st Battalion, 15 Infantry Regiment, who filled the roles of opposing forces and offered feedback based on combat experience with the 3rd Infantry Division in Iraq.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Infantry Officer Basic Course Class 03-04 conducted platoon battle drills this week at McKenna MOUT site.

Sgt. 1st Class Vern Daley, platoon sergeant trainer for 3rd Platoon and the NCOIC of the weeklong training, said there are a few reasons why this week's training is different than most of the training IOBC has done in the past.

"This is only our third iteration using the 'simmunition'," Daley said.

Simmunition rounds have been used Armywide during the past five to six years, he said, but IOBC just recently brought the training tool on board.

Simmunition rounds are 9 mm rounds made out of colored detergent. Daley said even though the concept is the same as a standard paintball round, the effect is much more painful with the simmunition.

"When you get stung by simmunition, you know you have been hit," he said. "Pain is a great motivator to teach you what you have done right and what you have done wrong."

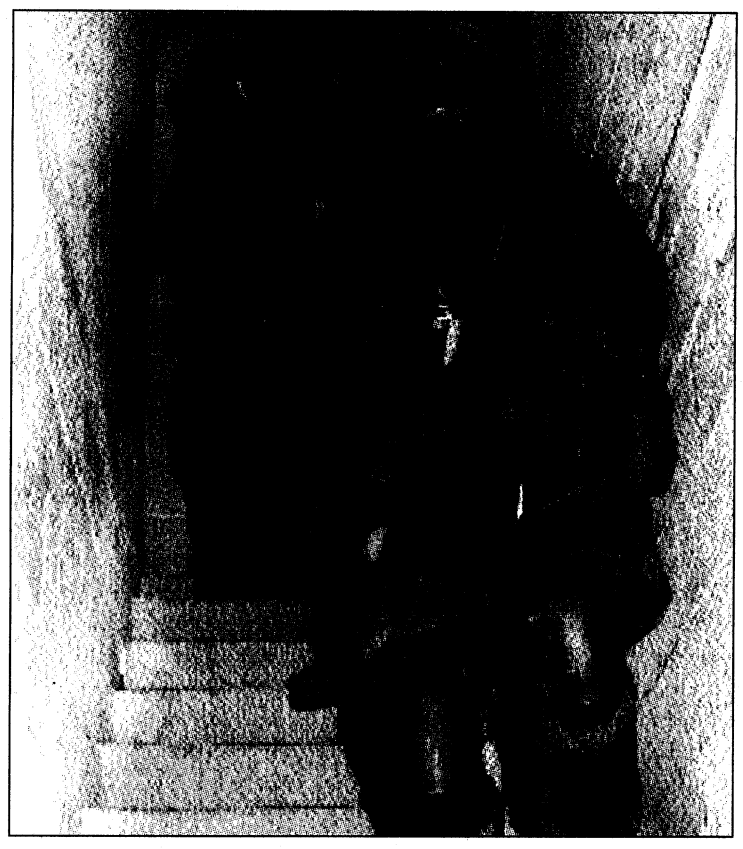
Daley said IOBC follows the standard operating procedures and they teach the usual infantry doctrine, but with the simunition and relatively flexible training at the MOUT site, many other important lessons are taught.

"We want to create a situation where (the students) can be flexible and adaptable," he said. "This is the best way. They are in a realistic environment facing changing scenarios with multiple strategies.

"Basically, this is probably some of the best training these guys get," he said.

Another new aspect of this cycle's MOUT training is the unique experience to work with veterans of the Iraqi Freedom operation, he said.

"We've got some guys from (C Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment) out here doing some co-training," Daley said. "They are playing (opposing forces) and we are getting really good feedback from some guys who have some great experience."



A squad moves down a stairwell after clearing and securing the top floor of a building at the MOUT site.

This IOBC class also had the opportunity to train with foreign soldiers.

1st Lt. Athanasias Fourtounas, an officer in the Greek army, said training with IOBC has been a valuable experience for him.

"I have worked with Americans before, in Kosovo, and now I have seen training here," Fourtounas said. "It's good. It meets high standards.

"It is so good to have the allies training together," he said. "They get to see how I work, and I get to see how they work. We exchange tactics and techniques, go to a common school and get common training. The Greek Army goes everywhere the Americans do, so why not train with them?"

Fourtounas said he will return to Greece after the class graduates in two weeks and work as part of the security force for the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

He said the MOUT training he has conducted with IOBC will come in handy, because it was so realistic and mirrored the architecture commonly found throughout Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

IOBC student 2nd Lt. Charles Simmons also said the MOUT training was useful.

"It gives us the basics," he said. "Most of us are going to go into combat in Iraq. When we go, we will be in an urban environment just like this. This is probably the most important training we can do."

2nd Lt. Vlaine Sellman, also an IOBC student, said the training was crucial for most of the students.

"It's dealing with an urban environment, so it's really important," he said. "I wish we had more time out of four and a half months; we only get three days."

Daley said the class will wrap up their last training session before graduation with a culmination event next week that will include a 16-mile road march followed by tactical training.

Soldiers duke it out with pugil sticks

Training boosts Soldier confidence

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Hand-to-hand combat isn't taken lightly in the Army.

With the increasing frequency of face-to-face fighting with insurgents in Iraq and Afghanistan, Soldiers in 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, are preparing themselves with pugil stick bouts, another form of hand-to-hand combat.

"Pugil stick bouts help give the Soldiers confidence," said 1st Sgt. Jeffrey Cutty, B Company, 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt. "If they can go into a bout while training and be confident in their abilities, then if they're faced with that situation later on down the road when they're deployed, they should have no problem."

Although these Soldiers won't deploy with the 29th, a non-deployable unit, many of them will PCS to units that do deploy.

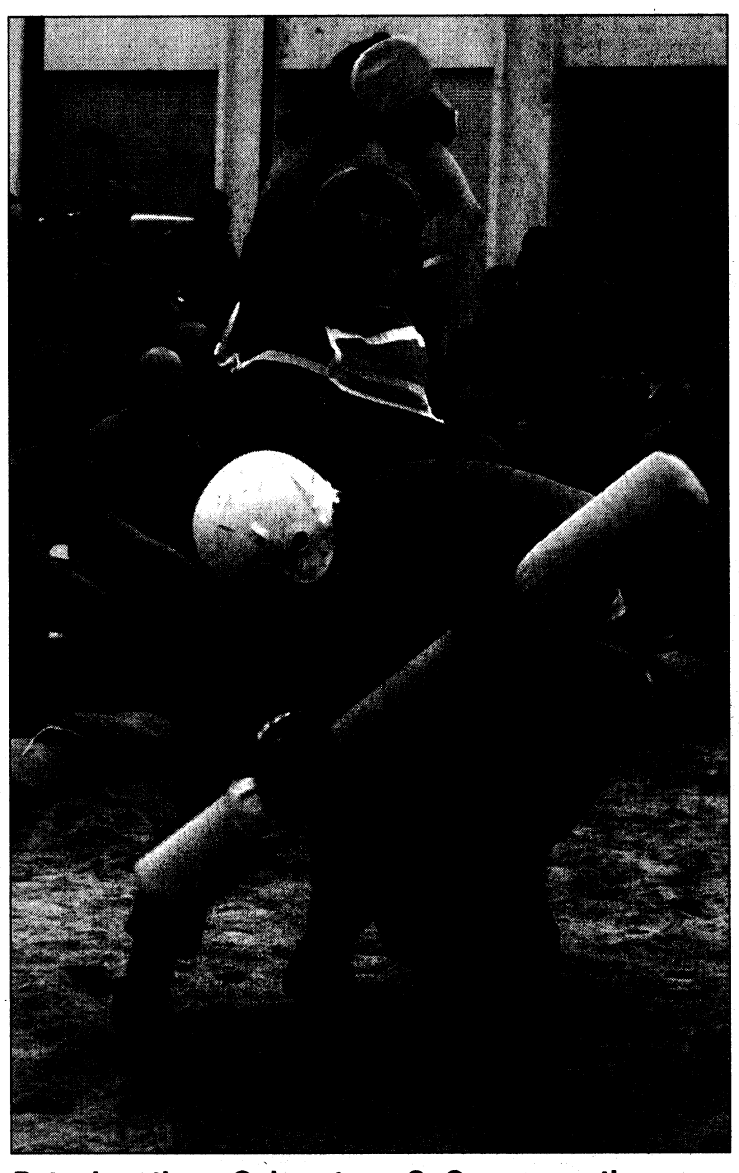
"We have the chance to develop these Soldiers' mental toughness," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael George, battalion command sergeant major. "When they do deploy with a unit, we know they'll have the confidence to kill the enemy."

George held a pugil competition between the battalion's four companies at Collins Training Area April 30.

"Many of these Soldiers say their unit is the best — well, this is their chance to prove it," he said. "We want to see who has that warrior spirit."

Each of the companies selected 10 combatants to fight in two-minute bouts.

"This is what we wanted," said Spc. Kurtis Smith, A Company. "We had to prove we are the best company and I think we did that."



Pvt. Jonathan Oxley, top, C Company, throws a vicious hit on Pfc. Jeremy Lederhaus, B Company.

As the bouts progressed, the intensity grew, and the smallest mistakes proved costly.

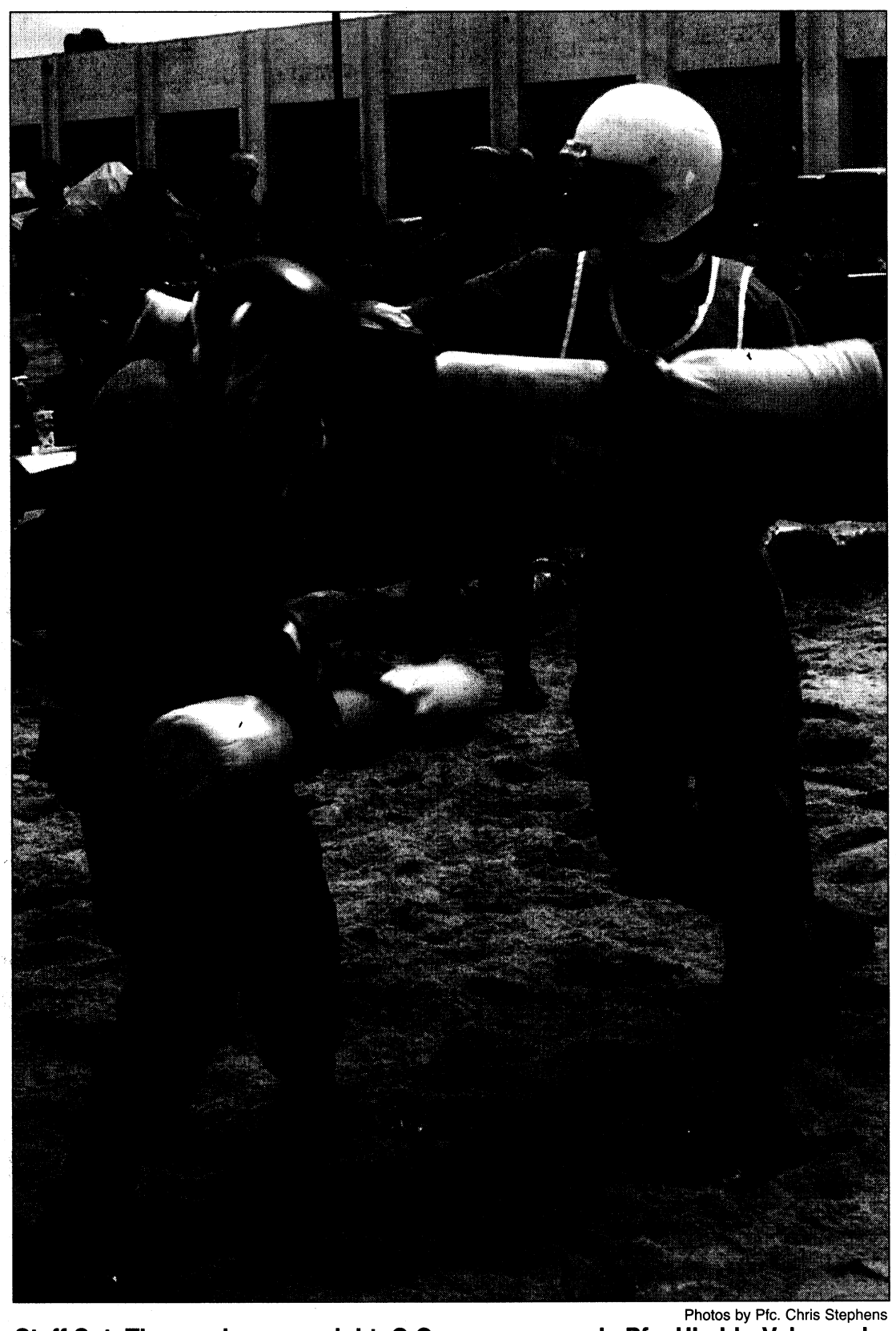
"The hardest things were keeping your balance and having enough energy for the whole fight," said Spc. Jason Roark, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "You didn't want to make the first mistake, because if you did, then it would be a long two minutes."

The fact that each Soldier had to compete three times added another degree of difficulty.

"It's tough, because in one bout, the guy you're fighting fights in a different style than the guy you fought before," Roark said. "It's something you have to adjust to or you're going to be on the wrong end of some very vicious hits."

The Soldiers agreed the pugil stick bouts were a great way to boost their morale.

"Most of the time, our mission prevents us from doing fun events like this," Smith said. "It's a great way to build camaraderie and to have fun with everyone outside of the motor pool."



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Staff Sgt. Thomas Lemons, right, C Company, pounds Pfc. Ubaldo Valenzuela, B Company, during their bout Friday at the Collins Training Area.

At the end of the day, when C Company was declared the winner, all the competitors congratulated each other on hard-fought matches.

"That's what it's all about," George said.

"If we can challenge them competitively and bring them closer together as a unit, then I feel that our training was successful."

MPs' training stresses ethics, values

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — American military police receive training in the ethical treatment of prisoners, detainees and refugees, officials at the Military Police School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., said.

While all service members receive training on the Geneva Conventions and the rules of war, these aspects are particularly stressed in training military police, officials said. MP officers are confounded that some MPs allegedly abused and degraded detainees at the Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad.

To a person, they express shock and revulsion at the acts. Six soldiers have been charged with abuse, and six more received letters of reprimand. The Army has conducted five investigations, and some continue.

MP officials said that from the beginning, new Soldiers — enlisted and officer — receive a strong ethical base. Instructors at the school stress the Army's core values: service, respect, loyalty, integrity, honor, duty and courage.

"Nowhere in there do you see anything that would allow MPs to abuse prisoners," said an MP officer.

Gen. George W. Casey, Army vice chief of staff, said the Army is a value-based organization, and photos of alleged prisoner abuse that have been broadcast and published recently do not reflect the service's values.

"What you see in those pictures is not indicative of our training or our values," he said following a meeting with the Senate Armed Services Committee. "It is a complete breakdown in discipline."

Casey said the Army will continue investigations and will punish those found guilty under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Military police are responsible for the safety and security of detainees and those around them, officials said, and they're trained to follow specific protocols. MPs speed detainees to places of safety once captured, they question and classify detainees, and they then place them in the appropriate holding areas, officials said. They restrain when appropriate and necessary, officials added, and they treat detainees according to the Geneva Conventions and in accordance with the rules of war.

Military police do not conduct interrogations, nor do they "soften up" detainees for military intelligence personnel, officials said. In the Army, the basic combat support MP has a military occupational specialty designation of 31 Bravo. Corrections specialists have 31 Charlie and criminal investigation specialists are classified 31 Delta. All receive instruction in ethical handling of enemy prisoners of war, detainees and refugees, officials said.

Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex at Fort Benning, GA

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex (DMPRC) would provide gunnery training facilities for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle (BFV) and the Abrams M1A1 Tank System (Tank), providing the capability for both active and reserve components to train to required standards under realistic conditions. Fort Benning proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a DMPRC. The DMPRC would provide a state-of-the-art range facility to meet the Army's training needs for soldiers to conduct gunnery courses in a realistic training environment by expanding the Installation's training capacity. The current ranges on Fort Benning do not meet modern gunnery standards and are inadequate to support full gunnery training and qualifications, requiring training to modified standards. The project would include construction of the firing and target area, installation of fiber optics, construction of support facilities, upgrading and construction of associated roadways, installation of utilities to support the site, construction of a helipad, construction of other related equipment and facilities, and operation and maintenance of the DMPRC.

DATES: To be considered in preparation for the Record of Decision (ROD), comments must be received not later than 7 June 2004.

ADDRESSES: Please direct written comments or requests for copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) to Mr. Richard McDowell, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Army Infantry Center, ATTN: ATZB-PO, Fort Benning, GA, 31905-5122 or email to mcdowellr@benning.army.mil. Comments may also be submitted via the Fort Benning website: www.benning.army.mil/EMD/dmprcLegal&PublicNotices.htm (where the FEIS is also available for review).

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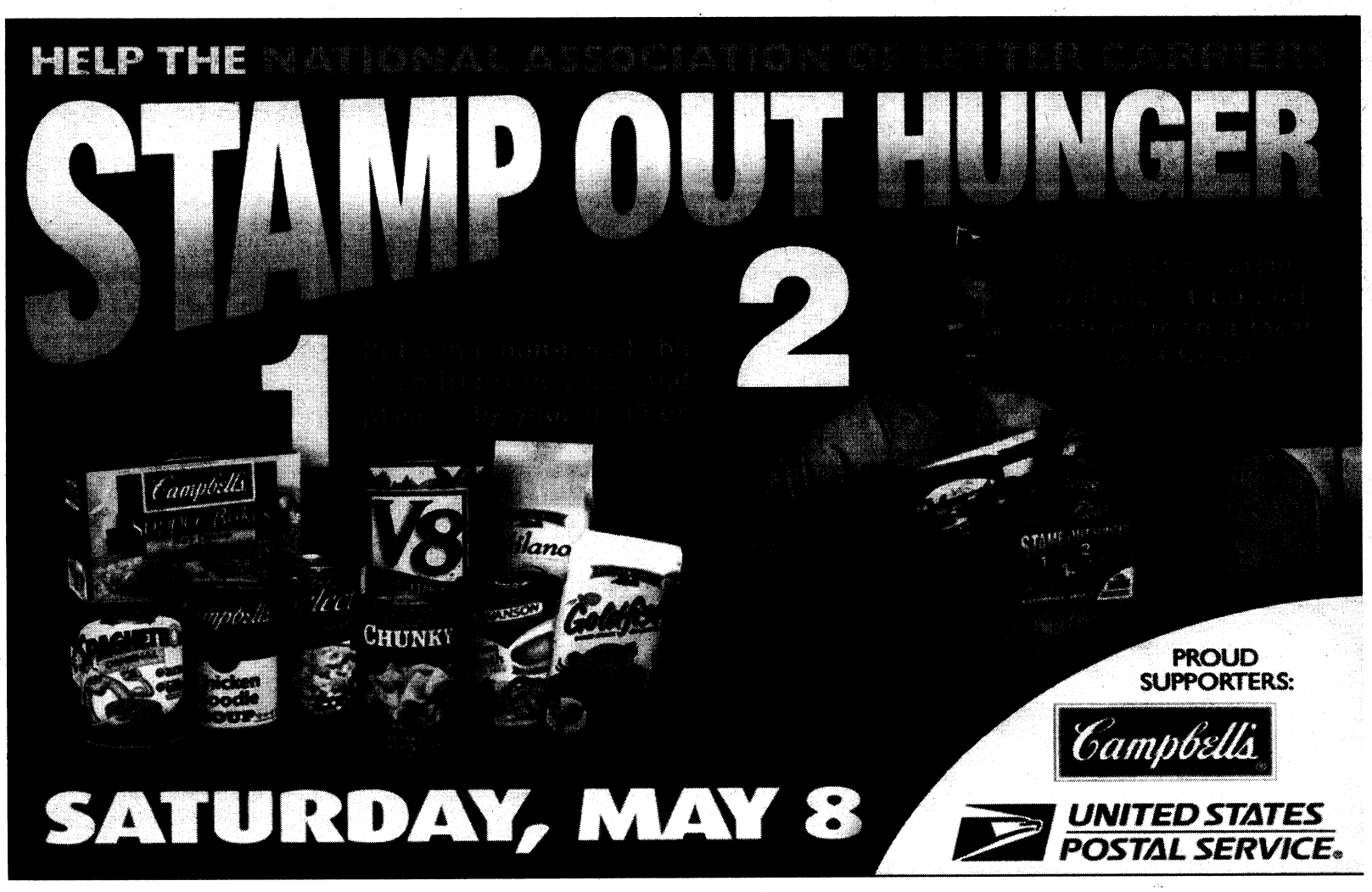

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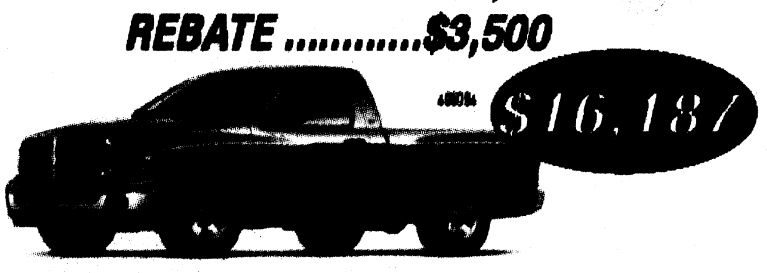

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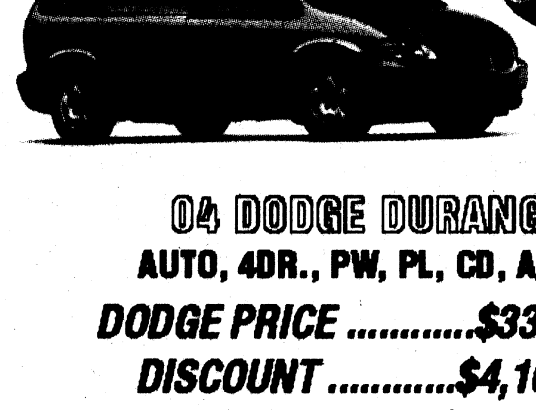

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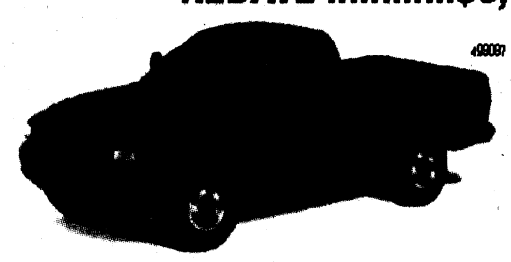

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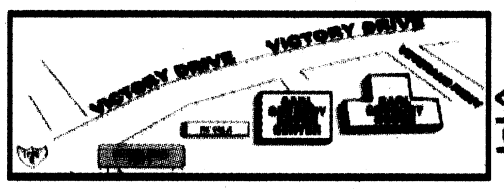

Post theater group to take stage

California Suite to 'keep audience laughing'

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Benning's Backstage is at it again, this time with Neil Simon's classic comedy *California Suite*.

The four-scene production follows the lives of four groups of people who occupy Suite 203 in a California hotel.

It will keep the audience laughing from beginning to end, said Peggy Cornwell, play director, producer and actress.

"It's the best theater show in town," Cornwell said.

The play features a well-rounded cast of professional, amateur and first-time actors, including Soldiers, military spouses and retirees, Cornwell said.

"It's a wonderfully talented cast," Cornwell said. "They come to rehearsal prepared — it's a director's dream."

The first scene, *Visitor from New York*, introduces divorced couple Hanah (Gettys Nelson) and Billy (Sgt. Bobby Hollingsworth.) Their 17-year-old daughter runs away from Hanah and goes to stay with her father in California. Hanah follows her daughter to California and meets with Billy to fight to get her child back. Will Hanah get her daughter?

In scene two, *Visitor from Philadelphia,* Marvin (Eugene Dixon) is in California for his nephew's bar mitzvah. His brother surprises him with a prostitute, Bunny (Latanya Wiggins) in his hotel room. His wife, Millie (Sgt. Kizzy Armstrong) surprises him the following morning. Will Millie stay with Marvin?

In scene three, *Visitors from London*, Diana (Cornwell) is an actress visiting California as a nominee for an Oscar. She brings along her husband, Sidney (John Lee) for the ride. Diana is very nervous, as this is her first Oscar nomination, gets drunk, throws up and makes a fool of herself in front of everybody. Not only does she lose the the Oscar, but she also finds out her

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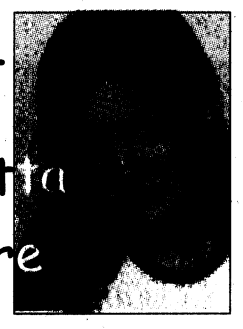
Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Eugene Dixon and Sgt. Kizzy Armstrong rehearse a scene from Niel Simons' comedy *California Suite* at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center Tuesday.

Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Quick — look at your watch. If it's after 9 a.m. but before 1 p.m. (Friday), put down your paper and go — run — to Kinnett Stadium. You are quite possibly missing one of the best experiences I've discovered in Columbus, the Special Olympics.

If it's too late now, you may as well stick around and find out what the heck I'm talking about.

Now, before you wrinkle your nose at the thought of *volunteering* in your free time, think about it. When's the last time you did something special for someone? Something that really helped them out in some way and gave you that feeling that only a good deed can give.

Now think about all the people in your life who have done something like that for you. Something as small as taking the time out to come support you in something you love.

Maybe you can't repay everyone who's ever helped you out, but I'm a big believer in "paying it forward." One of the greatest things you can do in life is pass on the kindness you've been shown to someone else who needs it.

And the Special Olympics is one of the greatest ways you can do that.

There was a time I would've been hard to sell on the idea — it's depressing, right? All these people who suffer from mental retardation and other physical challenges?

Think again. The first time I went out to an S.O. event was exactly one year ago, and I couldn't have been more wrong (OK, ignorant) if I'd tried.

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ITB troops clean up McGraw Manor

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Weekend mornings in McGraw Manor are usually quiet.

But Saturday was a different story. The Infantry Training Brigade sponsored a cleanup in the housing area, putting Soldiers from its battalions to work to beautify the neighborhood.

"We want these Soldiers to understand the importance of giving back to the community," said 1st Lt. Moises Ortiz, brigade assistant supply officer. "They are all new to the Army, and they need to understand about taking care of the Army family.

"Many of these Soldiers will be deploying to the Middle East when they finish training, and they need to know that the Army and its Soldiers will take care of their families while they are gone."

As part of the clean-up, families picked out flowers and pinestraw, provided by Shaw Infrastructure to help beautify their yards.

The families also used the opportunity to edge their walkways and clean up inside the house.

"It's nice that all of this stuff is being provided for us free of charge," said Spc. Shannon Paulson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Infantry Center. "It really makes us want to help with keeping the area clean."

Meanwhile, each battalion was given a specific area of McGraw Manor and was in charge of edging, cutting grass, picking up trash, tree-trimming and cleaning up the playground area.

The main objective for the Soldiers working in the playground area was to fill in sand around the equipment.

Some of the Soldiers considered it an honor to be helping post families.

"I think it's a great thing to help families on post," said Pvt. Sean Ellefsen, B Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment. "Some of their Soldiers are deployed, and they can't do a lot of the things that we can. It feels good knowing you did some good in the community."

ITB sponsors two clean-ups each year for Fort Benning, one in the spring and one in the fall.

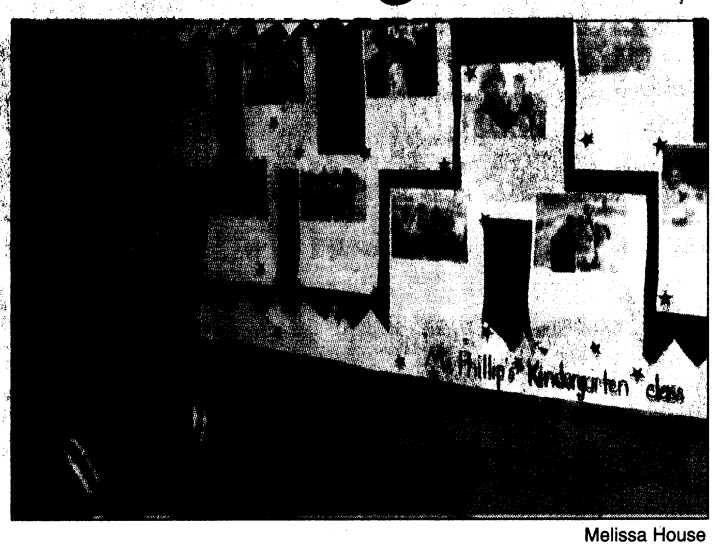
"It's all about taking care of the Army family," Ortiz said. "Anything we can do to help, we are more than happy to do it."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Pvt. Michael Johnson, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, clears weeds from the playground area as part of the McGraw Manor cleanup Saturday.

Students forge bond with 'Iron Rangers'



Melissa House

Joel Turner looks at the wall of letters Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division have sent back to his class.

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Dear May,

Thank you for all your support and the support of your family and friends. It's always nice to get letters from you guys. It puts a smile on our faces.

Spc. Steven Bennett

It's the kind of letter that brings tears to your eyes. It's the heartfelt thanks of a Soldier overseas to his pen pals in Carolyn Phillips' kindergarten class at White Elementary School.

Although many relationships may fizzle over time, Phillips' students are dedicated to keeping in touch with their pen pals from 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, in the 1st Inf. Division normally stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. The Soldiers now live and work right outside of Fallujah, one of the Iraqi cities frequently in the news.

Kindergartner Joel Turner has a special relationship with Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Leggette, and that's what started the whole project. Less than a year ago, Joel's dad, Lt. Col. Tony Turner, commanded the "Iron Rangers."

"They're called the Iron Rangers because they carry lots of equipment and have big, heavy tanks," Joel said. He likes writing to them because, "they are protecting us over there and it's where we don't want to be."

Phillips said the Soldiers kept writing and asked the children to keep writing because it made them feel good.

She's incorporated the letter-writing in their classroom routine, usually during their writing lessons. The

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BIRTHS

Boys

Jayden Elijah Pace — born April 21 to Cari and Spc. Christopher Pace.

Billy Joe Morris — born April 21 to Dianna and Spc. Tommy Morris.

Sean Tyler Diamonte — born April 21 to Elizabeth Diamonte and Pfc. Clyde Gean.

Walter Jaydon Christopher Hodge — born April 21 to Tonia and Staff Sgt. Walter Hodge.

Joshua Tyler Silvers — born April 22 to Kimberly and Spc. Joshua Silvers.

Leon Montiel Johnson Jr. — born April 23 to Shalonda and Sgt. Leon Johnson.

Caleb Joshua Gregory — born April 24 to Andrea and Spc. Adam Gregory.

David Ceballos Jr. — born April 25 to Pfc. Maranda Albert and Pfc. David Ceballos.

William Lee Hunt III — born April 25 to Niasha and Pfc. William Hunt Jr.

DiAnjelo Akil Walker — born April 25 to Simone and Staff Sgt. Stanton Walker.

Kristian Morris Perry — born April 26 to Kristina and Master Sgt. Wayne Perry.

Dylan Kyle Frost — born April 26 to Spc. Kimberly and Andrew Frost.

Nathaniel Isaac Hill — born April 27 to Maj. Demetrice and Charles Hill.

Donald Elbert Dennis III — born April 27 to Rebecca and Spc. Donald Dennis II.

Girls

Aubrey Estella Rae Wells — born April 21 to Esperansa and Staff Sgt. Justin Wells.

Anne Katharine Corliss — born April 23 to Katharine and Capt. Christopher Corliss.

Karen Elizabeth Anglesey Carter — born April 24 to Sarah and Sgt. William Carter.

Abigail Rose Silvestri — born April 25 to Erin and Sgt. 1st Class John Silvestri.

Rihyona Princess Robinson — born April 25 to Racquel and Sgt. Craig Robinson.

Adriana Antoinette Facchini — born April 26 to Christine and Staff Sgt. Peter Facchini.

Hannah Emily Fischer — born April 26 to Erin and 2nd Lt. David Fischer.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Military Spouse Appreciation day — The Army Community Service Center Family Advocacy Program wants to remind everyone that Military Spouse Appreciation Day is celebrated today.

To show our appreciation, the FAP will have a display set up at the ACS Center, Building 2624, Soldiers' Plaza, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today with free educational materials on parenting, building better relationships, blended families and other family-related topics, and a tote bag to each military spouse who stops by.

For more information on Military Spouse Appreciation Day, call Rebecca Welch, FAP manager, at 545-7517.

ESC meeting — The Enlisted Spouses' Club will hold its annual "Pamper Yourself Night" in honor of Mother's Day at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Building 359 (FUN Center).

Activities include facials by Harmonious Happenings, Satin Hands by a Mary Kay rep, Body Shop demos, Pampered Chef demos and homemade cakes and candy samples from a local baker.

Refreshments and child care will be provided. The meeting is open to all enlisted spouses, active and retired, and female enlisted Soldiers.

AUSA Job Fair — The Association of the U.S. Army is sponsoring a job fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in Infantry Hall.

The job fair is open to Soldiers (active-duty and retired), Department of the Army civilians, family members and the general public.

Interested parties should bring 20 copies of their résumés for possible on-site interviews.

For résumé assistance, call the Army Career and Alumni Program Transition Assistance Office at 545-2308 or the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program at 545-6969 or 545-5516.

Family housing medical conditions — Family Housing Maintenance Shaw Infrastructure requests that all family housing occupants who have medical conditions provide a copy of their doctor's letter for medical exception to the Family Housing Maintenance Shop at Building 228 on Kilgore Street.

The purpose for the medical exception letter is to allow for a higher priority on service orders pertaining to air conditioning, heating and other maintenance requests.

This only affects the occupants of Iron Triangle, White Elephants, Miller Loop, Austin Loop, McDaniel Manor, Indianhead Terrace, Upatoi Terrace and Custer Terrace.

For more information, call Bill Napier at 545-4326.

Home providers needed — Fort Benning Family Child Care wants you to be a home provider.

Are you interested in a profitable business, one that provides care services in the comfort of your own home? If you enjoy working with children between the ages of 4 weeks and 12 years and are willing to become certified, Family Child Care may be of interest to you.

The program is designed to offer quality child care in an in-home environment. FCC offers military families hourly, full-time, part-time, extended hours and long-term care so as to be flexible.

Training is at no cost.

For more information, call 545-4368.

Educational Task Force — The garrison commander would like to recruit volunteers to serve on a new Educational Task Force.

The task force's responsibility will be to report to the garrison commander on issues affecting military families and students in surrounding school districts.

The task force will be comprised of parent volunteers who have students in each of the following school districts: Russell County, Harris County, Lee County (Ala.), Phenix City, Fort Benning Dependent School System, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County.

If you are interested in joining the Educational Task Force, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

Thrift Shop new hours — The Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop has new hours.

The shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 687-4830.

CYS drop box — There is a drop box by Central Registration, Building 359, for patrons who wish to make Child and Youth Services payments during and after business hours.

Payments must be in the form of check, debit or credit card. Do not leave cash. Payments will be posted the next business day.

Envelopes will be provided for the patrons convenience; follow envelope instructions. Patrons should also be aware that payments in cash, check or money order can be made for any CYS program at all program sites except the Youth Center, Building 1056.

For more information, call 545-2079.

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative has mailed out surveys to current family housing residents.

The cut-off for responses is June 25.

For more information, call Lillian Salazar at 545-0667.

ACS Food Locker — Eligible personnel (active-duty, retiree families and widowers of deceased Army personnel) who wish to use the Army Community Service Food Locker should visit the ACS Center, Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

After completing an application, signed by either a unit first sergeant or commander (active-duty personnel), the client will be directed to the Food Locker, where they can select a two-day supply of food items from stock.

For more information, call 545-4043.

ARC Summer Youth Program — The Fort Benning Red Cross is gearing up for its Summer Youth Volunteer Program for children ages 13 to 18. This program will run 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday between June 7 and July 16, with volunteer hours available from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Youth will have the opportunity to volunteer at Martin Army Community Hospital, the Veterinary Clinic, Sayers Library and many other places.

Youth packages are now available and ready to be picked up.

There will be a parent question-and-answer session from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Red Cross Office in Building 2626 at Soldiers' Plaza.

Applications are due no later than May 21.

Free English classes — Free English as a second language instruction is offered for adults from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at E.A. White Elementary School.

The instruction is designed for those who need help with grammar, vocabulary, civic and naturalization issues and conversational fluency.

For more information, call Myrtle L. Chalkley at 545-4562 or 545-7742.

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Open House — The 5th Ranger Training Battalion will conduct an open house and training demonstration Saturday.

The battalion is located at Camp Frank D. Merrill in Dahlonega, Ga.

Displays open at 9:30 a.m., followed by other activities, including a Rangers in Action demonstration at noon and a barbecue and bluegrass festival at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 706-864-3367 ext. 211.

Kids Day America — On May 15, chiropractic offices worldwide will participate in the 10th annual Kids Day America/International, a health, safety and environmental awareness day.

Dr. Ryan Overton of The Total You Health Center and Dr. Garth Johnson of West Georgia Clinic will sponsor the event at the Pop B. Austin Rec Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Information on crime prevention, children's health and environmental awareness will be provided free of charge, along with free child ID cards. The Columbus Police Department will be on hand to provide free fingerprinting of all children.

There will be special appearances by McGruff the Crime Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog and the Columbus Fire Department, Wons Martial Arts will hold a and a self-defense demonstration.

For more information, call The Total You Health Center at 653-2225.

Pre-Memorial Day program — There will be a Pre-Memorial Day program at 10:30 a.m. May 22 at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, located at the junction of Buena Vista Road and Lawyers Lane.

Refreshments will be served. The Army Band will play patriotic tunes and the Marines from Albany will give the 21-gun salute.

For more information, call Lonnie Jackson at 321-9596.

Summer tutorial program — Combined Communities of Southeast Columbus is planning its annual Volunteer Summer Tutorial Program. The schedule is: Registration, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 25-27; classes begin May 31 and end June 25. Lunch is provided daily by the Columbus Parks and Recreation.

During registration week, tutors and volunteers are asked to come for the orientation session at 11 a.m. May 28. Orientation sessions should last less than 30 minutes.

Tutoring will take place at Eastway Elementary School, located on Buena Vista Road in Columbus.

For more information, call C.C.S.C., Inc. at 321-9596.

Phone cards for troops — The Department of Defense has announced that any American can now help troops in contingency operations call home. The Defense Department has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards for troops who are deployed.

To donate a prepaid calling card to a military member go to www.aafes.com or www.navy-nex.com.

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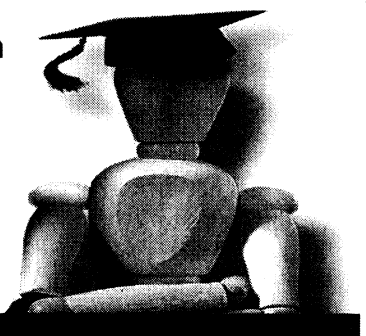
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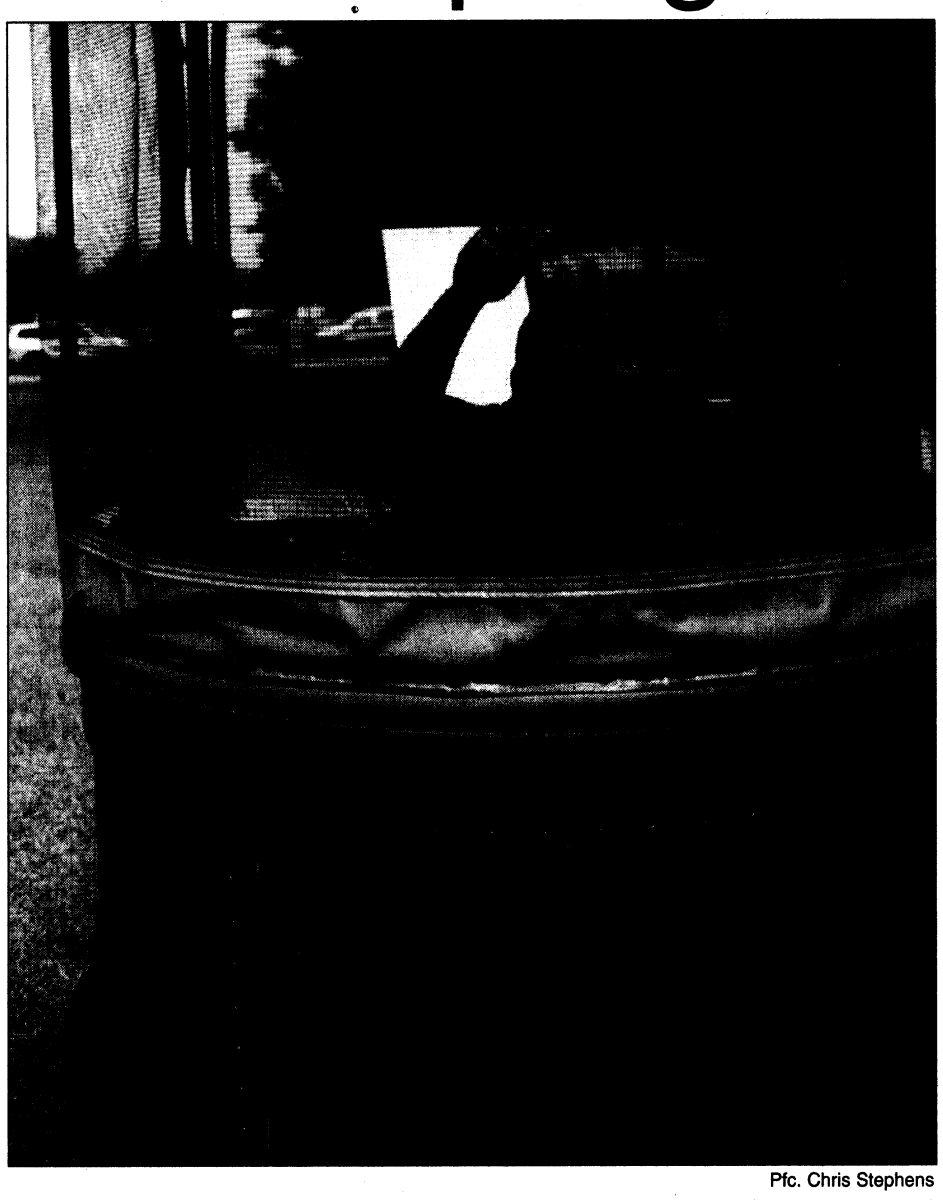
Unit hosts Spring Fling, boosts morale

Maj. Curtis Crum, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, executive officer, goes down in the dunk booth. Crum was just one of many of the battalion leadership to get dunked by children of battalion Soldiers.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment's schedule doesn't leave a lot of breathing room, but that didn't stop the unit from organizing a "fun day" for its Soldiers.

The battalion held a Spring Fling Saturday to help bring the unit closer together.

"This battalion works Monday through Saturday, 50 weeks a year," said Lt. Col. Gregory Kane, battalion commander. "Even with this day going on, some Soldiers had to fulfill their mission requirements supporting the Basic Combat Training Brigade and the Infantry Training Brigade."

But those Soldiers were still able to participate in some of the day's activities.

"We put some of those Soldiers on a rotation with others so they could come out here and enjoy themselves at least some of the time," Kane said. "It's great to see all of these Soldiers step up and take their place so they could come have some fun."

As part of their Spring Fling, the companies competed against each other in tug-of-war, volleyball and horseshoes.

"The competitions are great," said Sgt. Sterlin Richardson, Flight Company. "The games get really competitive, and it gives you the opportunity to see how you stack up against everyone else in the battalion."

Richardson, along with other Soldiers in his company, are new to the battalion and said the Spring Fling was a great opportunity for them to meet the other Soldiers in the battalion.

"As the brand new company here, we don't know many people in the battalion," Richardson said. "This is a great way for us to introduce ourselves to everyone else and make some friends within the battalion."

There was also a moon walk and a dunking booth for children to enjoy.

"I like the dunking booth," said Jacob Prather, 6. "I like to get people wet who are up there."

Although the games and competitions were fun for everyone, the main focus of the event was for the Soldiers to spend time with their families.

"Families are important," Richardson said. "A married Soldier isn't complete without his family, and I think it's great that the command team decided to include them in on this day."

For some Soldiers, family time is rare because of the battalion's mission, which is to support ITB and BCTB Soldiers in training.

"It's very hard to get quality time with your family," said Spc. John Marion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "This event shows how much our leadership cares about the Soldiers."

Overall, the day was considered a success.

"Where else can you go and have this much fun," Marion said. "This is a great team building thing and our unit will be much stronger because of it."

Theater: Brings excitement

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husband is gay. What will Diana do?

The final scene, *Visitors from New York*, introduces two couples who vacation together in California. Mort and Beth (Spc. James Lee and Ashley Diedrich) and Stue and Gert (Clay Cranford and Jennifer Trippe) have been friends for a long time, but after vacationing in California for three weeks, things go sour.

"This scene is pure physical comedy," Cornwell said. "It's the shortest scene in the play, but it's the most slapstick."

Cornwell recommends the play for adults and teenagers.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. May 21, 22, 28 and 29 at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. Dinner will be presented by the Officers' Club and includes a salad, an entree, dessert, coffee or tea and a glass of wine, Cornwell said.

Not only will there be dinner and a show, but Benning Backstage will also offer pre-show entertainment:

• May 21 — Chaplain (Maj.) Jimmy Ward, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, will perform as an Elvis impersonator.

• May 22 — Spc. Mike Stoner, of the Infantry Band, will play the piano.

• May 28 — Sgt. Joseph Nagele, of the Infantry Band, will play the guitar.

• May 29 — Reneé Doyle will sing while Bill Putman accompanies her on the piano.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through Omega World Travel or at the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

Prices are $19 for adults and $12 for children 12 and younger.

Groups may reserve tables for eight by calling 682-1120.

Aspiring actors who wish to participate in future productions should call 689-4342.

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S.O. events are all about giving these athletes a place to compete in sports they love and have a great time.

I thought I would feel badly for them, having a fully able body and mind, but I was the one at a disadvantage. The athletes are having a ball doing what they love with the support of their families, friends and strangers from the community who come just to make sure they have a good time.

Now that's special. And I loved every minute of it, cheering for them while they sprinted to the finish, talking with them after they finished their events, the hugs and laughs and smiles.

It's cliché and cheesy, I know, but even the biggest tough guy would be touched. So today's your chance. The Special Olympics Summer Games are going on from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kinnett Stadium by Shaw High School.

The volunteer staff is pretty much set, but you never know when another volunteer will come in handy. And there is always room for more people to cheer the athletes on at one of the few sporting events they can compete in all year.

Be the one on the sidelines showing your support for some of the kindest, most wonderful people out there. Be the one to pay it forward to people who probably deserve it more than anyone else, because I would bet every dollar I have that they would be there for you.

If you missed it today, call up the S.O. office at 653-6050 and talk to Bill Pilcher. He'll fill you in on upcoming events.

And don't abandon that sudden inspiration just yet. There are dozens of places in Columbus and Phenix City and even here on post that could use a little help. Crack open the phone book, look up social services organizations in the Yellow Pages and see where you're needed.

Kids: Pal up with Soldiers

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students write and draw pictures — very patriotic ones. A bundle of letters waiting to be sent featured a lot of red, white and blue.

Sara Bailes said she writes to help the Soldiers.

"When they get these letters, they'll be happy," she said. "And they're helping kids in Iraqi schools."

The Iron Rangers are in the schools and among the Iraqi children every day. With the letters they write the students, they include pictures of boys and girls just like them, eating lollipops and playing soccer.

Chloe Hoffman said the Soldiers are putting their art on the walls of the Iraqi school and on the doors of their offices. And when Takoda Parker thinks about what she can send to the Iron Rangers, she "just thinks and thinks" until she gets it right.

The care package they're working on will have gum from Jonah Hansen, Skittles from Christian Bower and, as Dante Lawson said, "candy because they write back to us and give us certificates."

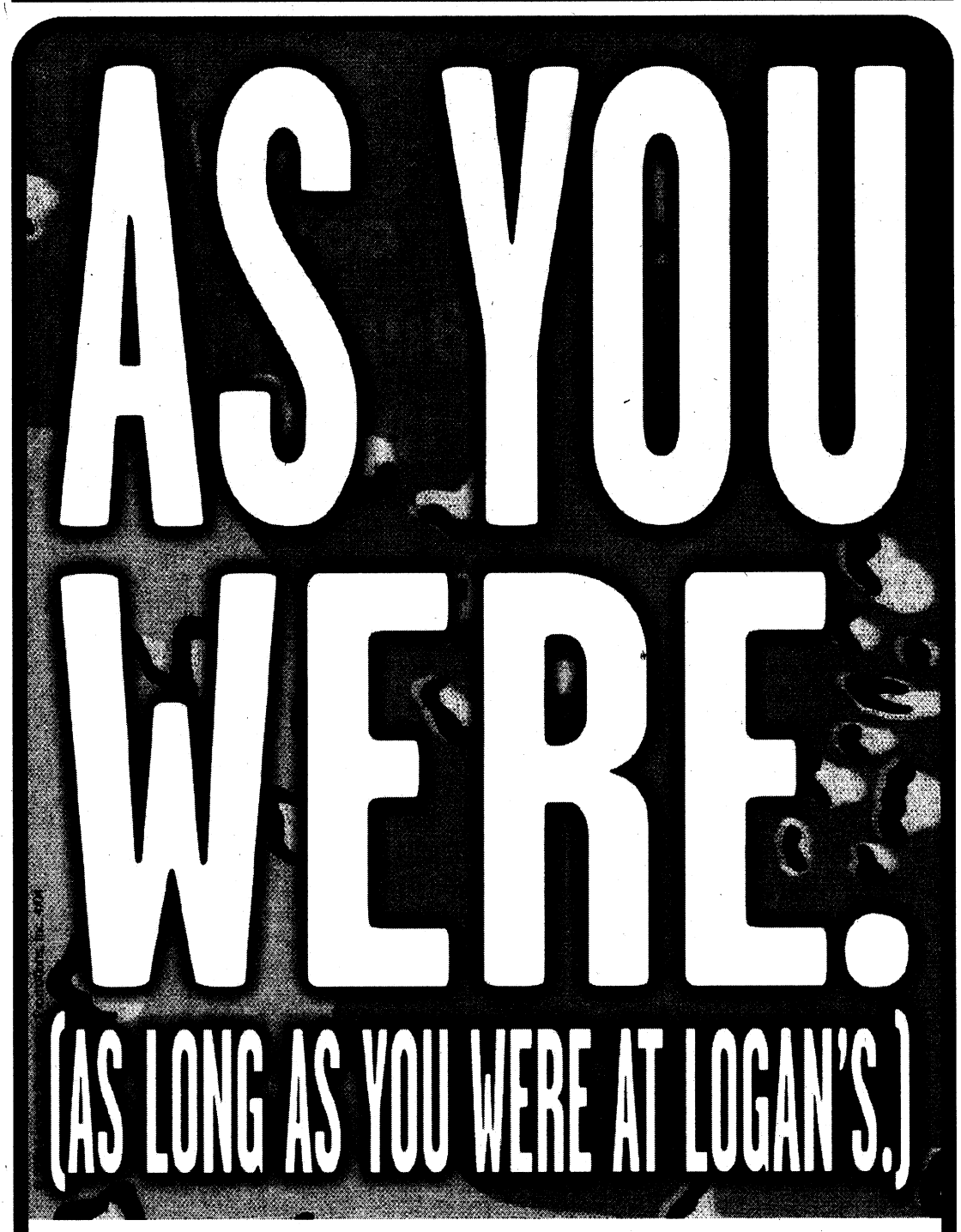
Phillips said the writing project has been beneficial for her students.

"It's been good for their handwriting," she said, "and they get so into what they want to say and forget they're working."

But for Hannah Ivester, it's not about school at all.

"I like to write because I think they're in Iraq doing important stuff."

The 197th Ranger Training Battalion will be conducting an open house and training demonstration Saturday at Camp Frank D. Merrill in Dahlonega, Ga.



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More than 650 students and teachers from Stowers Elementary School joined children around the world in Project ACES — All Children Exercising Simultaneously — Wednesday. The group sang songs and cadences as they walked several loops around the school. Becky Archilla, a Stowers PE teacher, took the lead in organizing Wednesday's annual event, which is designed to prompt children to exercise.

PROJECT ACES

Stowers kids get active

Event designed to encourage active lifestyle

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Chamblee Johnson gets plenty of exercise on her backyard trampoline, shadow-boxing with pillows and chasing her three younger brothers out of her bedroom.

Maybe that's why the 8-year-old second-grader didn't break a sweat Wednesday during Stowers Elementary School's participation in the world's largest exercise class, an international event sponsored by the Youth Fitness Coalition.

Stowers' entire student body, more than 650 students and their teachers, joined students around the world in Project ACES — All Children Exercising Simultaneously. The students walked around the school for 20 minutes.

The activity made Johnson think "mostly all the little kids in the world probably get enough exercise."

Not so, according to the Youth Fitness Coalition. Lack of exercise contributes greatly to heart disease, and heart disease is a leading cause of death for children in America.

That's why Len Saunders, a physical education teacher from New Jersey, started Project ACES in 1989 — to increase awareness about the health benefits of exercising early in life.

In 1989, 240,000 children participated in the class. Last year, more than 400,000 participated in Michigan alone.

The event, which is always scheduled in May, National Health and Fitness Month, gives PE teachers the freedom to choose an activity that suits the local climate.

> "Mostly all the little kids in the world probably get enough exercise."
>
> **Chamblee Johnson**
> Stowers second-grader

Becky Archilla, Stowers PE teacher, chose to lead her students on a long walk. They circled the school several times marching and singing cadence.

"I simply wanted to get them all up and moving," Archilla said. "The whole idea was to promote youth fitness, and hopefully they'll take that home with them and encourage their families to get outside and walk or do something active together."

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Magic exists in every mother and grandmother

Chaplain (Maj.) George G. Gonzalez
Infantry Training Brigade

REFLECTIONS

I've never met a mother who didn't have a certain mystical power. All children know about it. Even some fathers know the secret, for I've often heard them exclaim in utter frustration, "Go see your mom."

Yes, it's true and it cannot be denied. "Mothermagic" exists.

I guess we first encounter it when we are still tiny tots. No one has to tell us that those unreasonable fears about what is lurking under the bed or waiting to lunge from darkened closets can be banished with just a look from mother.

Somehow her presence causes all evil forces to flee. Only benevolent mysteries surround mother — like the Sandman and the Tooth Fairy and Santa's helpers.

There is no doubt about it; Mothermagic is mighty strong stuff when it comes to banishing the powers of the dark.

And then there are its healing properties. Everyone knows how a mother's kiss can heal the worst bump on the head or bang on the knee.

Or how only mother can apply the antiseptic and bandage so it won't hurt when you pull it off. And is there any cooler hand than mother's when she strokes a fevered brow? It's Mothermagic, pure and simple.

Somehow mothers always know what's going on too. Ever notice how a mother can tell not only who stole the cookies, but exactly how many the culprit took?

Or how mothers always seem to have eyes in the back of their heads and are able to detect the least disobedience without even looking? And the way a mother can look into your eyes and see right through to your brain, detecting the smallest lie or even a mere exaggeration!

There is no other way to explain it. It must be Mothermagic.

When I was small, I didn't really understand Mothermagic. It was sort of there, like the sun and the stars and clean sheets every week. But then when I was about 10, I began to consider this strange phenomenon. How was it that my mother could make a costume for the class play or Halloween, even when I forgot to tell her I needed it until that very morning before school?

How was it she always knew what made me sad or happy, where my lost socks were, and answers to my questions like why does it rain?

When I left home to go to the seminary, I found I didn't need Mothermagic much more.

I was really pretty smart myself, due to her "magic." Besides, it was always available if I got into any really big trouble. That's the great thing about Mothermagic — it's there whether you need it or not.

When I grew up and was still curious about this magic stuff, I found out that my mom inherited it from my grandma. My grandma inherited it from God. God so loved the mothers and grandmothers that he blessed them all with that magic touch that makes all us children of God.

Happy Mother's Day.

CHAPEL NOTE

Vacation Bible School — You can now register your children (preschool through sixth grade) for the annual Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the Chaplain's office. The school will be June 14-18 from 9 a.m. to noon at White School.

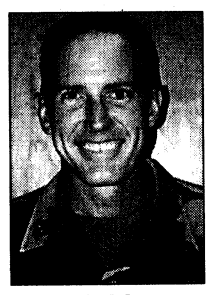
For more information, call 545-4715.

Handle time pressures with ease

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Hey, if you haven't heard, we're having a blast with young Soldiers and young families over at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel. It's on Kelley Hill, but it's for anybody and everybody ... and it's definitely not your ordinary chapel. To prove it, we've got nine awesome, straight-out-of-the-crate, gorgeous motorcycles that will be props all month during our series, "For The Ride Of Your Life." In fact, we hope to give one of those mean machines away May 23. You can register for it each Sunday you're at chapel.

This past week, Chaplain Murray did a great job talking about something that seems to pop up in the military quite a bit: "How do you handle having more to do than time to do it?" Whether it's getting ready for deployment, coming back from deployment or dealing with either end of being on deployment, there never seems to be enough time to handle the tasks, does there?


Hawkins

It never ceases to amaze me just how practical the Bible is. Did you realize Jesus had to deal with the same feelings of having more to do than time to do it? In fact, there's a scene from a particular day when he'd almost been mobbed and thrown over a cliff in his hometown, then hustled away to heal a girl whom others had left for dead, then was up for an all-nighter with a steady stream of people who needed answers to their problems. By sunup he was shot and at the end up his rope.

What did he do? The same thing you and I need to do when we're maxed out:

• He prayed. When things got tough in Jesus' life, he realized "he was too busy not to pray."

• He prioritized. In prayer, Jesus could get clear on his values — and so can we! It's our values that really drive our priorities. What are the top five values in your life? How will that impact your priorities this week?

• He passed. What I mean by this is that sometimes we have to let go of good things to enjoy the best things. You can't win at everything, so decide what it is you're really playing for and understand what you're going to take a "pass" on.

Interested in "How To Keep Things Together When Everything Is Falling Apart?" That's this week's topic at the casual and creative CrossRoads Contemporary Service at Kelley Hill Chapel.

It's open to everyone, just like The Chaplain Family Life Center, located in Building 2606 in Soldiers' Plaza. For more information on CFLC, call 545-1760.

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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.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

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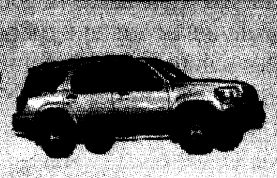

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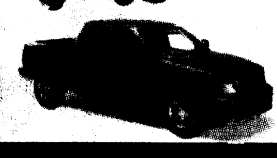

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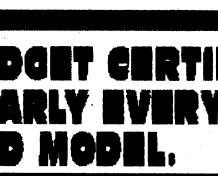

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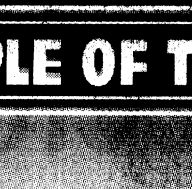

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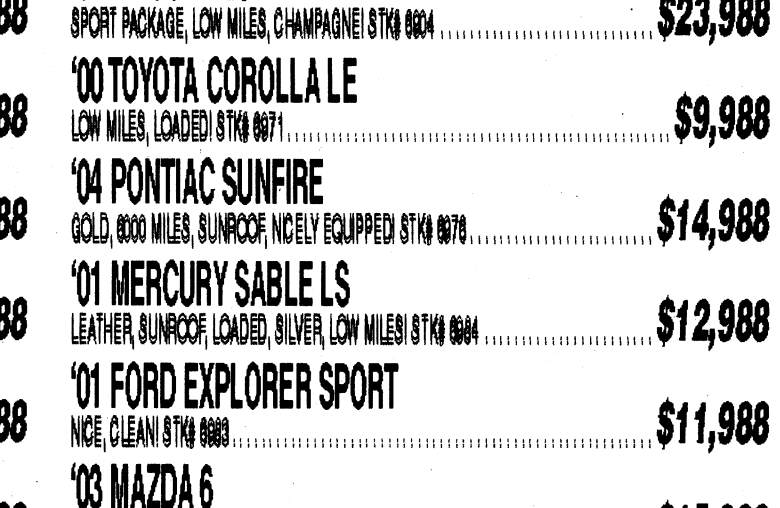


SPORTS



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

The Columbus/Fort Benning Rugby Football Club, better known as the Cruise-a-Matics, in the black jerseys, scrum down with the D.C.-area Karma's pack during the team's third game of the USA Rugby Military Club Championships Saturday. The Cruisers came in second to Karma in the championship game Sunday.

Cruisers take second in tourney

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Resting in the shade, waiting for their next game, one thing was clear — these ruggers didn't come to taste defeat.

Nursing concussions, swollen knees and ankles, black eyes, stitched foreheads, crushed ribs, strained muscles and sore bodies, the Columbus/Fort Benning Cruise-a-Matics were ready to fight for the championship game of the USA Rugby Military Club Championships.

Their challenger? Karma, a combined services team from the Washington, D.C., area. Drawing from a pool of the military's most skilled ruggers, Karma remained undefeated during the two-day tournament, and you could count on one hand how many times the team was scored against.

Meanwhile, the Cruisers, a mix of civilian and military, young and old, inexperienced and veteran players, were one of the underdogs in the tournament, which pitted six military-affiliated rugby clubs against each other.

Last year, the Cruisers entered the tournament with enough players to man the field — many of them inexperienced — and less than a handful of subs, vital in a game where injuries are frequent. They left the tournament two for two.

This year, the team showed up with 25 players suited up and ready to go — players who have practiced and competed together leading up to the tournament, said Roy Krueger, the team's captain.

"We had a month before the tournament to practice and get some games in together," he said. "So we did much better than last year. We were more organized, more rehearsed, and we had our heads in the game."

Saturday, the team beat out a combined services team from Europe and the team from Fort Stewart, Ga., then suffered a disappointing loss to Karma.

Sunday morning, the team triumphed again in a game against Fort Campbell, Ky., and found themselves in the finals for the first time in 10 years.

The Cruisers' ranks were significantly thinned out Sunday morning, and even more so after their game against Campbell, during which they lost two players to concussions and another to a rib injury.

Stepping on to the field for the championship game, the team had only two subs and one last-resort, emergency player. During the game, they lost two more players, including Tarrol "Petie" Peterson, who tore his achilles tendon.

From the opening kickoff, Karma dominated the field, racing out to a 40-0 halftime lead. The Cruisers broke through early in the second half, scoring a try and a conversion to put seven points on the board. Despite their best efforts, Karma walked away with the win, 54-7.

Although Karma left the field with the title, the Cruisers left knowing they had played their best.

"We may not have won, but we played a game we could be proud of against a tough team," said Cruisers back Rob Snow. "We did well."

"It was a clear win on Karma's part," Krueger said. "But I'm very pleased with how the team held up.

"The (Cruise-a-Matics) are a mix of experienced and inexperienced players. For a handful of them, this is their first season, and they were out there in the championship finals, playing their hearts out against a team of all seasoned players," he said. "The boys really gave it their best shot, and you can't ask for more than that."

Besides, Krueger added, the tournament wasn't about winning.

"We were there to play rugby," he said. "Most of us know the players from the other teams, and we were all there for a good game. We got that, and it was a successful weekend."

A weekend that couldn't have happened without the club's alumni.

"They were the behind-the-scenes backbone for this tournament," Krueger said, adding that they performed the majority of the set-up, tear-down and administrative work for the tournament.

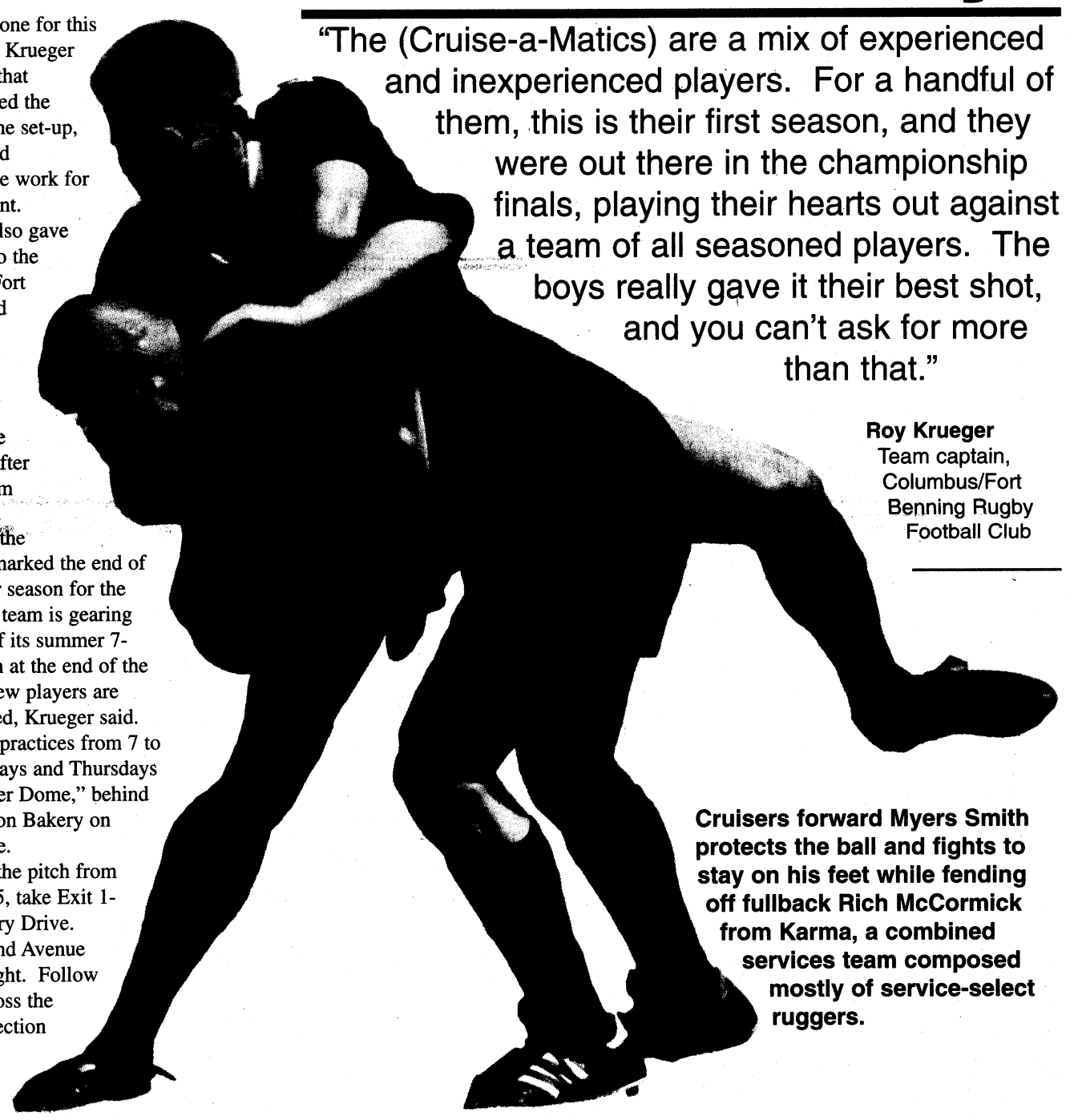
Krueger also gave recognition to the teams from Fort Campbell and Fort Stewart. Both teams went to great lengths to make it to the tournament after returning from deployments.

Although the tournament marked the end of the 15-player season for the Cruisers, the team is gearing up to kick off its summer 7-player season at the end of the month and new players are always needed, Krueger said.

The team practices from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the "Cruiser Dome," behind Dolly Madison Bakery on Victory Drive.

To get to the pitch from Interstate 185, take Exit 1-A onto Victory Drive.

Go to 22nd Avenue and take a right. Follow this road across the gravel intersection and straight through the gate.



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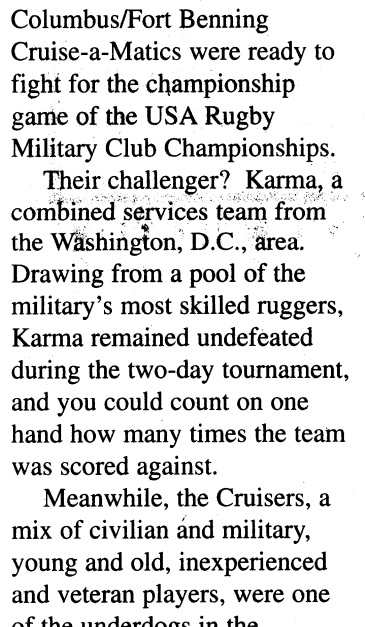
> Team captain, Columbus/Fort Benning Rugby Football Club

Cruisers forward Myers Smith protects the ball and fights to stay on his feet while fending off fullback Rich McCormick from Karma, a combined services team composed mostly of service-select ruggers.



Rob Snow kicks for the conversion after the Cruisers scored.



ABOVE: Cruiser Sean Schaefer took a hit to the head that required four stitches during the second game of the two-day tournament. But after getting the medic's approval, he wrapped it and played in the team's remaining three games.



RIGHT: Cruisers back Lee Shannon plows through an attempted tackle by a Karma rugger during the Cruisers' last game Saturday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Army 10-Miler pre-qualifier — Fort Benning will hold two pre-qualifier races for the post's Army 10-Miler team. Racers with the top times will earn spots on the team.

Race dates are May 15 and June 19. Races will begin at 7 a.m. in front of the Santiago Fitness Center, and are open to all active-duty military.

Registration will begin at 6 a.m. on race mornings. For more information, call 544-9486.

Hunter's Harvest Cards — All hunters who harvested deer, turkey and feral swine during hunting season need to turn in their harvest cards (Form 200-3) by June 1.

The cards may be returned to the Outdoor Recreation office (Build 1707) or mailed to Outdoor Recreation, P.O. Box 53323, Fort Benning, GA 31905. If you want a receipt, use certified mail with return receipt requested.

Failure to return the harvest card will result in revocation or suspension of hunting privileges for one year.

For more information, call 545-7978 or 544-7319.

Aerobics classes — The Briant Wells Fitness Center Aerobics Program is in full step.

The center offers box aerobics, aeromix, step combo, core crunch, yoga and aqua aerobics. The cost is $25 per month or $3 per class. For more information, call 545-4388.

Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes — Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes 2 is back with more prizes and more chances to win!

One red colored ball will be dropped into Fort Benning Golf Course's range ball machine each week until Monday, May 31. The lucky patron who gets the ball will have the opportunity to win prizes such as a Casio sports watch, Samsonite luggage set, George Forman grill, a Vivitar digital camera and more.

The promotion is open to all authorized MWR patrons with the exception of golf course employees and staff directly involved in the program.

Pick up entry forms at the Follow Me Golf Course Pro Shop or send a request to: Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes 2. 4700 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302. Visit Fort Benning Golf Course or call 687-1940 and 'Drive to Win!'

Saturday bike rides — Saturday bike rides are in full gear. Riders meet at 10 a.m. at Briant Wells Field House and ride 10, 15, 20 miles or more. All you need is a bike, helmet, water and plenty of energy. For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

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Operation Appreciation — Lowe's Motor Speedway is offering a special ticket price to military personnel for the May 22 race. For Diamond Tower tickets, regular price is $76. Military price is $20. There will be a free pre-race concert by the band Live.

Before the Coca-Cola 600 May 30, there will be a salute to the U.S. Army which will include a helicopter fly-by and demonstration by the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, a parachute demonstration by the U.S. Army Parachute Team The Golden Knights and more.

Tickets for the May 30 race in the Diamond Tower will be $30 for military personnel, regularly priced $101.

To reserve tickets, call (800) 455-FANS, code word Operation Appreciation.

Par for a Purpose — The golf tournament Par for a Purpose, benefiting the Columbus Alliance for Battered Women, will be June 17 at the Woodland Hills Golf Course. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is $50 per golfer and $200 for a four-person best ball scramble.

Lunch will be provided, along with prizes for first-, second- and third-place teams. There will also be door prizes and mulligans for $5. For more information, call 225-4101.

Shooting USA — The Outdoor Life Network schedule for the Shooting USA competition is as follows: 8:30 and 11:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. and 2 a.m. Thursdays, 10:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. Fridays and 9:30 a.m. Saturdays.

Children's fishing — The Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority invites groups of children (minimum of 10 per group) to fish at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter during June, National Fishing Month.

One of the Agricenter's lakes, which has been stocked with catfish, will be available at no charge on a reservation-only basis.

Fishing is limited to any three-hour period between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. To schedule a trip, call (478) 987-3247.

Golf tournament — The Columbus community is invited to participate in the Kenneth Walker Memorial Golf Tournament to promote unity and raise scholarship funds for children whose mothers or fathers have passed away.

The tournament will be Sept. 2 at the Bull Creek Golf Course, 7333 Lynch Road, Midland, Ga., just off Highway 80 (the North Bypass).

The next organizational meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Saint Mary's Road United Methodist Church in Columbus.

The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, call Jim O'Donnell at 644-2066 or 569-5057.

Joints in Motion marathon — The Arthritis Foundation is seeking people to run or walk in a marathon or half marathon to raise money to help children combat arthritis. This is a Joints in Motion program, which includes a six month training program prior to the event.

Depending on the amount of money raised, runners and walkers could participate in events in Athens, Greece; Anchorage, Alaska; Medoc, France or Honolulu. Air fare and hotel accommodations are included.

For more information, call Andy Young at 561-1333 or Kim Jordan at 576-4086.

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, 1251 Wynnton Road. Rounds begin at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, call 649-0713.

Soldier wins Silver at World Cup

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs Office

ATHENS, Greece — A Soldier with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit took the victory stand at the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup April 26.

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas finished second by less than two points to Guy Starik of Israel and brought home the Silver Medal in the Men's 50-Meter Prone Rifle competition.

After shooting 597 points out of 600, Starik shot 104.7 out of 109 and won the Gold Medal with a total score of 701.7 out of 709. Tamas shot 596 and got a 104.1 in the finals for a total of 700.1.

Chrisitan Lusch of Germany took the Bronze Medal, shooting a 596 with 103.8 in the finals for a total of 699.8.

Raised in Columbus, Tamas started shooting in 1978 with the Fort Benning Junior Rifle Team and graduated from Kendrick High School in 1983. He enlisted in the Army in 1986 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

He served with the Army Marksmanship Unit for seven years before being assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, in Korea in 1992. Tamas returned to the USAMU in 1993.

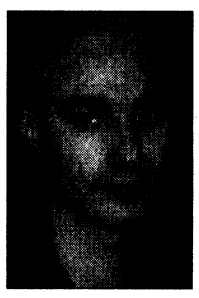
He is a two-time Olympian. In 1992, he was an alternate, and in 2000, he placed 13th in Prone Rifle at the Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Tamas set the Prone Rifle world record with a perfect 600 points and was the 1998 Prone Rifle World Champion.

Last year, he won the Gold Medal and an Olympic Quota Slot at the Pan-American Games.

Tamas will compete for a slot on the U.S. Prone Rifle Olympic Team at the Olympic Selection Matches at Fort Benning May 25 to 27.

Early-season surprises

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff



With the first month of Major League baseball behind us, I've noticed something different. Teams that normally dominate the league are looking horrible so far this year.

The biggest surprise is the Detroit Tigers. Last year, they posted one of the worst records in baseball history with a 43-119 record. They needed to make some big changes during the off-season, and big changes are what they made.

The biggest move they made was picking up catcher Ivan Rodriguez from the Florida Marlins. Rodriguez, long considered one of the top catchers in the league, left the world-champion Marlins for more money. And so far, he's paying dividends for the Tigers.

The Tigers have had their first winning month since May 2001. I give them kudos for their accomplishments and I'm hoping they'll keep it together to win the American League Central Division.

Another big surprise is the Texas Rangers. After trading the best player in the game, Alex Rodriguez, before the season, the Rangers were expected to be one of baseball's worst teams. You would've expected them to be after seeing their opening day line-up.

But the team with no stars is clicking both at the plate and on the mound. Nobody gave the Rangers a chance at the beginning of the season, and look at them now. If they make the playoffs, we'll all know A-Rod was the problem in Texas.

The Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees are a whole different story. Each team is in its own world. Both spent beaucoup dollars on players. For a while there, it looked like the Red Sox moves beat out the Yankees after they took six of seven games from them. But the Yankees are currently on a big winning streak and the Red Sox are on a big losing streak, so I don't know what to think anymore on this subject.

Everyone said the Atlanta Braves would not win their 13th straight division title. Everyone said they lost too many players and they don't have what it takes anymore.

I disagree. Throughout their string of division titles, the Braves have gotten the job done in some form or fashion. In the 90s, they won it pitching, and in the last few years, they won it hitting.

This year, they have a bit less than what they're used to, but I still look for them to come out on top.

And, of course, there are a few teams that I see a major disappointment in.

The biggest is the San Francisco Giants. True, they do have Barry Bonds, but they have nobody in his supporting cast. Bonds can't do it all, and for the Giants to do anything this year, the players around him are going to have to step up, or they're going to need to make some trades and bring in players who will help.

I would do the same thing other teams are doing to Bonds — intentionally walk him. If nobody's going to pick up the slack and drive him in, why not? It's the smartest thing to do.

I'm also disappointed in the Oakland Athletics. They're supposed to have one of the best starting rotations in all baseball. Frankly, they stink right now. The only bright spot on the team is pitcher Tim Hudson, one of the best pitchers in the American League. If the rest of the A's can follow his example, I see them easily turning their season around. I guess we'll have to wait and see.

I know it's still early in the season, but some of these teams are making big steps. As the season progresses, we'll find out who are contenders and which are pretenders.

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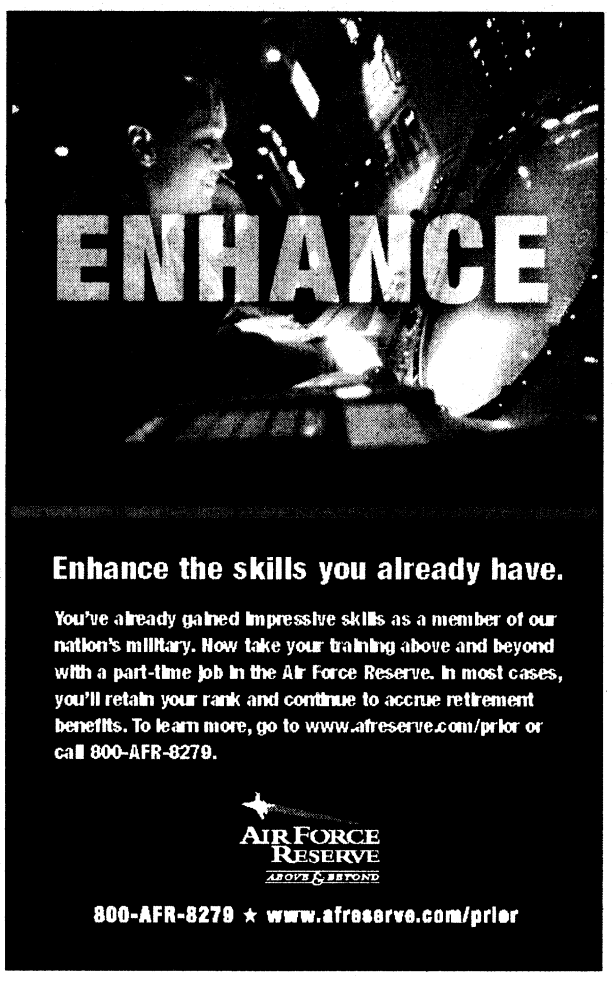

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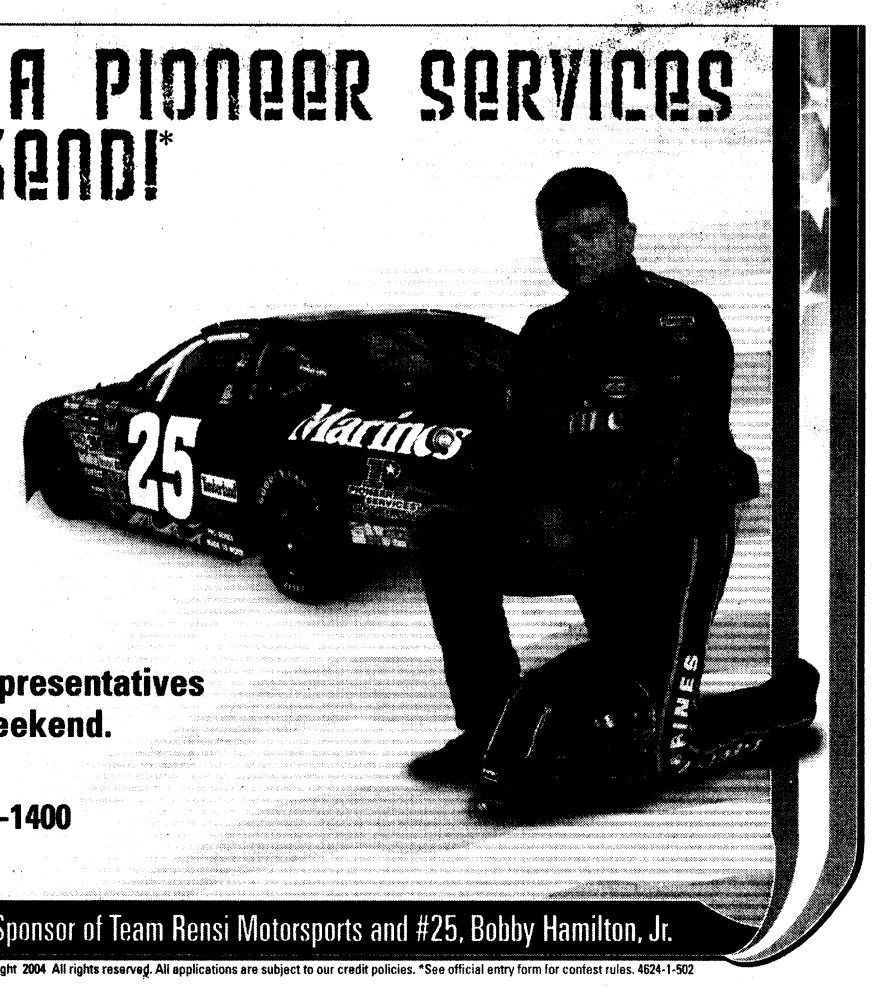

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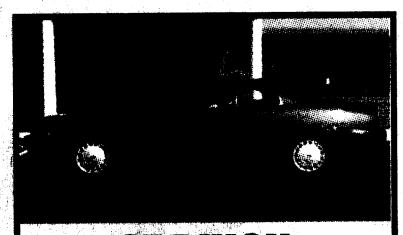

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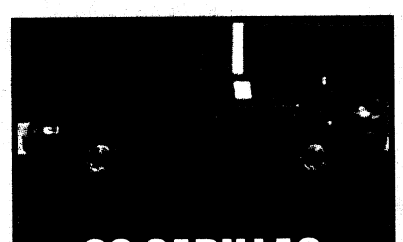

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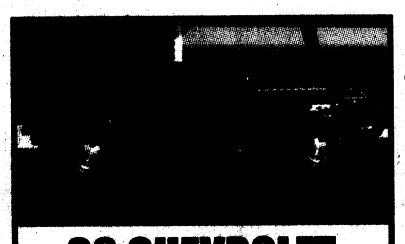

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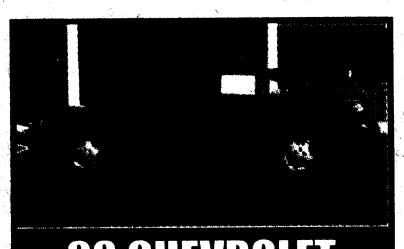

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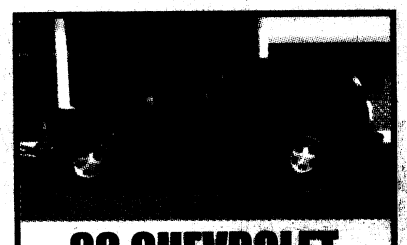

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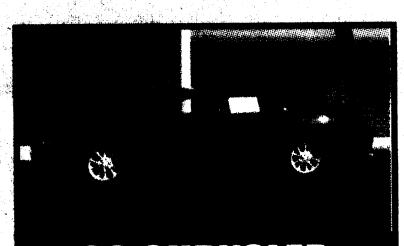

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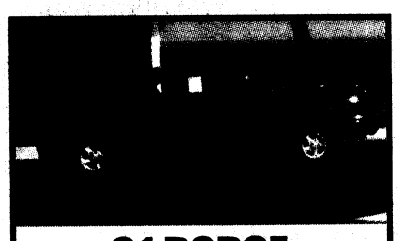

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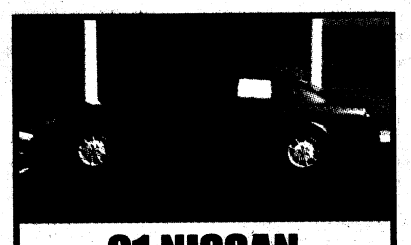

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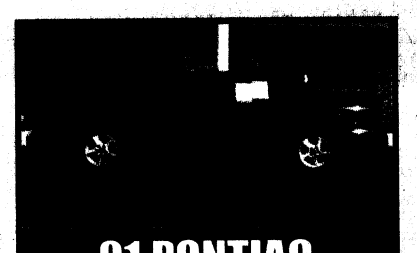

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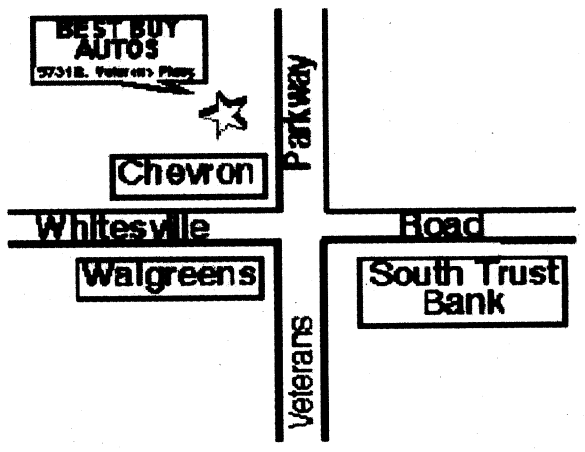

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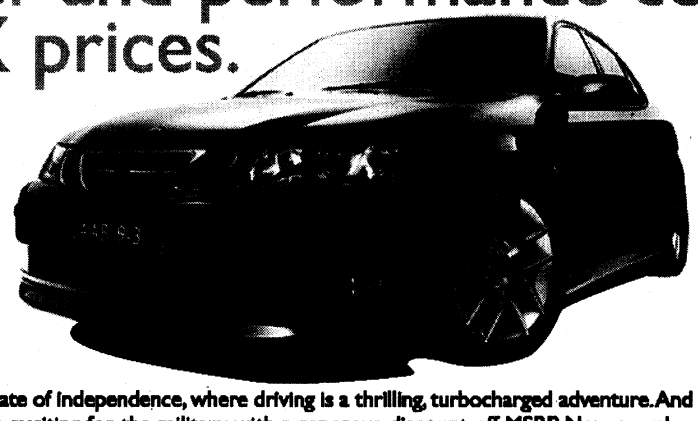
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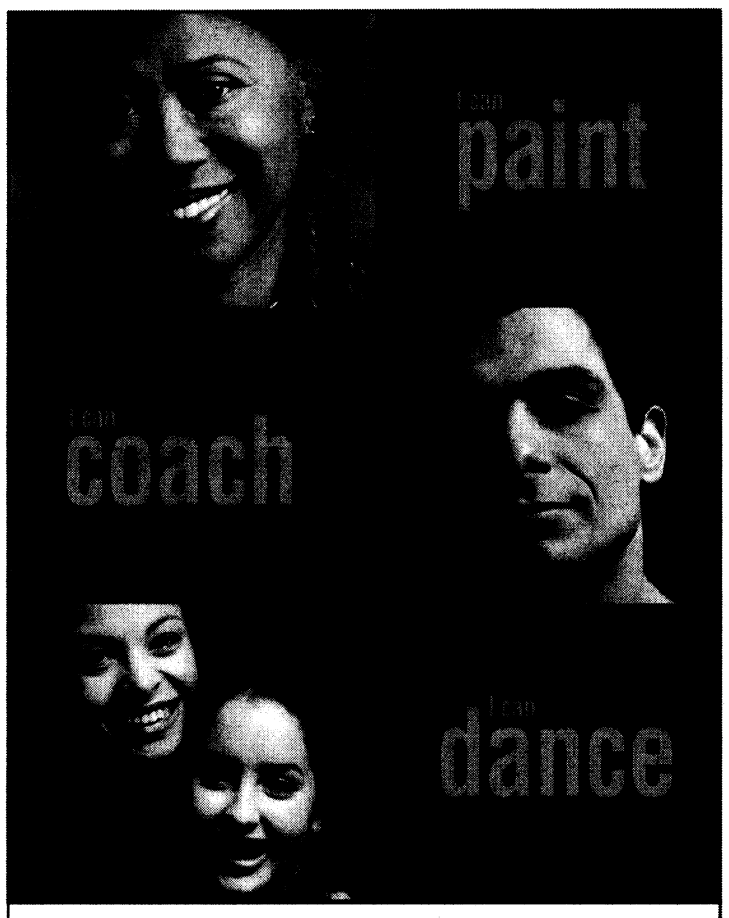

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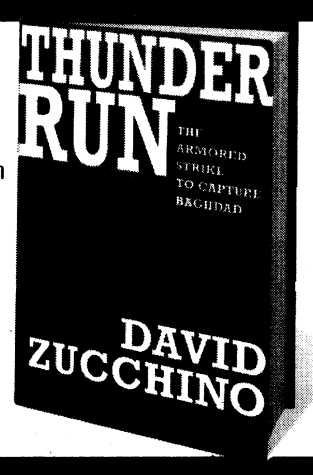

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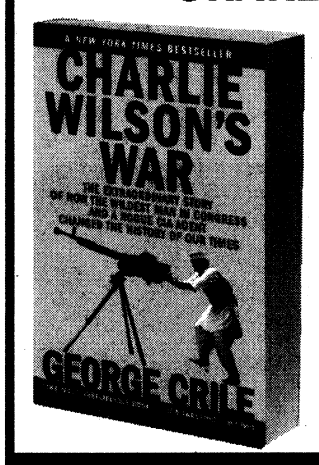

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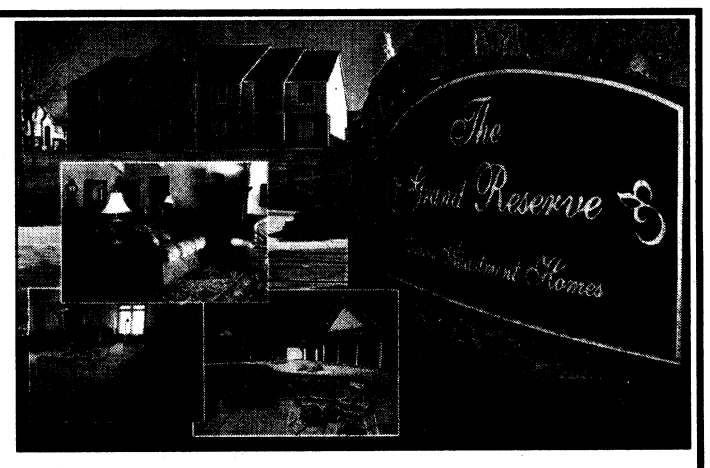

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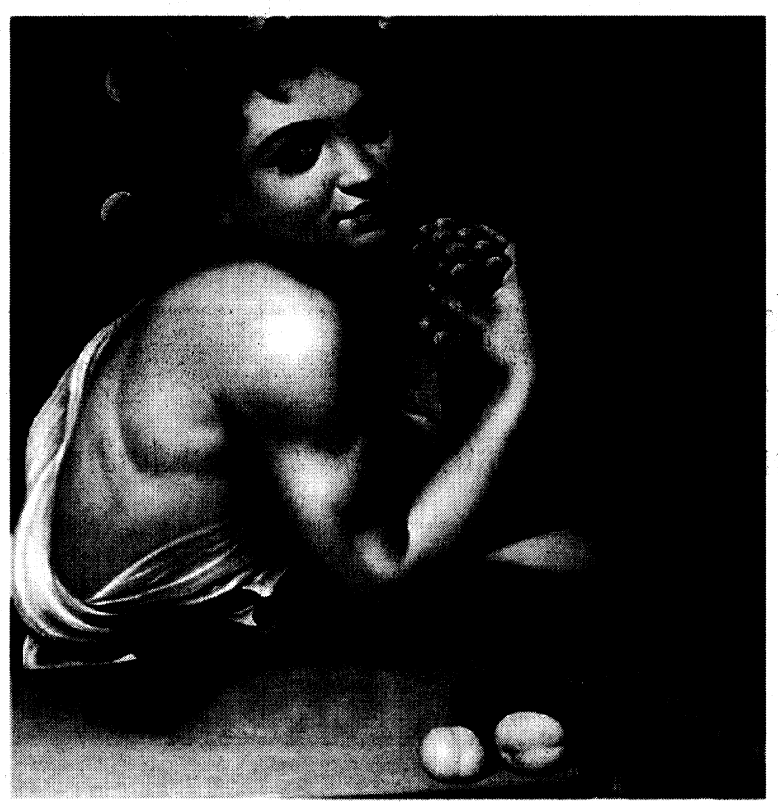

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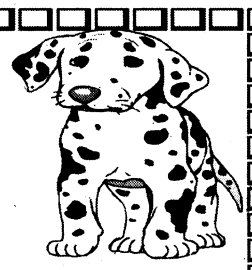

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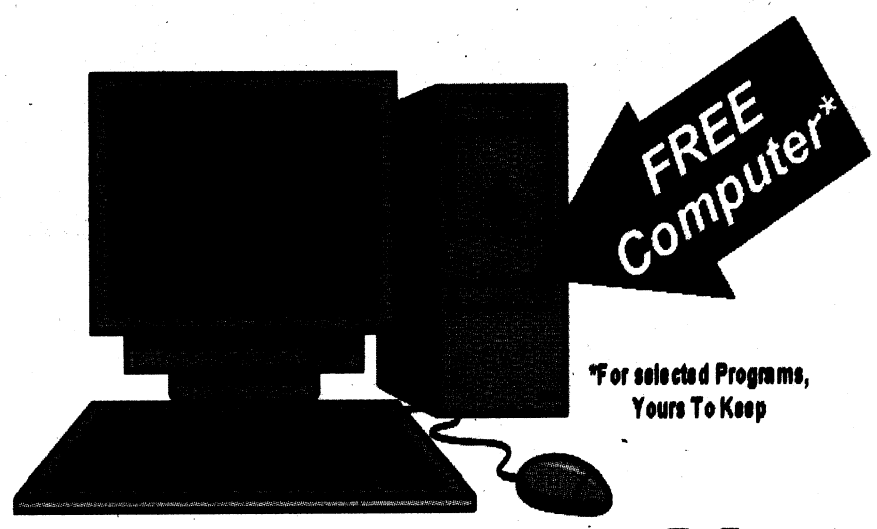

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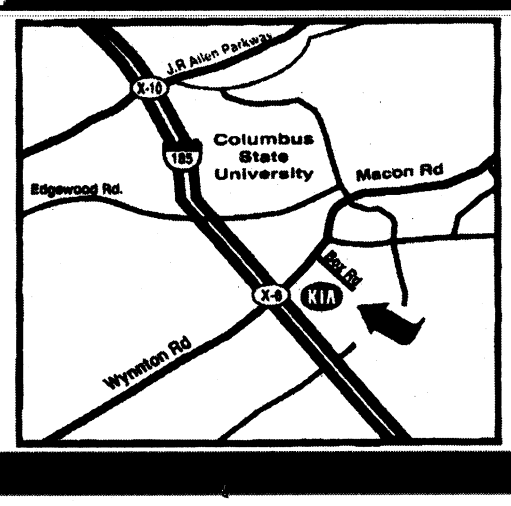

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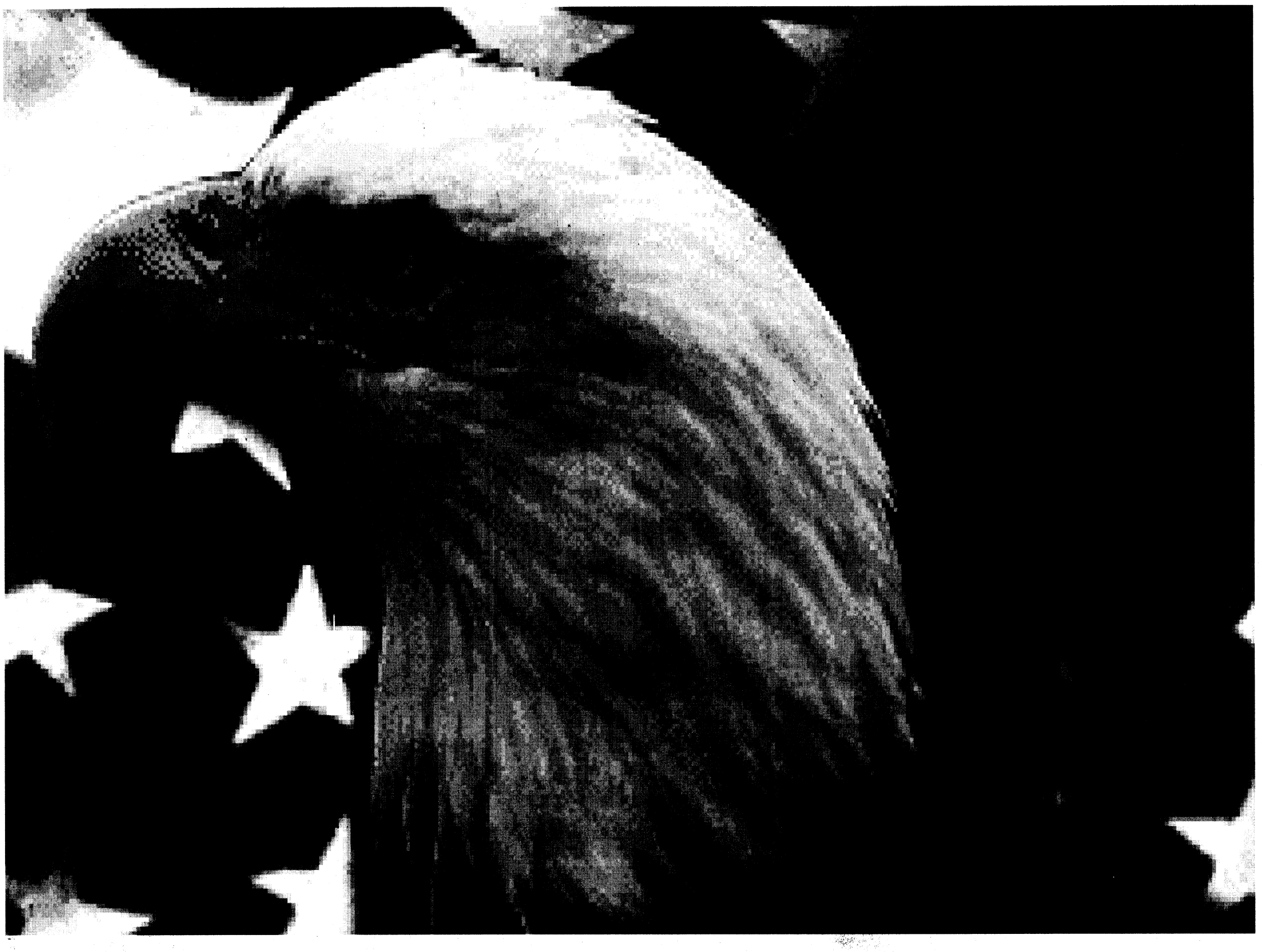

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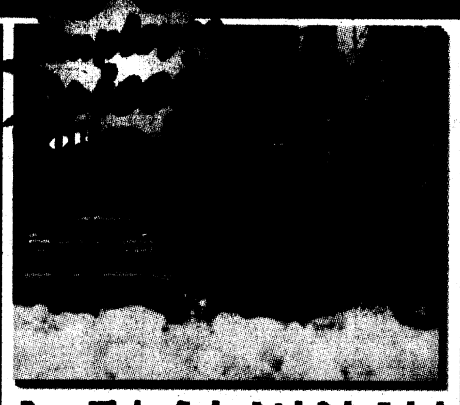

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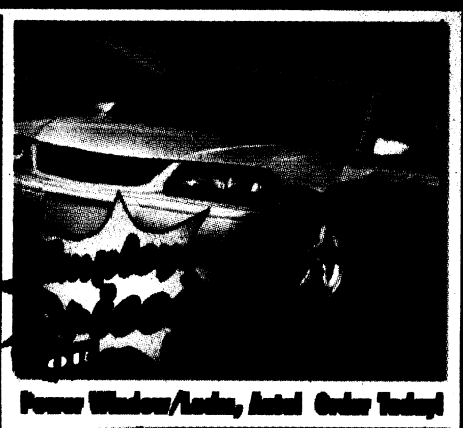

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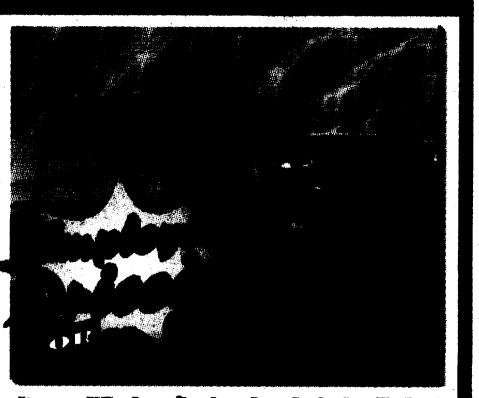

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XFOR platoon test bed for future

Cutting-edge equipment now being used

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

About two months ago, the 29th Infantry Regiment stood up a new experimental force platoon.

The platoon, known as the XFOR, works in conjunction with the Soldier Battle Lab and is responsible for testing cutting-edge, nonstandard equipment and new tactical formations and practices, said Edward Davis, Soldier Battle Lab vice deputy director.

"The experimental force is designed to execute live, virtual and constructive experiments in support of emerging Army initiatives," said Lt. Col. David Shepherd, 29th Infantry Regiment deputy commander.

Shepherd said the unit's mission is important because it "provides the Army with an enabling force to test and proof emerging initiatives."

Davis said the XFOR is designed to test and evaluate new equipment for actual line units, which, because of the current operational tempo, don't have the time to try out new gear and, when in a deployed status, need equipment that has already been fully evaluated and can be relied upon in a combat situation.

"If there is technology or a capability that needs to be looked at," Davis said, "it can be sent to the (battle lab). We can use the experimental force, run it through its paces and then, if it is ready, we could actually put together the TTPs (tactics, techniques and procedures) and take it to a unit that is going to deploy to an operational theater or is actually in an operational theater, and XFOR will have done the work with it ahead of time.

"More importantly," he said, "if it doesn't work out, we can turn it back to whoever sent it, whether it was a contractor or program manager, and tell them it's not really ready for prime time and explain to them the problems and areas that need work."

The unit is also responsible for experimenting with new ways to organize units and forces, as well as new battle tactics and futuristic technology like robots, he said.

The XFOR uses a combination of high-tech simulations at the battle lab's simulations center and live iterations to evaluate these concepts and technologies and then provides feedback.

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Spc. Eliamar Castanon

1st Sgt. Vernon Beasley, left, A Company, 1st Battalion, 329th Regiment, has his rappel seat checked by Staff Sgt. Nathan Hayes, a drill sergeant with 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment. Hayes was demonstrating how Soldiers should be tied in before rappelling off Eagle Tower. The training was part of drill sergeant certification training.

Reserve unit to train Army plus-up

Drill sergeants mobilized for infantry training

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The 1st Brigade, 84th Division (Institutional Training) has been mobilized at Fort Benning to help the Infantry Training Brigade train the additional 2,225 infantry Soldiers coming through infantry basic training this fiscal year and the 6,145 Soldiers expected in fiscal 2005.

This is the largest mobilization of this type of unit since World War II, said Maj. Kevin Rushing, executive officer of 1st Battalion, 329th Regiment, the new infantry one station unit training battalion at ITB.

The plus-up is a part of the "temporary" upsizing of the Army by 30,000 Soldiers during the next few years, the majority of which will be infantry Soldiers, said Col. Brian Baldy, ITB commander. The Army will gain 37 new infantry battalions by the end of fiscal 2007.

"We are under the new Army concept of the expeditionary forces. The requirement is to increase the number of infantry Soldiers to fulfill that mission," Rushing said. "For the Army to expand its expeditionary forces, we need more infantry Soldiers. In its current component, ITB could not produce the amount of Soldiers the Army needs to produce in the next two years."

The 84th received orders mobilizing them to Fort Benning for 365 days May 6. They arrived at Sand Hill three days later.

Building 3105, former home of 1st Bn., 38th Inf. Regt., is now the 1st Bn., 329th Regt., which will receive its first cycle of OSUT infantry Soldiers for training May 20.

The battalion will have five companies. Each company will consist of 12 drill sergeants, a company commander, an executive officer, a first sergeant, and an armorer and supply training NCO.

Currently, there are approximately 90 reserve component drill sergeants,

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Prison abuse 'failure in leadership'

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Detainee abuse allegedly committed by U.S. Soldiers at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq resulted from a lack of leadership, Army Maj. Gen. Antonio M. Taguba told the Senate Armed Services Committee Tuesday.

Early in the Capitol Hill hearing, Taguba was asked his opinion on what went wrong at the Baghdad detention facility.

Taguba, who headed the investigation and prepared the report on alleged detainee abuse at the prison, asserted there was "failure in leadership ... from the brigade commander on down" at Abu Ghraib.

There was a lack of discipline and supervision at the facility, the general observed. Soldiers received "no training whatsoever," he said, on internment or resettlement operations or on the Geneva Convention during their tour of duty at the prison.

The Abu Ghraib scandal erupted April 28 when CBS's *60 Minutes II* program aired photographs depicting U.S. military guards humiliating naked Iraqi prisoners.

Seven Soldiers have been brought up on criminal charges related to allegations of abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib.

The officer in charge of military police guards at the prison, Army Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, commander of the 800th Military Police Brigade, has received an official admonishment.

Taguba told the committee he found no evidence of a standing policy at the prison for MP guards to first soften up prisoners before questioning by military intelligence.

"I believe that they did it on their own volition," the general said.

"We didn't find any order whatsoever ... written or otherwise, that directed them to do what they did."

Taguba said the alleged perpetrators used their personal cameras to take the photographs.

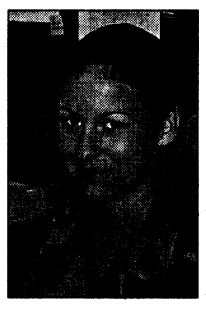
"The photographing of prisoners, especially with private cameras, is against the rules," Air Force Lt. Gen. Lance L. Smith, U.S. Central Command's deputy commander, said to the committee.

Cambone told committee members that all of the facts regarding alleged detainee abuse aren't in yet.

Other investigations are ongoing, including a probe into military intelligence operations.

What example do you set?

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor



I don't get on the soapbox often, but this time, I just can't help myself. Recently, a Soldier called out one of the troops in my section for an on-the-spot correction. OK. No big deal.

But at some point in the reported exchange, my Soldier counter-corrected the individual — who had not yet identified herself — pointing out that she was doing the same thing she had harped on him about.

She took this opportunity to identify herself and to respond, "I'm an NCO. Don't question what I do."

Now I don't know about you, but I'm human. I make mistakes all the time. I forget things at home, oversleep my alarm now and then, procrastinate ... But one thing I can honestly say is that no matter how imperfect I am, I care enough to try and to admit when I fail or when I'm wrong. And never, NEVER, in my life would I think of telling a Soldier that being an NCO puts me above what I expect of them, that I am allowed to bend the rules to my advantage even as I try to enforce them.

Being in a position of authority doesn't give you power; it gives you responsibility. Responsibility *for* Soldiers and responsibility *to* Soldiers.

Anyone who's ever been through that four-week rite of passage known as PLDC has heard or read it at least once — all Soldiers deserve good leadership.

Good leadership is about caring about Soldiers, *respecting* them and influencing them. And everything a leader does influences a Soldier in some way, for better or for worse.

So what happened here?

Thankfully, the Soldier in this scenario was an NCO during his first enlistment in the Army, so he's older and wiser than, say, a new private fresh out of basic training.

But suppose he hadn't been. Suppose he was in his first months in the Army, just starting to get into the swing of things and develop whatever attitude he's going to have about being in the Army.

What message would that NCO have sent him?

That leaders are right simply because of what's on their collars? That they have their own set of rules?

That he can't speak up when something isn't right because he doesn't have enough rank?

It may seem small and insignificant, but every interaction you have with a Soldier — whether you're an officer or an NCO — helps shape that Soldier's perspective, to develop them and to communicate something to them.

What message are you sending?

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The Honorable Les Brownlee
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I salute all of you and thank you for your dedication and love for our nation.

Let's all pause this Armed Forces Day and reflect on serving our nation and remember all the ongoing missions being conducted overseas.

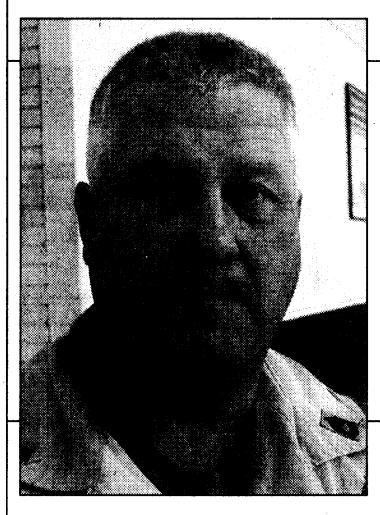
God bless our deployed loved ones and their families.

Follow me!

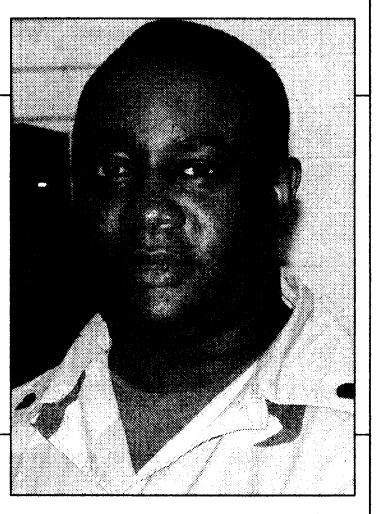
Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley
Commanding General

VARIOUS VOICES

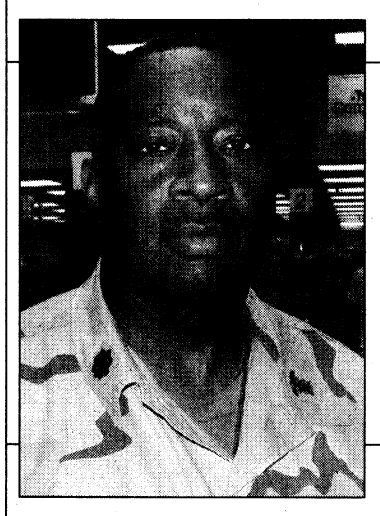
As a Soldier, what are you doing to set the example?



Sgt. 1st Class Jimmie Absher, 277th Maintenance Company — "I show up to work on time and I get my job done quickly and efficiently. If Soldiers see me doing that, they will want to do the same."



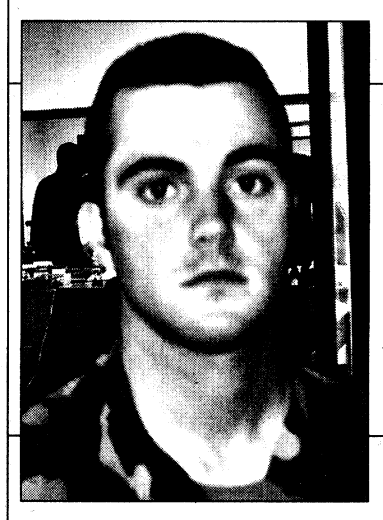
Spc. Anthony Albert, 781st Transportation Company — "I use the Army values in my everyday life. For example, if I show respect to those above me and below me, they will do the same."



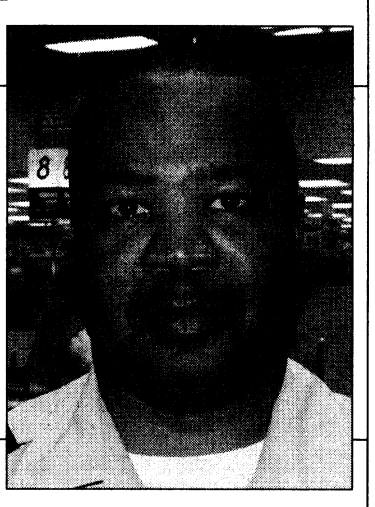
Maj. Donald Brown, 2145th Garrison Support Unit — "When I was deployed in Iraq, if I didn't have all of my battle gear on, how could I expect my Soldiers to. They're looking to see what I do, because I am their leader."



Sgt. Joseph Denny, 29th Infantry Regiment — "I hope that I am always setting the standard for my Soldiers. If I do that, my Soldiers know what they need to do and they can mimic that."



Staff Sgt. Christopher York, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment — "If there is something wrong with somebody, I show Soldiers how to correct them in a tactful way. I teach them to respect whoever they're talking to."



1st Sgt. Undray Taylor, USAREC — "I lead by example. I never expect my Soldiers to do anything I wouldn't do."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soldiers efforts on war against terror supported

I am writing this letter to you because I support you 100 percent in the war against terrorism. I value the freedom that we have in this country. Without you I feel that our democracy and freedom would not exist.

I know that all of you are sacrificing your lives so that the rest of us can have a more peaceful meaning in our lives.

I cannot say I know what you are going through because I am not there. The best I can do is to write my support to you. Hang in there and always be as safe as you can be.

I would enjoy hearing back from as many of you who want to write or e-mail.

— Bob Tackleberry,
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On-the-spot corrections necessary

As a former member of the military, I occasionally check in with *The Bayonet* to see how things are going at my second home.

I read the article about on-the-spot corrections and I totally agree. The American Soldier has been perceived as the "Ugly American" for far too long.

As infantry Soldiers we may consider it acceptable to put on our macho image for our buddies, but we must also remember who we represent. As an American Soldier, we are the ambassadors of each and every American. When we are seen as rude or uncaring, those that are on the receiving end assume that all Americans, Soldiers and civilians, are the same.

I have told my son that profanity is a poor substitute for a poor vocabulary. I'm sure he still uses some four-letter words, but not in my presence and certainly not around his mother, sister, other ladies or small children. He knows that I would not hesitate to perform an on-the-spot correction.

The Green Machine is no different than back in the world. We have the same percentage of rude and uncaring people, but in an effort to increase the level of service to the people that pay our salaries, the good must attempt to overcome the not so good.

On-the-spot corrections is just another tool that we can use to get that job done. Some effects of our service stay with us forever. Hopefully, the majority of those lasting memories will be positive.

— Jerry L. Ryan
Former staff sergeant

Cancer does not stop for nighttime

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life starts at dusk and ends at the next day's morning. The light and darkness of the day and night parallel the physical effects, emotion, and mental state of a cancer patient undergoing treatment.

The relay begins when the sun is setting. This symbolizes the time that the person has been diagnosed as having cancer. The day is getting darker, and this represents the cancer patient's state of mind as they feel that their life is coming to an end.

As the evening goes on, it gets cold and darker — just as the emotions of the cancer patient does: 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. represents the time when the cancer patient starts treatment. They become exhausted, some sick — not wanting to go on, possibly wanting to give up. As a participant, you have been walking and feel much the same way. You are tired, want to sleep, and maybe even want to go home, but you cannot stop or give up.

Around 4 to 5 a.m. symbolizes the coming of the end of treatment for the cancer patient. Once again they are tired, but they know they will make it.

The sun rising represents the end of treatment for the cancer patient. They see the light at the end of the tunnel and know that life will go on. The morning light brings on a new day full of life and excitement for new beginnings for the cancer patient. As a participant, you will feel the brightness of the morning and know that the end of the relay is close at hand.

When you leave the relay, think of the cancer patient leaving their last treatment. Just as you are exhausted and weak, so is that person after treatment.

Thank you for participating in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. You can make a difference in the life of a cancer patient. Together we will find a cure for cancer.

— An anonymous cancer survivor

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ITB plans to build infantrymen memorial

Site to honor Soldiers, drill sergeants

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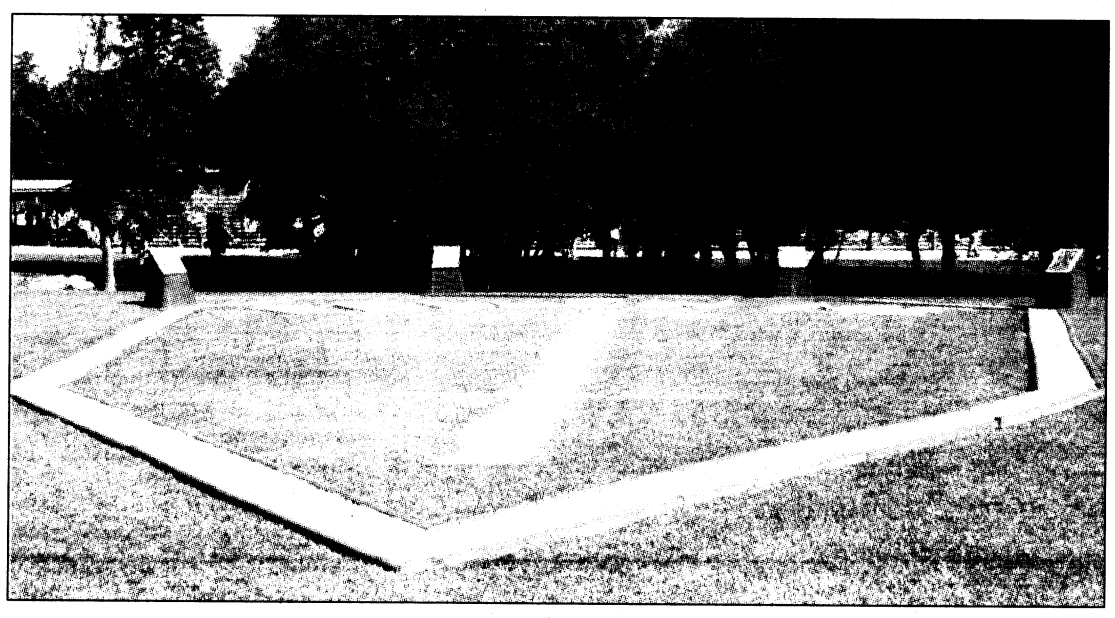

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This is what currently stands in front of Kanell Field at the Infantry Training Brigade. The "Infantry Walk" will be built there in honor of the infantry Soldiers and drill sergeants of the past, present and future. It will include a life-size statue of a drill sergeant made from hammered steel standing between four battalion monuments.

In honor of all infantrymen and those who train them, Sand Hill's Infantry Training Brigade is planning to create the first memorial dedicated to infantrymen and infantry drill sergeants.

"There aren't any monuments or memorials dedicated solely to the infantry Soldier (and) the infantry drill sergeants on Fort Benning," said Capt. Ed Gould, ITB personnel officer.

Col. Brian Baldy, ITB commander, said it's important to honor and recognize the contributions of the infantrymen of yesterday, today and the years to come.

The Infantry Walk will be placed in front of Kanell Field, where ITB Soldiers graduate.

There will be four marble monuments dedicated to each of the regiments in the ITB. These monuments include the regiment's unit crest, lineage and regiment honors.

A life-size statue made from hammered steel will stand between the battalion monuments to recognize the NCOs most responsible for transforming civilians into infantrymen, Gould said. The statue will look exactly like a drill sergeant, including the camouflage BDU pattern.

A local artist, Marvin Gardener, is interested in building the drill sergeant statue, Gould said. Gardener built the eagle statue placed outside of Dexter Elementary School, which is made of steel from one of the World Trade Center towers and sits on a piece of concrete from the Pentagon.

A large concrete slab in the shape of the Follow Me patch will be placed on the ground in front of the drill sergeant statue.

The regimental monuments will be on the sidewalk that borders the entire structure to allow Soldiers, family members and friends of the infantry the opportunity to take photographs of the area.

A Walk of Honor will recognize the honor graduates of each class.

Although the project design is complete and each of the four ITB battalions is garnering responsibility for its monuments, the actual site construction has not begun.

May 7, during the graduation of the 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, and the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, Bill Heard III pledged his support to ITB for the building of the Infantry Walk.

"I'm very proud to be associated with Fort Benning Soldiers," Heard said. "They are the finest Soldiers in the world."

"It's a worthwhile endeavor, especially now with the global war on terrorism," Gould said. "Many of our infantry Soldiers will or have already ended up in Iraq, Afghanistan and other dangerous places in the world, leading from the front and taking the fight to the enemy.

"It's something that will be here long after we are gone for future generations to enjoy," he said.

"Infantry Soldiers will come back to Fort Benning at some time or another throughout their careers as drill sergeants or first sergeants," Gould said.

"It will be nice to have something they can visit that represents them."

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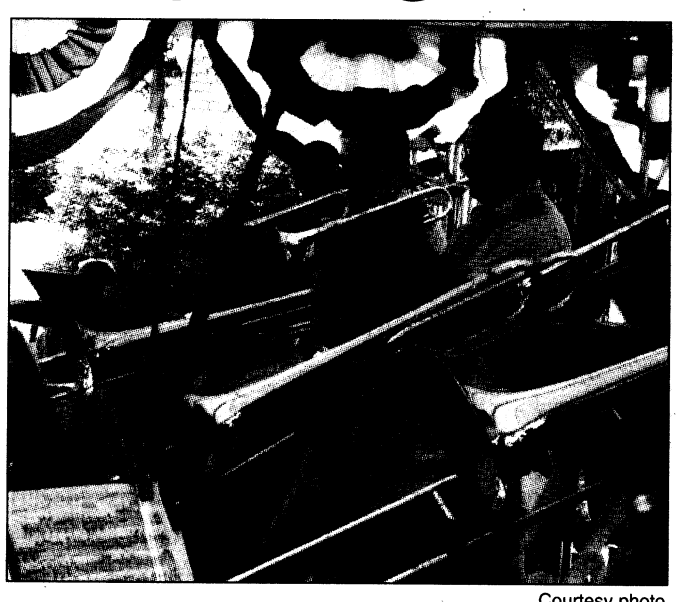

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Soldiers with the U.S. Army Infantry Center Band perform in Ocala, Fla., May 1 as part of a public relations tour celebrating Military Appreciation Month. While playing in Melbourne, Fla., the band received a standing ovation from a crowd estimated at 2,500. The Fort Benning community will have a chance to hear the band when it plays at 3 p.m. May 23 on the lawn of Riverside, the home of the commanding general. The program planned is *Marches, Musical and More.* The concert is free, and the public is invited to attend. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, but leave the pets at home.

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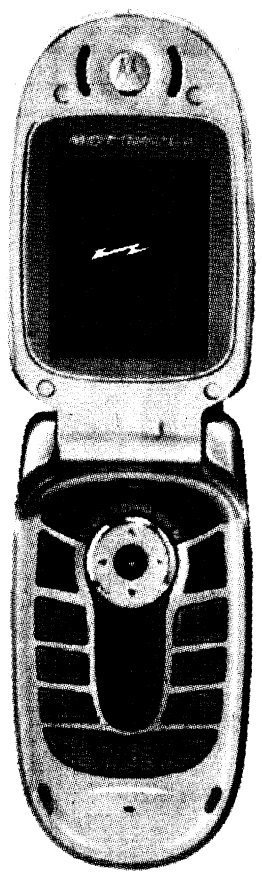

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System prevents computer infections

IAVAs ensure virus detection, prevention

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning computer network is made up of more than 5,000 computers — one of the largest networks in the Army. To effectively manage the mass network of computers, the Directorate of Information Management has implemented the use of the Systems Management Server, a Microsoft management tool developed to help administrators perform systems management and troubleshooting tasks, said Jeff Gilbert, DOIM's SMS administrator.

In other words, DOIM can now install programs and run security checks on all post computers from a central location.

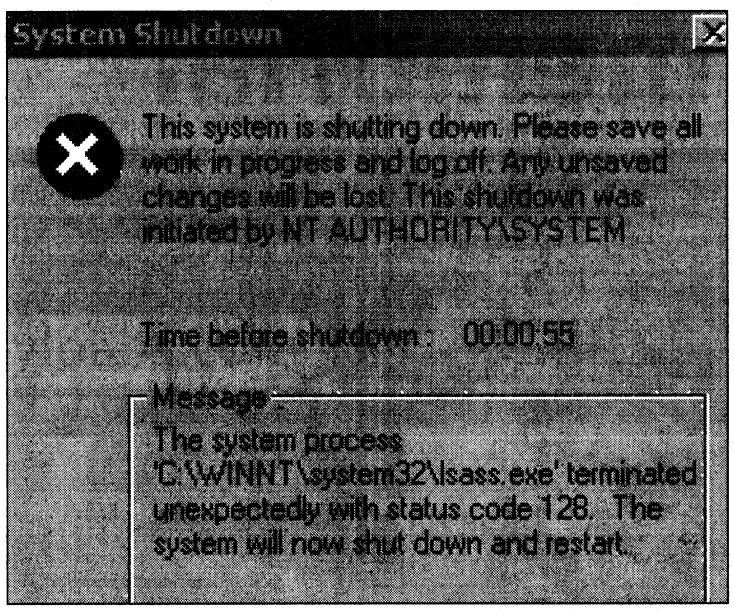
Before the SMS, computers had to be updated individually by the user, said Paul Yates, DOIM director.

"DOIM's main function is to ensure security within the network," Yates said.

DOIM's Network Operations Security Center is responsible for tracking and assessing the impact of vulnerabilities that may expose the system to attacks such as worms, viruses or system exploits, Gilbert said.

The Operations Security Office and the post information assurance officers are responsible for making sure all security patches, which fix vulnerabilities, are installed, Gilbert said.

"Long ago, all we had to worry about were viruses being picked up on floppy discs and being passed on from computer to computer," Yates said. Networks, however, have sped up the virus and worm movement and infection of computers.



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If you seen this pop-up box on your computer screen, you are infected with the SASSER worm.

In 1998, the Department of the Army started a program called the Information Assurance and Vulnerability Assessment. In 1999, it became a force protection issue.

"There are inherent vulnerabilities in all computers, they can't all be perfect," Yates said. IAVAs ensure all users are notified of vulnerabilities within the system as soon as it's detected, and ensures a patch, or a fix, for the vulnerability is sent out to users.

Patches are often released by the Department of Defense or the Army as IAVAs, said Carol Vasko Norman, information assurance manager.

An example of a recent virus prevented by a patch installation because of an IAVA is the SASSER worm, Yates said.

DOIM received an IAVA with a security patch to be installed to all the computers on the network within two days.

After sending mass e-mails to all computer users on the Fort Benning network to leave their computers on overnight for the installation of the security patch, DOIM managed to meet their deadline.

The SASSER worm prevents anyone from logging onto the Internet by shutting down the computer after a log on attempt.

There is no real way of treating an infected computer except by rebuilding the desktop, Vasko Norman said.

"Before (SMS and IAVAs) we handed people a patch and they had to install it individually," Yates said. "Now we can install a patch within hours to avoid network infections."

DOIM used to have more than 50 computers within the network infected every time a vulnerability wasn't taken care of, Yates said. Now, they have fewer than 12.

SMS does not impair the ability of network users to carry on with their usual work activities, Vasko Norman said. System administrators like Gilbert ensure all patches are installed in all computers through SMS from the network's central location.

The only thing DOIM asks users to do is to leave their computers on overnight when they receive an e-mail requesting them to do so — most of the patches are installed after hours.

"I feel comfortable saying we have one of the strongest networks in the Army," Yates said.

Guardsmen who spot IED just doing job

Spc. Andy Miller
122nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

BAGHDAD, Iraq

"BOOM!" The car exploded and there was nothing left but nuts and bolts.

April 12 started out as an average day for Staff Sgt. David Jensen and Sgt. Bruce Hartman of Fox Battery, 202nd Air Defense Artillery, part of the Illinois National Guard, attached to the 1st Cavalry Division. The week had been rough on them. They had been involved in ambushes, attacks and firefights, but today was just another day patrolling the streets of Baghdad.

Then it happened. A broken down car was parked on their patrol route.

"There was something suspicious about it, and we try to check everything that is suspicious," said Maj. Michael Kessel, the Fox Battery commander. "If something doesn't look right, we stop and take a look at it. That is pretty much our (standard operating procedure)."

After driving by the dubious-looking vehicle, Jensen decided to turn his patrol convoy around for a better look. His squad put up a security perimeter as Jensen examined the vehicle.

"We were looking at it through the (binoculars)," Jensen said. "We got closer and closer, and we were checking every angle of it. I walked up, saw that there was a cell phone sitting on the dash and a package on the driver side and yelled out, 'get the (heck) out of here', and ran back over."

The patrol called an explosive ordnance disposal crew to the site to take care of the improvised explosive device. When the EOD Soldiers arrived, they noticed Hartman's M-14 sniper rifle and asked him for a favor.

"Hartman was the sniper who took out the detonating device," Kessel said. "The interesting thing is, he's trained as a cook. It took two shots, one to knock out the windows, and then to knock out the detonation device."

With the windows shattered, and the detonation device destroyed, the scene was safe for EOD. They blew the vehicle up in place.

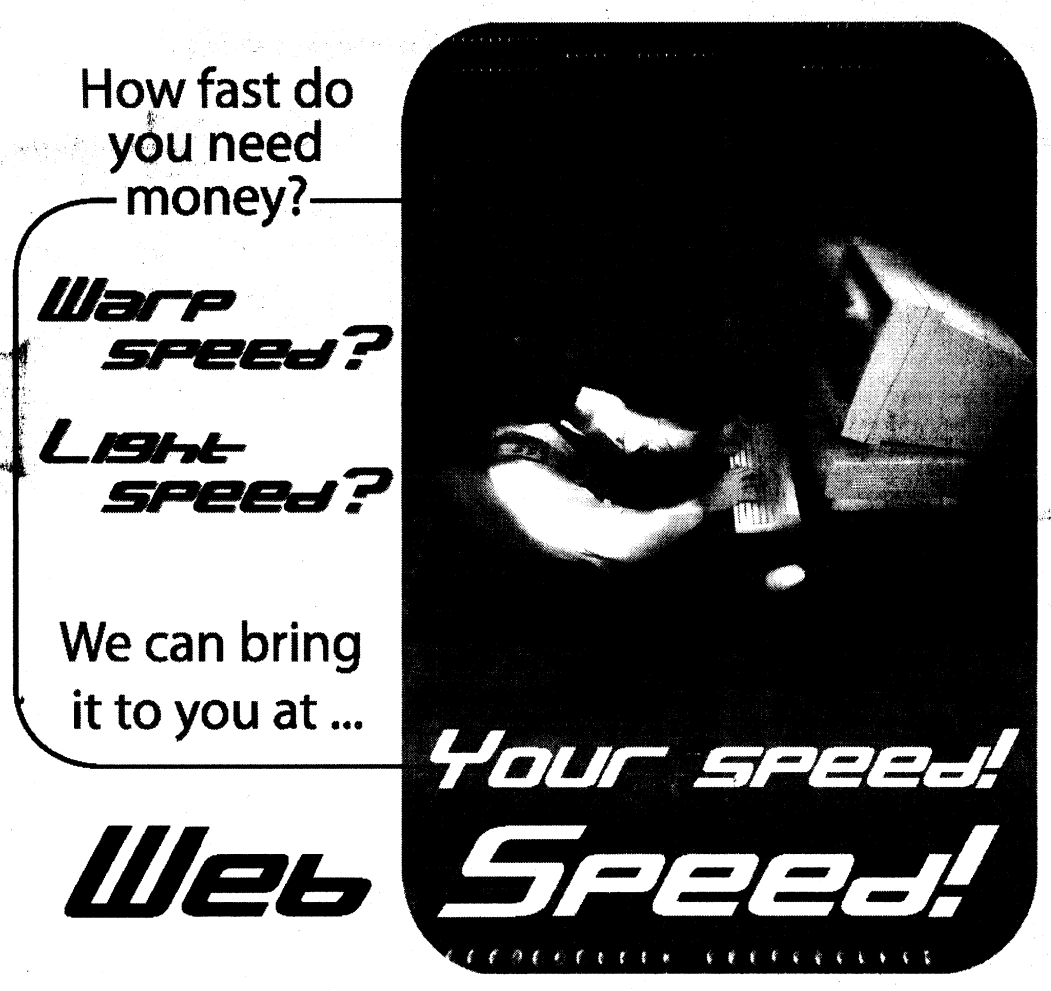
"After the explosion … we drove back and the car was gone," Hartman said. "The body of the car was gone, the frame, the axles, the motor, everything was gone. It was just nuts and bolts."

In an instant, what could have turned into catastrophe on a busy coalition supply route, turned into scrap metal. Jensen and Hartman received Army Commendation Medals from Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, the 1st Cav. Div. commanding general.

According to Jensen and Hartman, they were just doing their jobs. It's one of those things, maybe something you haven't been trained to do, but you step up and do it to the best of your ability, Hartman said.

"At the time we didn't think about a bridge being blown up or anything," Jensen said.

"Just like any IED, it would have done harm to somebody."



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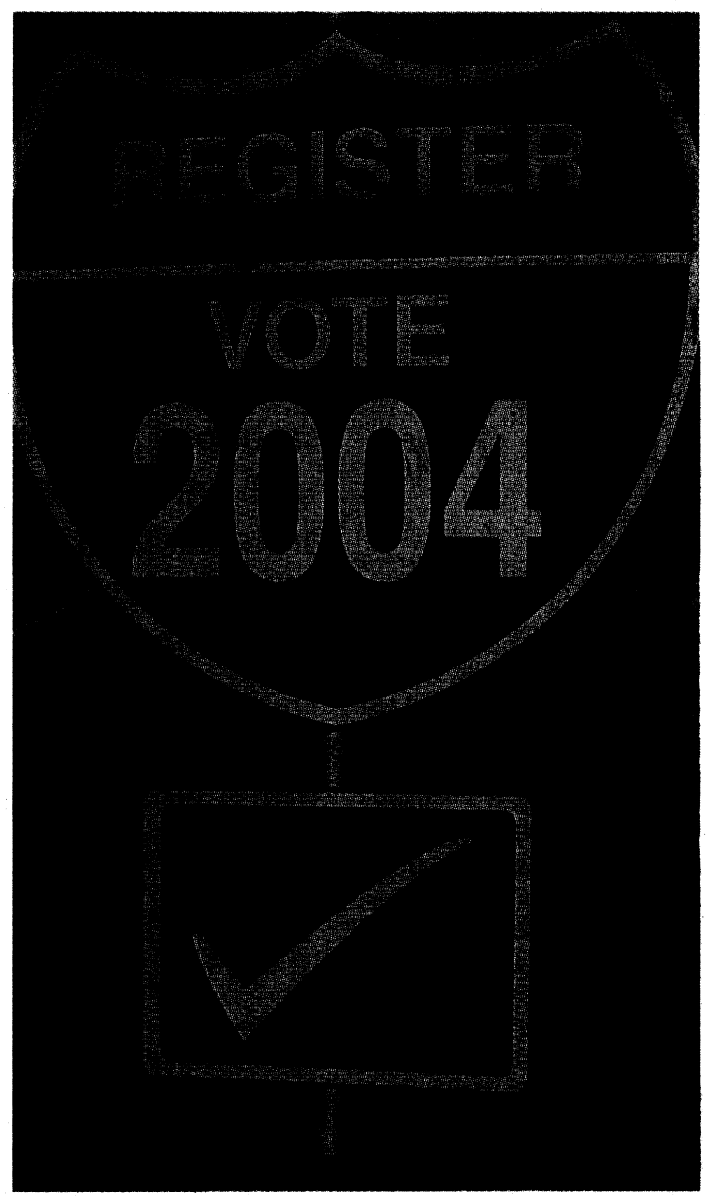
Pfc. Chris Stephens

Cpl. Rogelio Perez, left, with the LaGrange, Ga., Police Department, talks with Spc. Justin Bingham, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, about the opportunities available for employment in the department Thursday at Infantry Hall during the AUSA Job Fair. Perez, a police investigator and recruiter, is also a retired military policeman. He said Fort Benning is a "gold mine" for employers because of Soldiers' commitment to the military. "That's what we're looking for — commitment." Perez said his department has three to five job openings every few months, and he estimated he talked with nearly 75 people. His was one of nearly 20 law enforcement agencies from Georgia, Alabama, Florida, New York and New Jersey recruiting Soldiers and civilians. More than 100 booths were set up on the first floor of Infantry Hall.



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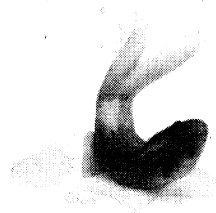

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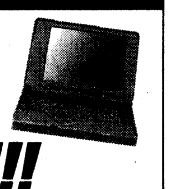

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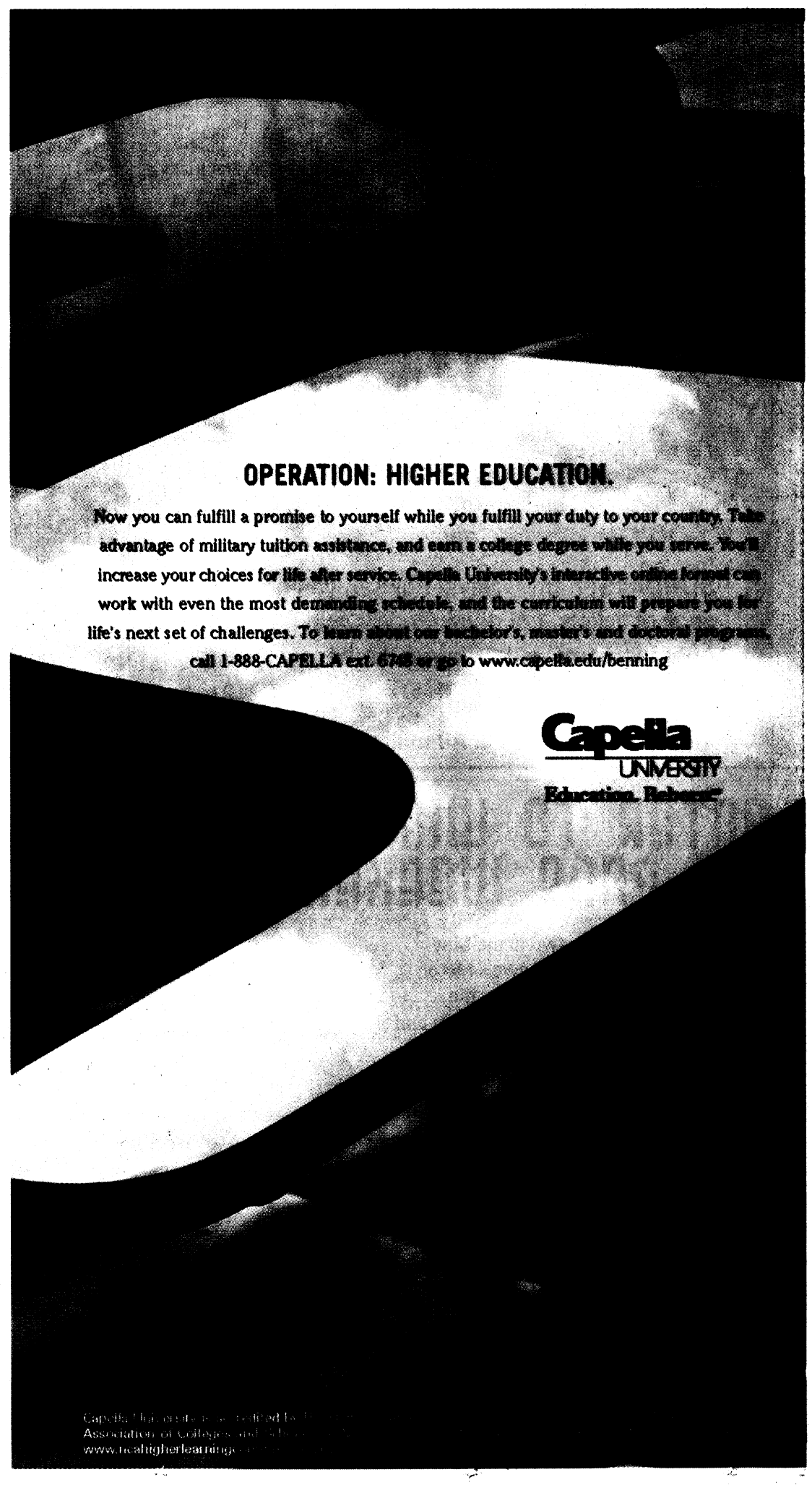



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Residents to see more MPs on duty

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Beginning June 3, Fort Benning residence will see new faces at the gates and an increase in the number of law enforcement officers patrolling post.

Vance Federal Security Services, the company responsible for access control at several military installations, including Fort Gordon, Ga., and Fort Bliss, Texas, will replace the Department of the Army civilian police with more than 140 "armed and well-trained" security guards, said Rick Pollard, the retired first sergeant who'll be responsible for the guards.

The transition will essentially double the number of law enforcement officers on post, Pollard said, making it possible to put more patrols on the street, something post residence have been clamoring for.

And the hand-off, Pollard guaranteed, will be seamless.

"They'll duplicate the service you're already receiving," he said. "The uniform will be different, but the service will be the same."

The contract with Vance requires applicants to undergo a screening process that includes a security clearance and physical fitness test. They must pass a 120-hour "mini police academy," Pollard said, and one week of on-the-job training.

"This is by no means a check-the-block academy," said Pollard, referring to the training the applicants are undergoing now. "We're not turning out 'rent-a-cops.' These are well-trained professionals with truly awesome qualifications. The training is tough – we've had some attrition already, but that's a good thing. We only want the best, and that's what we've got."

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With a starting salary of nearly $15 an hour, the security positions have drawn applicants from the Columbus and Phenix City area, where entry-level law enforcement officers are making less. A lot of retired and former Soldiers have also applied.

Retired Maj. Bill Hoye, Fort Benning's chief of police, said the Vance contract was mandated by the DA when the Reserve and National Guard troops who manned the access control points after 9-11 were demobilized.

"There is simply no such thing as an open post anywhere anymore," Hoye said. "That's not going to change, and with this new contract, nothing's going to change as far as the service at the check points goes. But it'll mean a big change for us. We'll be able to put more (officers) in post neighborhoods."

U.S. Army Fitness School volunteers at Columbus school

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Selfless service. Sandwiched between respect and honor in the Army stack of values, it is the hallmark of a patriot and a Soldier.

Whether risking life and limb in dusty towns in Southwest Asia in the name of freedom, or stopping on the side of the road to help a young mother change a tire in the midday sun, selfless service is an Army cornerstone.

The civilian and military employees at Fort Benning's U.S. Army Physical Fitness School have found their own way to live up to that standard. As partners in education with the Woodall Center, the unit organized and ran a field day at the center Tuesday.

The center is a state-funded school serving severely mentally handicapped and socially handicapped children whose behavior is too disruptive for traditional classrooms, said Jane Beech who teaches there.

Field day consisted of five events, including a soccer ball kick, 50-meter foot race, three-legged race, medicine ball throw, standing long jump and tug-of-war.

Sgt. 1st Class Steven Saenz, an instructor-writer at the school, said the volunteers try to promote fitness in whatever they do.

"A lot of these kids, with their disabilities, don't get many chances to do these kind of activities," he said.

After placing first in his class in almost all the events, Sammy Gary, a sixth-grader, spent the morning proclaiming his athletic prowess to a group of friends.

"I like school, but when I grow up, I'm gonna play football for the Raiders," he said.

And this crew of PT experts are more than happy to help him reach his goal.

Steve VanCamp, the fitness school's chief of doctrine, said the reason he volunteers is because of an experience he had as a YMCA director.

He remembers a young man named Ricky who was confined to a wheelchair and could barely operate the controls for it.

A few years later, VanCamp said he ran into Ricky again, this time at a YMCA-sponsored swim meet.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Susie Sironi, a Woodall Center teacher, left, and Steve Van Camp, right, U.S. Army Physical Fitness School chief of doctrine, help Shakima, 10, and Antrell, 8, go the distance during the three-leg race that was part of the field day the APFS put on Tuesday.

"Here was this kid, paralyzed from the waist down, swimming the length of the pool," he said. "Ricky had more courage than I ever did about anything."

The partnership with the Woodall Center goes back more than five years, Van Camp said.

Over the years, he said, the fitness school staff has incorporated a lot of different activities into its PIE program.

On May 7, the staff turned out at the Columbus Special Olympics for the fourth year in a row.

Lt. Col. William Rieger, U.S. Army Physical Fitness School commandant, remembers the smiles of these children when they succeed in these activities.

"These are just those special moments in life," he said. "They are priceless and that's why we come out here to do it — it's the right thing to do."

"Fort Benning has historically always been a big part of the local community," said VanCamp.

"An installation should always have a great rapport with its civilian community. This is one of the ways we build that rapport."

Delray Stephens, a new teacher at Woodall, said he agrees the fitness center staff is doing the right thing for the center.

"I think it's another branch of their service — them extending their hand to support the community," he said. "Volunteers coming out to help with physical activities is so beneficial to these kids."

To find out how you can help the Woodall Center, call Principal LaNora Emziah at 649-0760.

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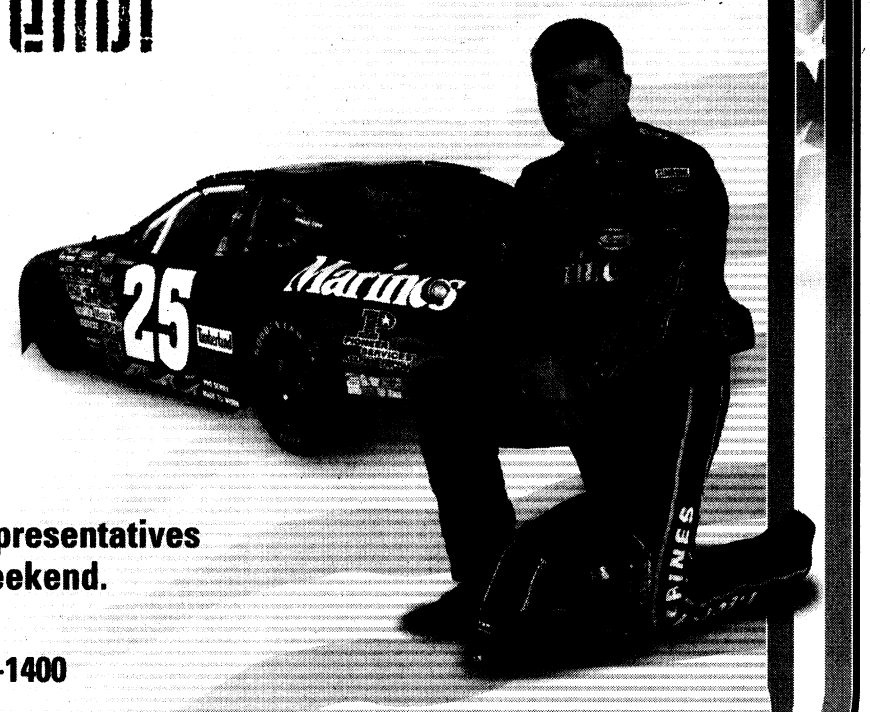

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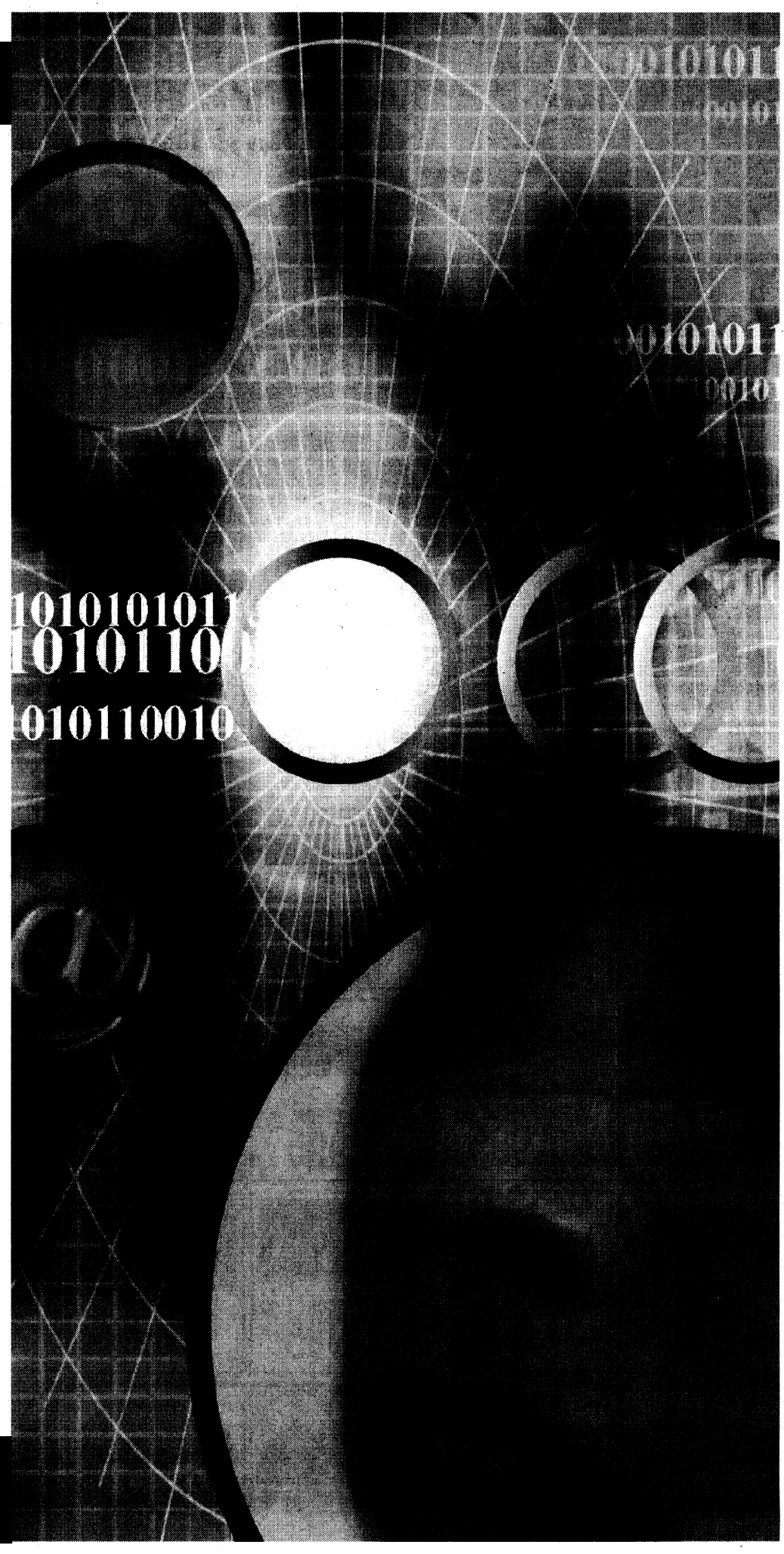

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Army leadership condemns all detainee abuse

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The alleged detainee abuse by some 320th Military Police Battalion guards at the Abu Ghraib prison is not as widespread as some believe, according to initial findings of an investigation into that abuse, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker recently told congressmen.

Schoomaker and acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee joined Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers in discussing the alleged detainee abuse with members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees during separate committee meetings May 7.

Referring to the investigation conducted in February by Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba, deputy commanding general for Support, Coalition Forces Land Component Command, into the specifics of the alleged detainee abuse at Abu Ghraib — and to see if similar abuse may be occurring elsewhere in Iraq — Schoomaker said the Taguba Report praised three MP battalions in Iraq for doing the detainee job right with similar missions and under similar circumstances as the 320th MP Battalion.

Though not in the operational chain of command of the MPs accused of detainee abuse, Schoomaker said he still took the incidents personally, as he is responsible for providing combatant commanders trained and ready forces.

"There is no question that the potential consequences of this incident are huge, but we must not forget that they are not representative of the Army or that they are the acts of a few," Schoomaker said.

He said the Army is taking the incident very seriously, but the system will work to punish those responsible, and the Army will adapt from what it learns.

Asked if improper training of an Army Reserve unit led to the situation at Abu Ghraib, Schoomaker replied that the Army has only one standard for all units, whether they are Reserve, National Guard or active forces.

Brownlee told the committees that preliminary investigations show the vast majority of Soldiers within Central Command are fully aware of their responsibilities to treat detainees humanely and live up to Army values.

"We will find how and why this happened, and will ensure those responsible for these shameful and illegal acts are held accountable," Brownlee said.

The secretary listed some actions the Army has already taken to ensure similar incidents do not occur:

- Refresher training on the Law of Land Warfare and the responsibilities of the Geneva and Hague Conventions with special emphasis on the handling of prisoners and other detainees has been given to all MP and military intelligence Soldiers who are involved with detainee operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- All deploying Army Reserve MI Soldiers are mobilized at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., so that they get the most current instruction on their responsibilities prior to deployment.
- Mobile MP training teams have been sent to all 10 combat training centers to ensure detainee instruction is part of advanced individual training and other courses.
- Lessons learned from are being distributed to the Army's National Training Center, Calif., the Joint Readiness Training Center, La., and the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Germany, to test deploying detainee operations units.

AROUND POST

Motorcycle course

The next Motorcycle Safety Course will be Thursday and May 21.

To enroll, call Contact Driver Testing at 545-5043.

One additional class is being added per month for the next two months, so the classes will be on the first and third Thursday and Friday for June and July. The state of Georgia conducts a weekend course monthly.

For more information, call Scott A. Keith at 545-4010 or e-mail Scott.Keith@benning.army.mil.

Hatch Act

It's election time, and time to remind government civilian employees of the restrictions on their political activities.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has issued a letter identifying in detail many of the prohibitions relating to political activities.

The letter can be viewed at www.osc.gov/hatchact.com.

For more information, call Nancy Skates at (703) 325-1334, DSN 221-1334 or e-mail nancy.skates@asamra.hoffman.army.mil.

2004 elections

To be eligible for absentee voting in the 2004 elections, you must be registered to vote.

To register, complete a Federal Post Card Application and mail to the state where you vote. To get the FPCA, contact your unit Voting Assistance Officer or download it from ww.fvap.gov.

The deadline to mail the FPCA is Aug. 15.

The deadline to mail the absentee ballot is Oct. 11.

AEC rescinds restriction

Effective immediately, the Army Education Center has rescinded the restriction on issuing tuition assistance for the current semester.

For more information, call Paul LaPointe at 545-3237.

Tax center remains open

The Fort Benning Tax Center remains open and will still prepare federal and state tax returns for the 2001, 2002 and 2003 tax years.

The off-season location is Building 5, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Appointments are required.

For more information, call 545-3281.

Ranger School graduations

The following Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

- Class 7-04, July 9
- Class 8-04, Aug. 6
- Class 9-04, Sept. 17
- Class 10-04, Oct. 15
- Class 11-04, Nov. 5

The graduation is preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration at Hurley Hill, starting at 10 a.m. Hurley Hill is located by Victory Pond.

RCP change

The Retention Control Point for staff sergeants has changed from 20 to 22 years.

This change is necessary to retain experienced NCOs and support the recently approved endstrength increase.

This change affects those staff sergeants who have an ETS on or before Sept. 30, 2005, except for Soldiers in MOS 14R, 14S and 42L.

For more information, call Irma Mason at 545-5655.

PLDC graduation

Primary Leadership Development Course Class 6-04 graduates at 10 a.m. May 27 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall.

The public is invited to attend.

CID brief

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information pertaining to the larceny of a 2003 Kawasaki ZX636-B motorcycle from the parking lot adjacent to Building 2939.

The incident occurred between noon April 11 and 5 p.m. April 12.

In an effort to identify and apprehend the perpetrator(s), CID is requesting the assistance of the local community

Anyone who may have information concerning this individual or the whereabouts of the motorcycle should call the CID duty agent at 545-8916 or the military police at 545-5222.

Thrift Savings Plan

Open Season for the Thrift Savings Plan has begun and will run through June 30. During the Open Season, you can start or increase (if you are contributing less than the maximum) your contributions.

The TSP is the federal government's long-term, tax-advantaged 401(k) type savings plan. The TSP consists of five funds where you can put your money.

To find out more about the TSP, visit the TSP Web site, www.tsp.gov, attend a class from 10 a.m. to noon June 11, or call the ACS Financial Readiness Program at 545-5485.

Ranger Memorial stones

The Ranger Memorial Foundation, Inc. is an organization dedicated to honoring the U.S. Army Ranger and their sacrifices to our nation through a granite monument located on post.

The foundation also offers academic scholarships to eligible individuals and help to Ranger families in distress.

Funds for the services are raised through the sale of engraved granite stones on the Ranger walkway, individual and corporate donations and the Combined Federal Campaign. To purchase a stone, donate, or apply for a scholarship, log on to www.rangermemorial.org to download the forms.

The cutoff date for this year's engraving is June 1. Applications received after that date will be engraved in the summer of 2005.

Sergeant Major board

The Department of the Army sergeant major promotion selection board will convene June 4.

All master sergeants or first sergeants with a date of rank June 1, 2002 and earlier with a basic active service date between June 1, 1979 and June 1, 1994 are the zones for consideration.

Call your personnel sergeant or call the Personnel Service Branch at 545-5646, 545-2602 or 545-2611 to schedule an appointment.

Separating Soldiers

The Fort Benning Adjutant General office would like to help Soldiers separating from the military.

Separating Soldiers with an ETS can expect to have orders published between 60 and 90 days prior to their departure on transition leave, or their separation date, whichever is earlier.

Separating Soldiers must see the Army Career and Alumni Program and attend a pre-separation briefing 90 to 120 days.

This is mandatory.

All of the information can be accessed through the Veterans Affairs homepage at www.va.gov.

For more information, call the local Veterans Affairs Office, located in Building 2617 in Soldiers' Plaza at 545-4887. The Transition Center is in Building 2619 or call either 545-5400 or 545-5424 or see your unit personnel NCO.

ID Card office extends hours

Now effective, the Main Post ID Card Section will extend its Wednesday hours of operation to 6 p.m. This is to accommodate customers who find it difficult to obtain ID cards during the normal hours of operation, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also, the ID Card Section is operational with reduced manning hours during lunch hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

eArmyU Order of Merit list

A standard Order of Merit List must be used to enroll all eArmyU students. The use of the OML will ensure the same criteria will be used for the selection of all Soldiers enrolling in eArmyU throughout the Army.

The Army Education Center will continue to conduct the eArmyU briefing at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday in Infantry Hall. Only those Soldiers who are listed on the unit's OML will be eligible to attend the briefing.

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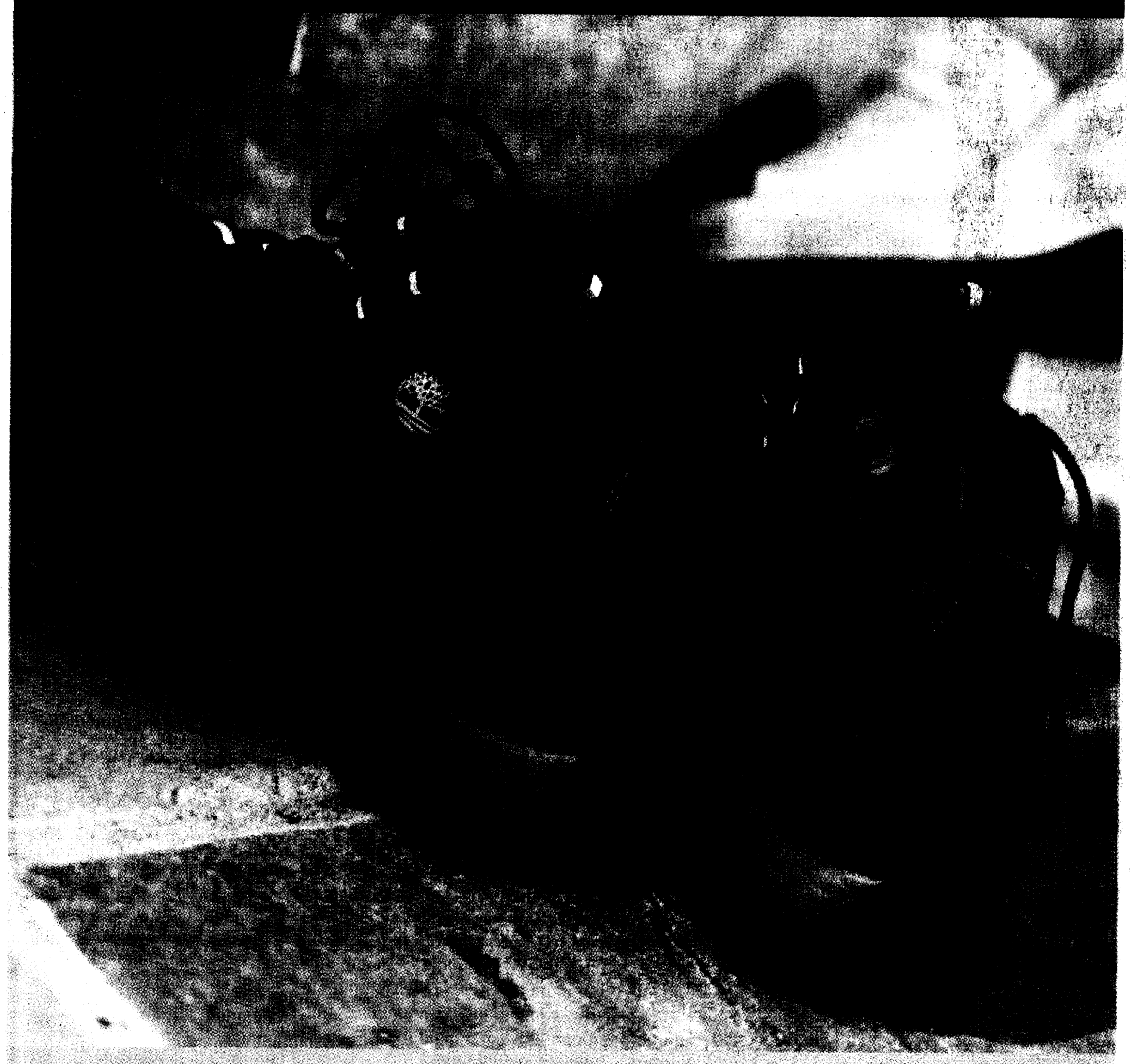

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Get In the Swim



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

Spc. Stephen Lebel, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, employs an M-18 A1 Claymore mine during 3rd Brigade's Expert Infantryman Badge testing Wednesday morning. Lebel was one of about 375 Soldiers attempting to earn the badge.

3rd Brigade troops try for EIB

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Tears glistened in the young specialist's eyes as he handed the sheet over.

"I double no-goed, Sergeant," he said, his voice barely above a whisper.

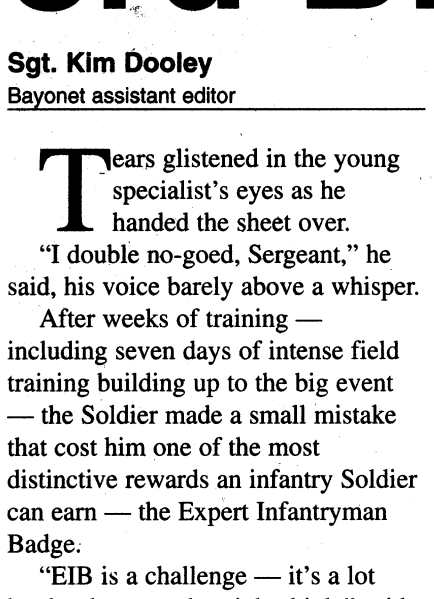
After weeks of training — including seven days of intense field training building up to the big event — the Soldier made a small mistake that cost him one of the most distinctive rewards an infantry Soldier can earn — the Expert Infantryman Badge.

"EIB is a challenge — it's a lot harder than people might think," said EIB NCOIC Sgt. 1st Class Mark Boisclair, taking the Soldier's sheet and sending him to join others who shared his fate. "You have to do everything just right — the sequencing, the steps, everything has to be right."

And with 22 stations and more than 50 individual tasks to perform, EIB testing is downright tough, he said.

About 365 3rd Brigade Soldiers and 10 from Fort Stewart, Ga., participated in the yearly testing, which began Wednesday and will wrap up this afternoon.

Before the Soldiers were even eligible for testing, they had to qualify as expert marksman — both in daylight and at night — complete a 12-mile road march, with full "battle rattle" in three hours or less, score a minimum of 70 percent in each event on the PT test, and successfully conduct day and night land navigation.



Spc. Paul Krantz, A Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, throws a grenade during testing Wednesday.



1st Lt. Javier Cortez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, high crawls while undergoing testing at the movement technique station.

Once they succeeded in their prerequisites and received training at the unit level, the candidates began weeklong, in-depth, on-site training at the test site near Coolidge Range.

There, they ran through the steps of every task they would have to perform properly during testing — everything from basic first aid, to reacting to an NBC attack, to maintaining weapons and employing mines and grenades.

"It comes down to attention to detail — and these Soldiers are already tired and burnt out," Boisclair said, adding that only 25 to 30 percent of the candidates will actually earn their EIB.

But that doesn't mean those who didn't succeed this week have wasted their time, said Maj. Ed House, brigade operations officer.

"EIB is an opportunity to train infantry Soldiers on critical infantry skills and allow them to test their ability to accomplish those tasks," House said. "It's not about earning the badge; it's about the training they receive — training tasks that are critical to (an infantryman's) ability to perform his job and that may save his life.

"This is the best individual training a Soldier will participate in, in any calendar year," he said.

'But for those who successfully complete each task and earn their badges, there is an undeniable pride and respect.

"Having the EIB sets apart those individuals; it sets them above the rest of the infantryman," Boisclair said. "When you've earned this 'mark of a man,' you've proven that you know your job, that you're an expert in your field."

"A Soldier gains immediate respect from other infantrymen (when he has an EIB)," House said.

Pvt. Adam Moline of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Bde., was had his heart set on earning his badge Wednesday morning.

The 19-year-old Yukon, Okla., native has only been in the Army seven months, but he said he was confident as he wrapped up his third station Wednesday morning.

"Getting the EIB shows that you took the time to study the tasks. It proves that you're a professional," he said, adding that most of the Soldiers he's seen with EIBs are NCOs.



Pvt. Adam Moline, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, treats a casualty at the first aid station.

Moline said he felt good about most of the tasks, but wasn't looking forward to what would be the most challenging task for him, range estimation. At that station, the Soldiers had to gauge the distance of several targets in the distance — all within 20 percent accuracy.

Another task Moline dreaded was employing hand grenades. The candidates were given five grenades to complete three tasks — throwing a grenade within a few meters of a target silhouette, throwing a grenade into a bunker from 35 meters away and crawling up to a bunker and tossing the grenade in.

"With the grenade, it's kind of the luck of the draw," he said. "You can be on one day and not make it the next. You never know what the case may be."

Army unveils new modified Chinook helicopter

Kelly Tyler
160th Special Operation Aviation Regiment

RIDLEY PARK, Pa. — Army special operations forces received their first MH-47G Chinook helicopter during a rollout ceremony at aircraft manufacturer Boeing's compound in Ridley Park May 6.

The military's newest rotary-wing airframe, updated and better equipped than its Chinook predecessors, will be flown exclusively by the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), headquartered at Fort Campbell, Ky.

To kick off the event, an older MH-47D model flew directly over the thousands of Boeing employees who had gathered to watch the ceremony. Landing nearby, the Chinook discharged its cargo of three special operations Soldiers and a ground mobility vehicle, which rolled across the flight ramp as the door to a hangar opened and the new brand-new MH-47G was rolled out.

Patrick Shanahan, vice president and general manager for Boeing Rotorcraft Systems, handed the first set of symbolic "keys" to the modified aircraft to Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Sentiff and Staff Sgt. Michael Luna, both of the 160th SOAR.

"All of us at Boeing are extremely proud of the Chinook and its record of service with the U.S. Army, Army special operations and our allies around the world for more than four decades," Shanahan said. "The Chinook's unique capabilities show clearly why the Chinook is and will continue to be a central war-fighting asset for your armed forces."

The MH-47 is more than just an airframe, Shanahan said.

"The design and manufacturing of this aircraft (have) been a labor of love and a model of working together," he said. "Teamwork has characterized our program from the start."

Lt. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., commander of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., also spoke to the crowd.

"Not only have we all gotten a personal introduction to our 'work horse,' but we have also had the opportunity to shake hands with everyone who helped make this possible," Kensinger said.

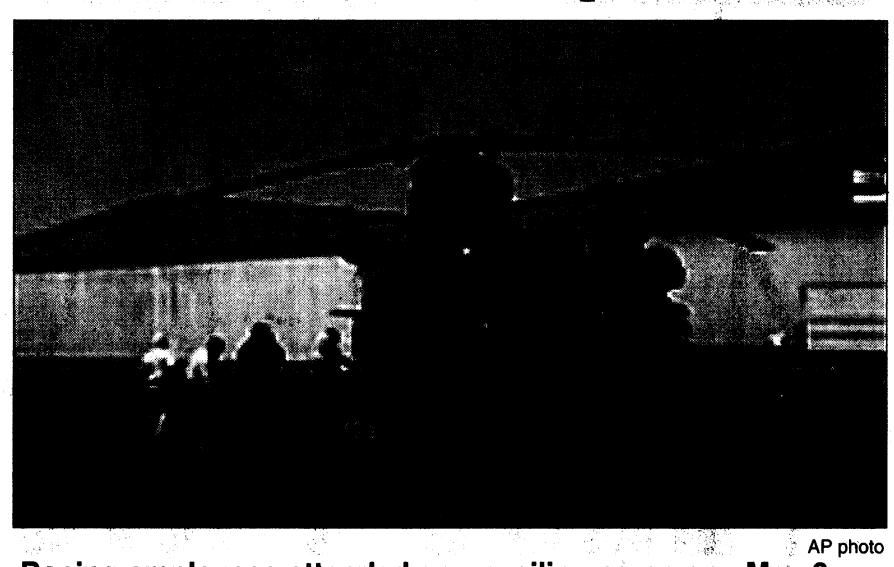
"As magnificent as this aircraft is, it is only as good as the people who design it, build it, fly it, and support it," Kensinger said.

Kensinger told the gathered Boeing workers that anyone who contributed to the construction of the aircraft was also contributing to victory in the war on terrorism.

"The equipment (the 160th SOAR flies) is what gets the boots on the ground to fight the Global War on Terrorism," Kensinger said. "It is also the equipment that gets them back safely to their families."

The event also gave the Boeing workers a chance to understand the role of the MH-series aircraft, and it allowed those workers to speak directly to Soldiers who have been affected by the capabilities of the MH-47. Workers and guests checked out both the older "D" model and the newest "G" model following the ceremony.

"This is a great bunch of guys," said John Williams, flight engineer for Boeing. "We want them to be well-protected up there," he said. "I feel better knowing these guys have the best equipment there is."



AP photo

Boeing employees attended an unveiling ceremony May 6.

The MH-47G has capabilities not found on any other rotor-wing aircraft in the world. Its specialized mission equipment includes:

- Multi-mode radar that permits terrain following and terrain avoidance in all climatic conditions
- A Common Avionics Architecture System-equipped cockpit that enhances joint operability and pilot situational awareness
- Next generation forward-looking infrared, or FLIR
- M-134 Gatling "miniguns" and M-240D machine guns for increased defensive firepower
- Advanced, integrated aircraft survivability equipment
- Oversized main fuel tanks

The Army has approved the purchase of 61 MH-47G airframes. Procurement and distribution will continue through fiscal 2011.

Platoon: Tests emerging techniques and tactics

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Davis said he is working to get the unit up to company level to make the unit organization and company-level combat tactics testing realistic and said the 29th Inf. Regt. had to internally reorganize just to field the single platoon.

The platoon currently consists of 44 Soldiers and one officer, but "the concept is for the platoon to eventually grow into a 158 Soldier company," Shepherd said.

Even as a brand new unit, the XFOR platoon has already played a part in two projects.

They recently participated in the Chief of Staff of the Army's Leader to Led study, Davis said.

The unit also fired the prototype XM-8 assault rifle.

"Next," Davis said, "we will be using the experimental force for the Land Warrior Analysis of Alternatives in July in support of the Land Warrior program manager."

He said the Land Warrior analysis will evaluate the performance of the Land Warrior system and test alternatives to the system. It will also provide an evaluation of the cost effectiveness of fielding the system compared to viable alternatives.

Davis said other innovations in the experimental force's future include the testing of a new Air Assault Expeditionary Force. The AAEF evaluation will also assess the effect of networking on Soldier lethality and survivability.

Evaluations like the AAEF and the Land Warrior analysis cost money and Davis said the bills go to several different agencies. Some comes from the Training and Doctrine Command, the Department of the Army, the joint community, various program managers and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, a Department of Defense technology-scout organization of sorts.

With big projects on the horizon, Davis said he is hoping the platoon can play a vital role in improving the force in the present, while continuing to help develop new technologies and tactics for the future.

Mobilized: Unit's yearlong activation

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commanders and staff training to prepare for the battalion's first training cycle. Rushing expects to have at least 84 Reserve component drill sergeants on Sand Hill by the end of August.

Two of the four companies that arrived at Fort Benning with the 84th have been tasked out to the 2nd Bn., 58th and the 2nd Bn., 19th Inf. Regiments to create F companies for both of those battalions.

"We are integrating the reserve component drill sergeants and the active duty drill sergeants into companies to have a full integration of reserve and active duty drill sergeants as well as command staff through out the ITB," Rushing said.

Wednesday, the active duty ITB drill sergeants were training the Reserve component drill sergeants at Eagle Tower on Sand Hill.

"The training is part of a "check ride" that all new drill sergeants receive once they come to the hill," said Staff Sgt. Robert Dorr, drill sergeant at 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt.

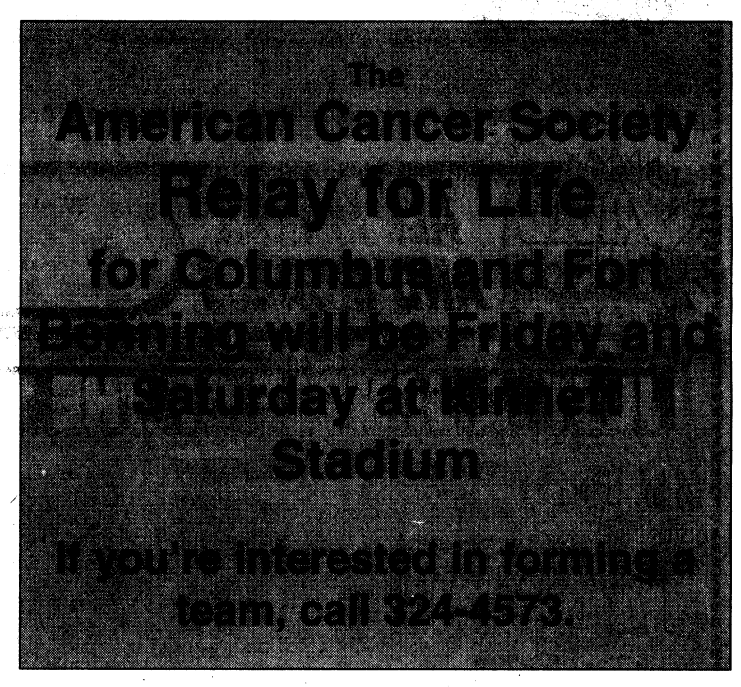
The check ride is a two week drill sergeant certification program. During this time the drill sergeants are certified on Fort Benning range procedures, issued certification cards and briefed on the do's and don'ts of the installation, Dorr said.

"Eagle Tower is a confidence building course," said Sgt. 1st Class Donald Kernan, drill sergeant assigned to ITB's Headquarters Support Company. "When a Soldier is done with this course, he has to feel good about himself."

A Reserve drill sergeant for eight years, Sgt. 1st Class William Balinski said he was feeling very confident about being at Fort Benning to accomplish the important mission of training the Army's infantrymen.

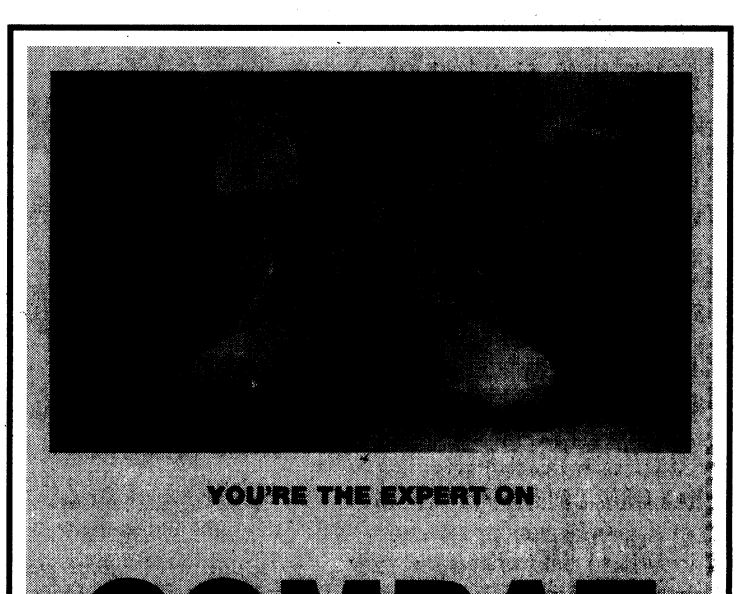
"We're all excited to be here," Balinski said. "With the climate overseas right now, we knew we were going to be called on soon. This is our job, the best we can do now is focus on the training."

"This is the only remaining infantry combat Soldier training unit in the reserves, Rushing said. "Our job is to produce the infantry fighting Soldier of tomorrow. Will the conditions be perfect? No. Will it get done? Yes."

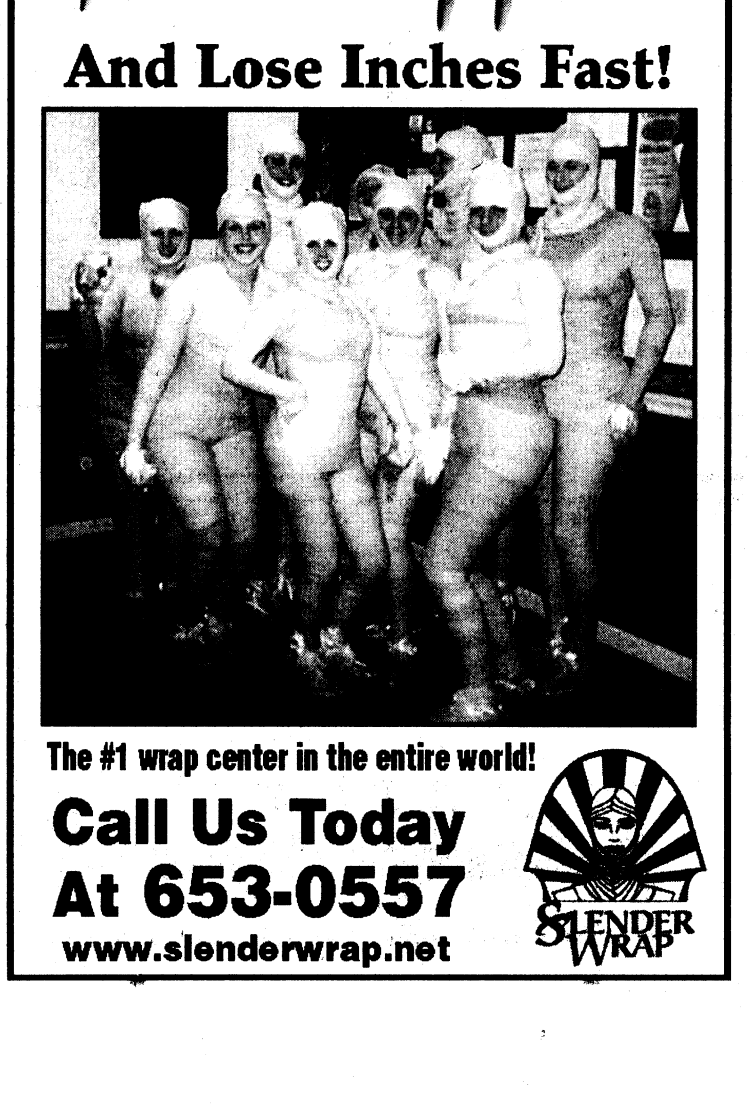














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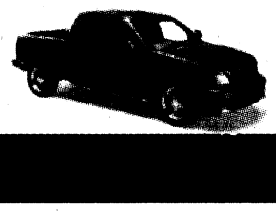

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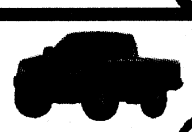

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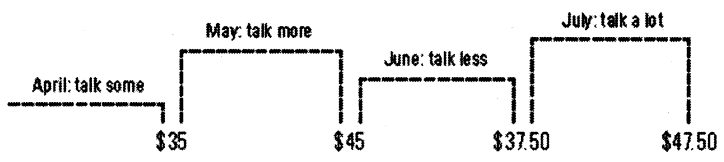

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Students from B Company, 2nd Battalion (Infantry Officer Basic Course), 11th Infantry Regiment, remain watchful.

"We're trying to teach (the students) that the battlefield is a three-dimensional place. Just because you can't see it, doesn't mean it isn't there. We're trying to remove the assumption that everything is OK. You can't assume anything — you have to *know* the route is clear; you have to *know* the objective is secure."

1st Sgt. Michael Campbell
B Company, 2nd Battalion,
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IOBC students train real-world tactics

Lieutenants put 16 weeks training to test

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The woods of the Ware Range Complex were quiet Tuesday morning — too quiet. In the dim light of sunrise, enemy soldiers remained watchful in their trenches, weary from hours of waiting.

Word had come in the wee hours of the morning that a company of American Soldiers had penetrated their area and pinpointed their position.

They were on their way. Now, the sounds of the forest came alive — every creaking branch, every rustling leaf, every animal in the brush signaled the onslaught of the inevitable assault.

And then, without warning, the wait was over. Artillery rounds shattered the silence, smoke hung around the trenches and bunkers, fire was exchanged at the outposts just meters away from their complex. The enemy soldiers readied themselves, took aim at the brush and trees surrounding their positions.

Within minutes, the sounds of small arms fire had drawn closer. Then, a brief lull. Suddenly, rounds exploded from the tree line. American voices barked orders over the noise of battle, jumped from behind cover alone or in pairs, rushing the bunkers and trenches, weapons raised, triggers squeezed.

In less than 15 minutes, they had taken their objective.

The mission was a success for the men of B Company, 2nd Battalion (Infantry Officer Basic Course), 11th Infantry Regiment — men who road marched farther than 16 miles for more than six hours to reach their objective and hadn't slept for going on 27 hours. But it wouldn't be their last.

The trench and bunker assault was merely the beginning for these IOBC students, who began the culminating exercise of their 16-week training early Monday morning. Once the lieutenants had planned the assault, traveled to the site and successfully secured the objective, they broke down into platoons and conducted a series of individual platoon missions, running into everything from civilians and media on the battlefield to improvised explosive devices. The troopers didn't know their missions ahead of time, or how they would conduct them.

"We've just been told that we'll be performing continuous operations," said a red-eyed 2nd Lt. Cris Ulrich Tuesday morning as he pulled guard on the company's perimeter after the assault.

What would follow the company assault was anyone's guess, said Ulrich, the 3rd Platoon leader's radio telephone operator.

"We'll either move out by foot, conduct an air assault or convoy operations. But we don't know. The missions are just handed out piece by piece."

Ulrich wasn't complaining. He said the element of surprise only enhanced the training, something the cadre intended.

"We want this to be as real as possible for them," said 1st Sgt. Michael Campbell, B Company first sergeant.

Campbell can attest to the importance of realism in training.

"I've been in six separate conflicts," he said, "and they were all different. Pure chaos in its truest form."

That chaos comes when Soldiers don't know what to expect. And in a unit where at least 70 percent of the Soldiers will put their skills to the test in Afghanistan and Iraq in the coming months, learning to react to anything — especially the unexpected — is key.

"This is basically nothing more than reacting to contact," Campbell said. "If you do it right, you're going to get up and see another day. But if you don't …"

Although the company suffered several casualties during its initial assault, many of the lieutenants maintained confidence in the group's ability to accomplish any mission handed to them.



Infantry Officer Basic Course lieutenants evacuate their dead and wounded after conducting a trench and bunker assault at the Ware Range complex Tuesday morning. The assault was one in many missions during the students' culminating exercise. They will graduate at the end of the month.

"When we breached the (enemy's position), our initial plan changed," said 2nd Lt. Mark Hillstrom, platoon leader for 1st Platoon, pinpointing the company's biggest challenge during its assault.

"But it didn't stop us," chimed in 2nd Lt. Matt Johnston, a squad leader in Hillstrom's platoon. "We improvised, adapted and overcame."

"We're all knowledgeable enough to do any mission that comes our way," Ulrich said. "It's just going to be a matter of staying motivated under the added pressure of long nights."

Despite their enthusiasm, the young lieutenants knew more obstacles lay ahead of them.

"We're going to be testing all the individual and collective tasks we've learned in our 16 weeks of training," Hillstrom said. "The sleep deprivation is going to be a challenge. We were all motivated for a big task like the company assault, but it's going to be harder and harder to motivate people to do the small tasks, things like tying down your equipment."

The Soldiers' exhaustion is also going to challenge their decision-making, Hillstrom said.

"We're going to have some tough decisions to make," Johnston said. "And we'll have to make them in less than perfect conditions, especially not having had any sleep."

And that's just as it should be, Campbell said.

"We're trying to teach them that the battlefield is a three-dimensional place — just because you can't see it doesn't mean it's not there," he said, grinning after disclosing the locations of two well-hidden IEDs on the road into the unit's position.

Campbell said the lieutenants would find those IEDs one of three ways — through the reports of civilians on the battlefield, by discovering them on a patrol or by setting them off accidentally.

By late Tuesday afternoon, the group had dismissed the civilian's reports, and a patrol had failed to spot them. It looked like it was going to be a learning experience.



A B Company lieutenant ties to stay awake and alert after the company's trench and bunker assault. The students conducted a 16-mile road march through the night, then went straight into their assault mission without sleep.

"We're trying to remove the assumption that everything is OK," Campbell said.

"You can't assume anything — you have to *know* the route is clear; you have to *know* the objective is secure. That's why this week of training is so demanding for these young lieutenants."



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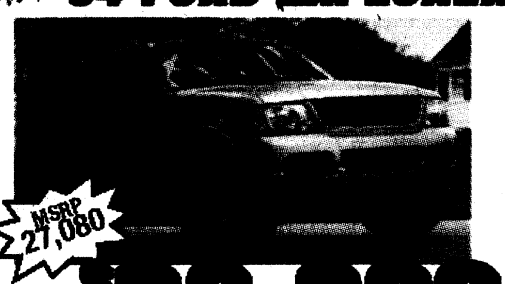

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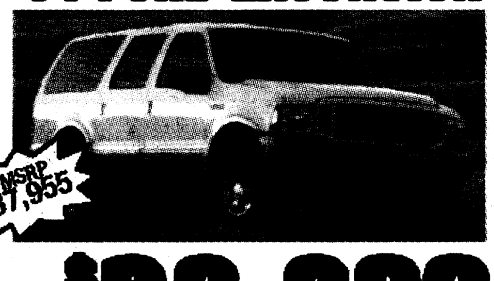

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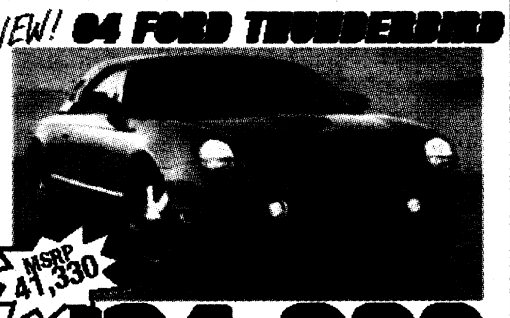

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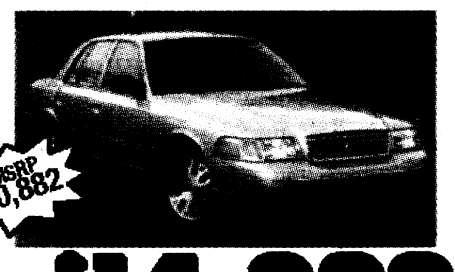

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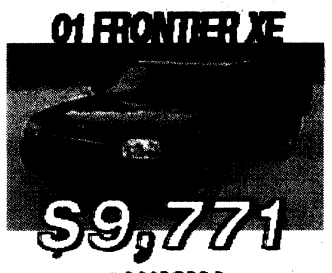

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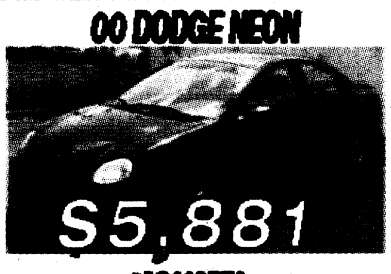

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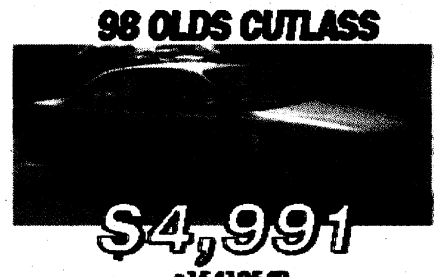

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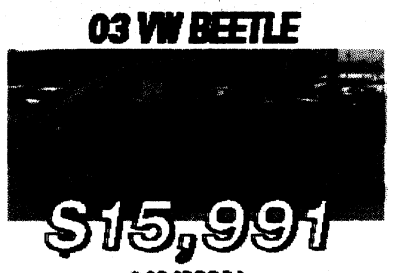

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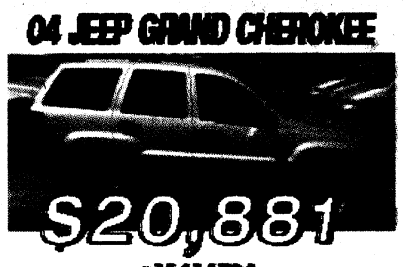

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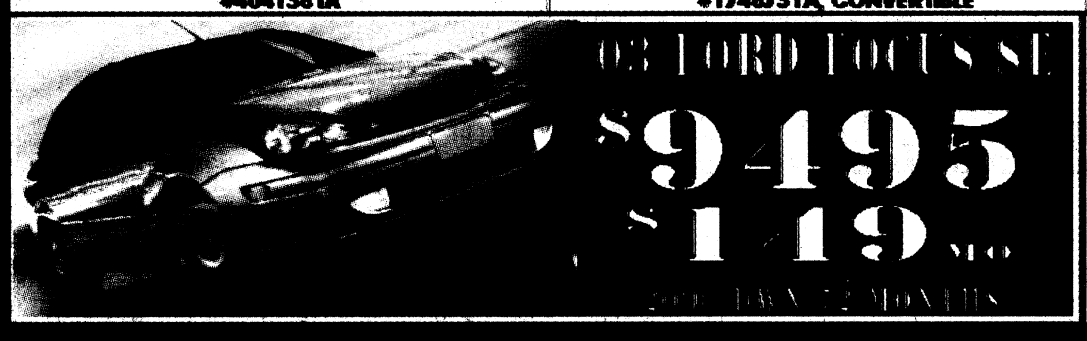

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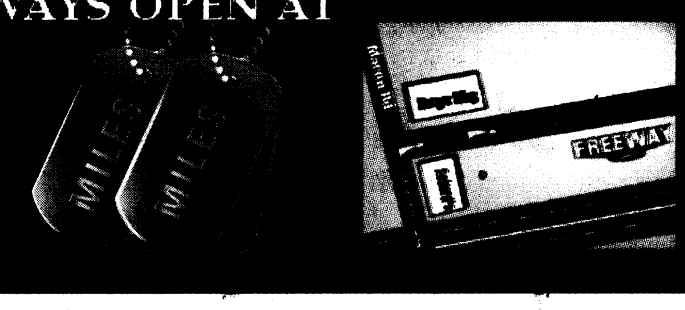

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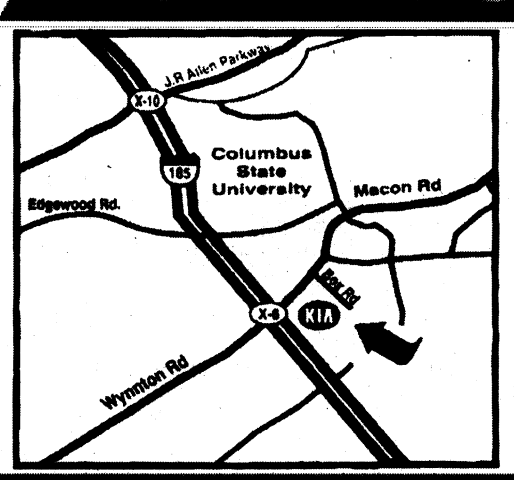

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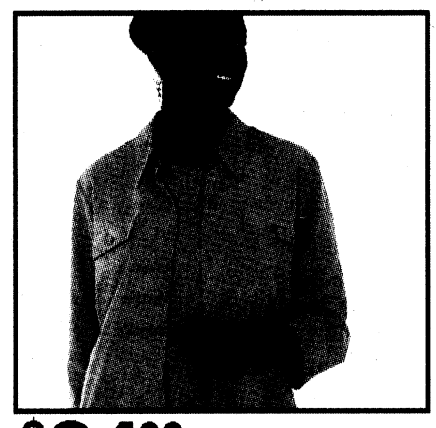

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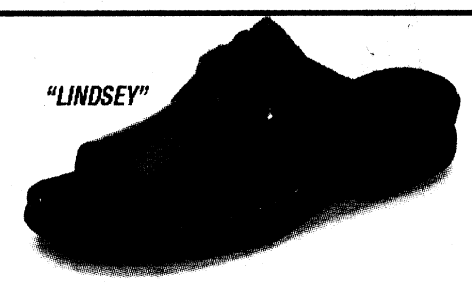

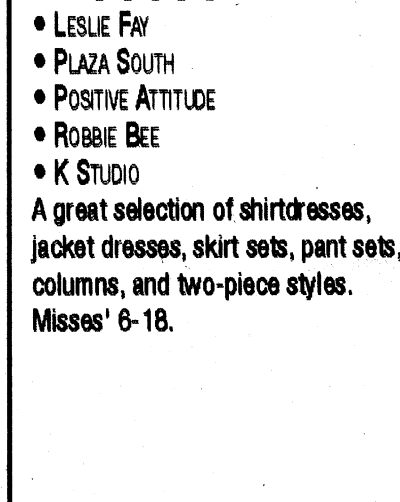

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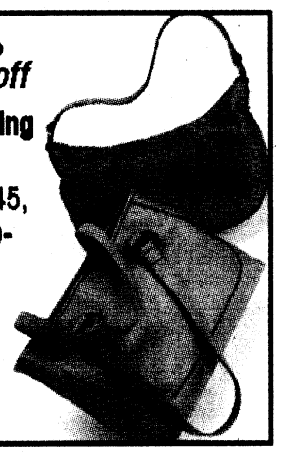

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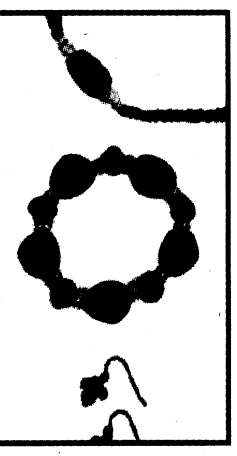

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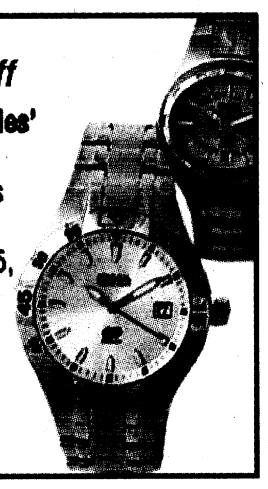

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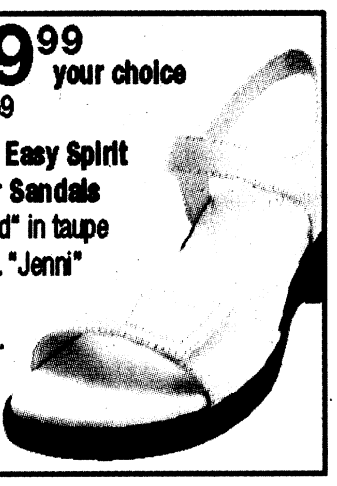

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THE BAYONET
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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

Post to hold town-hall meeting

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning will hold its second televised town-hall meeting at 7 p.m. May 24 in Infantry Hall's Classroom 6.

Classroom 6 will hold 200 people, said Chuck Walls, garrison manager, and he hopes to see the seats filled.

"We want this to be well-attended," Walls said. "It's a nonthreatening atmosphere where people can present their issues."

And Walls wants to assure everyone that the garrison wants to hear what those who live, work or do business on Fort Benning have to say.

The garrison commander, Col. Rick Riera, will chair the meeting, and representatives from all post agencies will be on hand to answer questions and address issues.

"It will be a good exchange of questions and answers," Walls said, "and a good chance to get smart on all the changes coming in the next six months."

He said he expects there to be discussion about an upcoming revision of the garrison handbook and about the issuing of the Fort Benning Form 7 by Community Life NCOs to residents who are not complying with post policies.

"The community life NCOs have gotten serious about issuing the Form 7s," Walls said, "and it's in keeping with the commanding general's policy on taking pride and ownership of their areas for individuals and for units."

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> Garrison manager

Walls said the standard is to answer every question posed during the meeting as quickly as possible, while trying to maintain credibility.

"If I can't do it, I won't tell you I can," he said. "And we may not be able to answer a question right away. We may have to research it and get back to you, but we'll try to (address) every issue."

Evelyn Livermore, president of the post's Mayors Association, said the Mayor's Association has arranged for free child care for residents for the meeting.

The service, she said, will be provided by Fort Benning teen-agers. Parents can drop their children off in Classroom 5.

"I think people don't come to the meetings because they don't have child care," Livermore said. "But now they can bring their children and they'll be taken care of."

Individuals who are unable to attend the meeting may e-mail their issues and questions to townhall@benning.army.mil or phone them in to 545-0928.

Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Sick of sitting around in the barracks looking at the walls? Need to get the family out of the house or just take a break? We've got the answer for you. 'Get Outta Here' will appear in The Bayonet *each week to highlight recreation and leisure venues right here in the tricommunity. If you would like to suggest a hot spot for the column, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367.*

Grab the sunscreen, slap on your sandals and head out to Uchee Creek today for an event I'm sure you won't want to miss — Fort Benning's sixth annual Asian-Pacific Luau.

Now, I admit I've never actually been to this little shindig, but if it's anything like the luaus at other installations (to which I have been) and if the word of others is any good, it's sure to be a good time. And if nothing else, it's something different to do with a few hours of your day.

This is no theme party, though. The luau is actually an observance marking Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. So you can count on a glimpse of the Asian Pacific Islander culture, including dance, martial arts and some "scrumtralescent"* food.

The main events of the day include performances by the Hula Halau O'Kalei Polynesian Dancers, who will perform authentic, traditional dances and have been known to select partners from the audience. (Did you hear that, single Soldiers? You could be dancing with a beautiful girl in a grass skirt with flowers in her hair.) And don't pass up the martial arts demonstration by Fiama's Martial Arts Academy.

You'll also find free party barge rides on the river (but only if a life jacket won't crimp your style), free face painting, a community drum program (I don't know what this means, but there's only one way to find out ...) and music by Beatin Path (once again, don't know who this is, and if I don't go to the luau, I'll just be left wondering).

For those of you with small children, there will be the usual Kiddie Korner with rides, activities and food.

But of course, what we all really want to know about is the food. On the menu this year: Polynesian pork, teriyaki chicken, fried rice, tropical fruit, and soda or water. And if none of that sounds like it will

See **GOH,** B-3

Tour teaches history of home, infantry

Despite rain, Riverside residents welcome students

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff writer

What do you do if 350 children land on your doorstep in the pouring rain and the floor's freshly mopped?

If you're Fort Benning's first lady, you invite them in, mud and all.

Fort Benning fifth-graders, local home-schoolers and students from Columbus' Our Lady of Lourdes and Dawson Elementary toured Riverside, the home of the post commander, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, and his wife, Susan, Wednesday and Thursday.

They learned a bit about the history of the historic residence, its surroundings and the post itself.

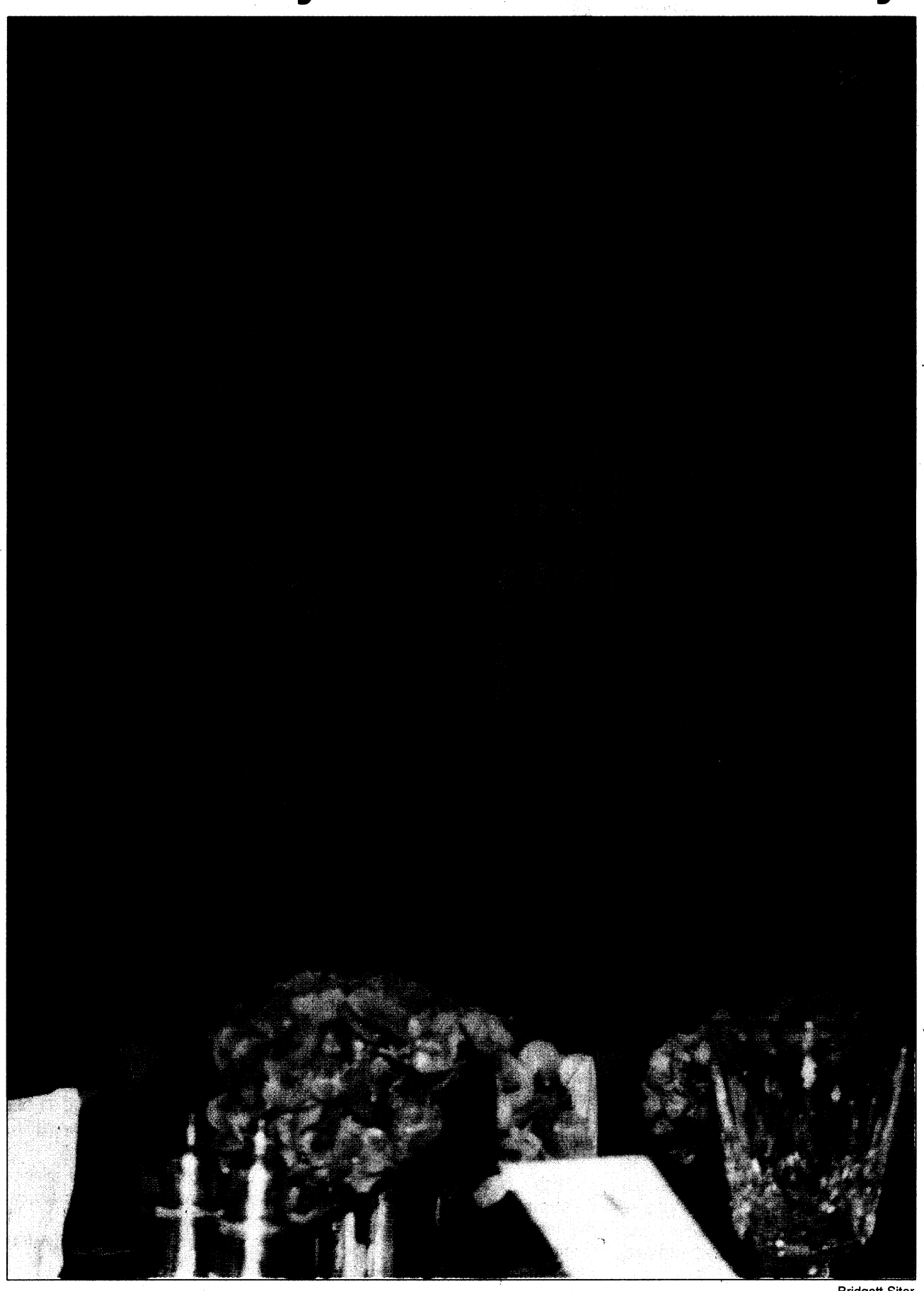
"We call it Children at Riverside," said Debra Alexander, instructional support specialist for Fort Benning Schools. "It gives children in the community and children on post who might not get the opportunity to experience the house up close a chance to learn about the house and its environment."

Frank Hanner, director of the National Infantry Museum, explained Riverside's evolution from a summer home for the Bussey family to the Home of the Infantry in 1919, when the Army purchased the property to relocate Camp Benning. He brought artifacts from the museum — weapons and uniforms — to illustrate his lesson.

James Parker, of Fort Benning's Environmental Office, introduced the students to Riverside's earliest residents, the aging native trees that surround the home and several specimens of critters the Bussey family might have encountered when they cleared the land — snakes and birds and such. He also gave each student a pine tree sapling.

Jean Herron, Riverside's historian, led the students on a tour of the home.

"Can you imagine? Three hundred and fifty children in your house! This has just been wonderful," Alexander said. "It's a great way for them to learn about our history."



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Mozelle Dunn, a Riverside docent, guides students from Our Lady of Lourdes through the dining room of Riverside Wednesday. Three hundred and fifty students from Columbus and Fort Benning visited the residence to learn about post history.

READING RECOVERY

Program axed locally, safe on Fort Benning

20-year-old program proven successful

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

File this one under *Reasons We Can't Afford To Lose Fort Benning Schools.*

The Muscogee County School System — which would inherit many of Fort Benning's students should the Department of Defense decide to close post schools — recently announced it will discontinue Reading Recovery, one of the nation's most widely acclaimed literacy programs.

Post residents can rest assured the program isn't in danger of being axed here on post, said Melissa Hayes, who heads the program for Fort Benning Schools, where it was implemented in 1991.

"We actually did lose Reading Recovery here for a short period several years ago," Hayes said. "But they brought it back because it's proven successful. There's nothing else like it."

Kathy Long agrees. The Dexter Elementary School kindergarten teacher was already familiar with the program when her daughter Elizabeth began Reading Recovery two months ago.

"As a teacher, I knew it was a great program, and as a parent, I knew my daughter needed to be there," Long said. "I'm seeing a big difference. She's reading more fluently and her comprehension is so much better."

Reading Recovery is an early intervention program designed to "catch" struggling first-grade readers when the problem is easiest to correct, Hayes said. Students receive 12 to 20 weeks of one-on-one tutoring.

The program has two major goals, Hayes said — to bring readers up to class level and to identify those who need further help. Since the program was implemented in the U.S. in 1984, 80 percent of the students who completed Reading Recovery, and 59 percent of those who started, but didn't complete the program, can read and write within the average range of their classmates. Follow-up studies show they continue to perform well in later years.

Muscogee County Schools relied on funding for the program from an anonymous donor. When they lost those private funds in 2000, local legislators and school administrators convinced state officials to fund it.

But the state provided only half of the estimated $6.2 million needed to keep the program afloat in the district's 33 elementary schools. Budget cuts have made the cost prohibitive for the next school year.

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BIRTHS

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Benicio Miguel Perez — born April 28 to LaDonia and Staff Sgt. Randel Perez.

Andrew Cory Baltaian — born April 29 to Spc. Jennifer and Staff Sgt. Dekran Baltaian.

Richard Ufiufi-Agaiotupu Tuiolemotu — born April 30 to Elisapeta and Spc. Agaiotupu Tuiolemotu.

Gavin Austin Jones — born May 1 to Typhany and Staff Sgt. Shawn Jones.

Keith Ryan Wagner — born May 1 to Erica and Sgt. Christopher Wagner.

Alec Sebastian McNutt — born May 1 to Justine and Capt. Shawn McNutt.

Joseph Michael Poling — born May 1 to Nicole and Pvt. Jerry Poling.

Keaton Graham Ernest — born May 2 to Michelle and Capt. Jason Ernest.

Sean DeMario Powell — born May 2 to Amber and Sgt. Cedric Powell.

Jack Vincent Carson — born May 3 to Annie and Capt. John Carson.

Janibal Alexander Vazquez — born May 3 to Margarita and Staff Sgt. Janibal Vazquez.

Matthew Walter Dillon — born May 5 to Spc. Andrea and Sgt. Matthew Dillon.

Ramone Pierre Meyer II — born May 5 to Tyeisha and Sgt. Ramone Meyer.

Ian Kaos Surratt — born May 6 to Stephanie and Pfc. Cyle Surratt.

Girls

Lea April Hamilton — born April 28 to Takisha and Sgt. Hugh Hamilton.

J'Lesiah Renee Parrish — born April 28 to Sgt. Shauna and Joe Parrish.

Kaila Alexzandra Nyomi Howell — born April 28 to Ivy and Sgt. Carlton Howell Jr.

Jennifer Nicole Wheeler — born April 28 to Janet and Spc. Jeremy Wheeler.

Kathlene Nicole Taulbee — born April 29 to Natasha and Spc. James Taulbee.

Emma Grace Judd — born April 29 to Robin and Sgt. David Judd.

Rhiana Jolene Collins-Carrion — born April 29 to Pastora Carrion De Collins and Spc. Robert Collins.

Elisha Danielle Wise — born April 30 to Staff Sgt. LaShonda and Sgt. 1st Class Dexter Wise.

Omaris Ivel Adames Pena — born May 1 to Amarilis Pena Gonzalez and 1st Lt. Omar Adames Perez.

Marcella Grace Day — born May 3 to Mona and Spc. Christopher Day.

Laneisha Mae Cox — born May 3 to Pfc. Latasha and Gregory Cox.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

California Suite — Benning's Backstage will present a dinner theater production of *California Suite*, a comedy by Neil Simon, May 21, 22, 28 and 29.

Dinner and the show will be held at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., dinner and opening entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $19 for adults and $12 for children 12 and younger and include dinner and the show. Tickets are available at the Officers' Club and Omega World Travel Center. Dinner includes chicken fettucine, sliced roast beef, vegetable medley, Caesar salad, dessert and a glass of wine, tea or coffee.

The show is open to the public. For information, call 682-1120.

Family housing medical conditions — Family Housing Maintenance Shaw Infrastructure requests that all family housing occupants who have medical conditions provide a doctor's letters for medical exception to the Family Housing Maintenance Shop at Building 228 on Kilgore Street. The purpose for the medical exception letter is to allow for a higher priority on service orders pertaining to air conditioning, heating and other maintenance requests.

This only affects occupants of Iron Triangle, White Elephants, Miller Loop, Austin Loop, McDonald Manor, Indianhead Terrace, Upatoi Terrace and Custer Terrace.

For more information, call Bill Napier at 545-4326.

Home providers needed — Fort Benning Family Child Care wants you to be a home provider. Training is free.

Are you interested in a profitable business, one that provides care services in the comfort of your own home? If you enjoy working with children between the ages of 4 weeks and 12 years and are willing to become certified, Family Child Care may be of interest to you.

The program is designed to offer quality child care in an in-home environment. FCC offers military families hourly, full-time, part-time, extended hours and long-term care so as to be flexible.

For more information, call 545-4368.

Thrift Shop new hours — The Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop has new hours. The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 687-4830.

Educational Task Force — The garrison commander would like to recruit volunteers to serve on a new Educational Task Force. The task force's responsibility will be to report to the garrison commander on issues affecting military families and students in surrounding school districts.

The task force will be comprised of parent volunteers who have students in each of the following school districts: Russell County, Harris County, Lee County (Ala.), Phenix City, Fort Benning Dependent School System, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County.

If you are interested in joining the Educational Task Force, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

CYS drop box — There is now a drop box by Central Registration, Building 359, for patrons who wish to make Child and Youth Services payments during and after business hours.

Payments must be in the form of check, debit or credit card. Do not leave cash. Payments will be posted the next business day.

Envelopes will be provided; please follow instructions. Payments in cash, check or money order can be made for any CYS program at all program sites except the Youth Center, Building 1056.

For more information, call 545-2079.

New home-school activities — There are new activities for home-school families. They are:

- Computer lab, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays; fifth grade and younger from 1 to 2 p.m., sixth grade and older, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Swimming activity at Briant Wells, Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Swimmers must pass swim test to participate.
- Youth Services Gym, Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

All participants must be registered with Child and Youth Services to use these services.

For more information, call the Central Registration Office at 545-2079 or Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062.

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative has mailed out surveys to current family housing residents.

The cut-off for responses is June 25.

For more information, call Lillian Salazar at 545-0667.

ARC Summer Youth Program — The Fort Benning Red Cross is gearing up for its Summer Youth Volunteer Program for children, ages 13 to 18. This program will run 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday between June 7 and July 16, with volunteer hours available from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Youth will have the opportunity to volunteer at Martin Army Community Hospital, the Veterinary Clinic, Sayers Library and many other places.

Youth packages are now available and ready to be picked up. Applications are due no later than May 21.

Writer looking for military spouses to interview — Hugs to Kuwait founder Pamela Bates is looking for spouses to interview for *Military Spouse Magazine,* which begins publication in August. She is looking for decorating ideas and suggestions to keep the family going during long deployments and training separations.

For more information, call Bates at 221-3362 or e-mail hugstokuwait@hotmail.com.

16th Infantry Regiment Association — The 16th Infantry Regiment Association is looking for former members of the regiment. The 16th Inf. Regt. Association is a nonprofit veterans organization founded in 1989.

Its sole purpose is to perpetuate the history and heritage of the regiment and to sponsor and support activities for the regiment and the Society of the First Infantry Division.

Visit the 16th Inf. Regt. Association Web site at http://16thinfantry-regiment.org/. To volunteer or for more information, call Lt. Col. Tony Turner at 689-9449.

off post

Summer camp open house — Camp Woodmont, located in Cloudland, Ga. on Lookout Mountain, invites the community to a summer camp open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The open house will feature tours of the facility, refreshments and discussions with the camp owners, directors, counselors and former campers.

For more information, call Camp Woodmont at (770) 457-0862 or visit www.campwoodmont.com.

Kids Day America — Saturday, chiropractic offices worldwide will participate in the 10th annual Kids Day America/International, a health, safety and environmental awareness day.

Dr. Ryan Overton of The Total You Health Center and Dr. Garth Johnson of West Georgia Clinic will sponsor the event at the Pop B. Austin Rec Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information on crime prevention, health and environmental awareness will be provided free , along with free child ID cards. The Columbus Police Department will be on hand to provide free fingerprinting of all children.

For more information, call The Total You Health Center at 653-2225.

Space camp scholarship — The Military Child Education Coalition is offering a Space Camp scholarship to 10 children.

To be eligible, kids must be the child of a active-duty military member, enrolled in grade 6 through 9, submit an essay on why he or she should be selected to go to space camp and two letters of recommendation.

The scholarship for the one-week camp pays for tuition, meals, lodging, program materials and transportation to and from the child's home base.

The application and other information can be found at www.militarychild.org. The deadline to fax or mail essay is Monday.

For more information, call Don Seeley at (254) 953-1923 or e-mail Don.Seeley@militarychild.org.

Pre-Memorial Day program — There will be a Pre-Memorial Day program at 10:30 a.m. May 22 at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, located at the junction of Buena Vista Road and Lawyers Lane.

Refreshments will be served. The Army Band will perform, and the Marines from Albany will give the 21-gun salute.

For more information, call Lonnie Jackson at 321-9596.

Summer tutorial program — Combined Communities of Southeast Columbus is planning its annual Volunteer Summer Tutorial Program. The schedule is: Registration, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 25-27; classes begin May 31 and end June 25. Lunch is provided daily by the Columbus Parks and Recreation.

During registration week, tutors and volunteers are asked to come for the orientation session at 11 a.m. May 28. Orientation sessions should last less than 30 minutes.

Tutoring will take place at Eastway Elementary School, located on Buena Vista Road in Columbus.

For more information, call C.C.S.C., Inc. at 321-9596.

Memorial Day service — The Fort Mitchell National Cemetery Memorial Committee will host their annual Memorial Day Service at 2 p.m. May 30. The ceremony will take place at the Department of Veterans Affairs Fort Mitchell National Cemetery flagpole area in Fort Mitchell, Ala.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call the Fort Mitchell National Cemetery at (334) 855-4731.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

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- **Friday:** spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit, milk

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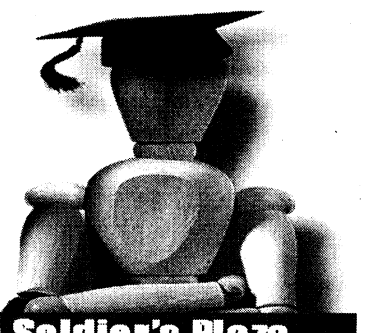
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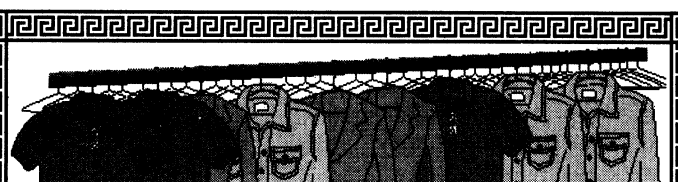
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Chapel helps troops on Mother's Day

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
CrossRoads Contemporary Service

Soldiers from across post got the opportunity to say "Happy Mother's Day" in a different way — through a "Video Mother's Day Card" Sunday after the CrossRoads Contemporary Service.

Immediately following the second week of May's four-part series entitled, *"For The Ride Of Your Life ... American Choppers: Kelley Hill Style,"* Soldiers emptied out into the front yard of the chapel surrounded by motorcycles to make one-minute videos wishing Mom well on her special day.

CrossRoads' commitment was to take those videos and get them e-mailed to the mothers of Soldiers "before the sun set."

Someone teased, "Hey, this will do two things: It'll let me tell Mom I love her, and I can prove to her that I actually did go to church!"

In addition to the videos, CrossRoads is planning a big month around the American Choppers theme.

Next week the focus will be, *"Blowouts, Breakdowns, and Wipeouts: How to Get Past Anger."*

The final week of the series, May 23rd, Soldiers and their families will enjoy a shot at a free motorcycle to be given away, a free barbecue, and even a "biker band" for some revved-up entertainment.

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>
> **Guest**
> at the Crossroad's
> Mother's Day service

Also, the last week is being billed as a BYOB Sunday (bring your own bike!). There'll be a road rally to Pine Mountain and back for those who want to hit the road together.

CrossRoads is the new chapel service for everyone on post that's looking for a casual, creative, contemporary way to connect with God. It meets on Kelley Hill at 11 a.m..

For more information, contact me at 545-9014 or feel free to check out what's new at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel, 11 a.m. Sundays ... postwide for everybody at Kelley Hill.

Faith students vie for top honors in international media competition

Media club plans to raise funds for trip

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

As she waited to board a plane for her return trip to Fort Benning from California last October, Maite Aponte was making plans for her next big trip.

"We're going to Chicago," the Faith Middle School sixth-grader said with conviction.

Aponte is one of eight students, former members of the Stowers News Network, who traveled to Hollywood to attend the Association of Educational Communications and Technology International Media Festival, where they were awarded first place for their seven-minute video on the making of an airborne Soldier.

Six of those students, who were in the fifth-grade at Stowers Elementary School when they produced the film, are now among the 15 members of the Faith Media Club, coached by Lorri Blanchard, Faith's technology teacher.

The club produces WBET — Warrior Bear Educational Television — which airs in the school, and various informational "news minutes" for Fort Benning's Channel 4.

Last week, the club was awarded three first-place finishes in the Georgia Student Media Festival in Atlanta.

That means their entries will be forwarded to international level, and it means the students will likely travel to Chicago, as Aponte predicted, for this year's AECT Festival in October.

"That's been their goal from the start," said Blanchard, who served as the media club coach at Stowers last year.

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> **Lorri Blanchard**
> Faith Middle School technology teacher and "coach" of the school's WBET Media Club

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The club, which is divided into smaller "teams," meets every morning 45 minutes before school starts and frequently on evenings and weekends.

They produce, write, film, edit and narrate their videos. And they're completely responsible for producing a Web site.

The team was awarded first place in the middle school division for the informational video *Rangers — No Pain, No Gain*, the documentary *Make it Hurt Drill Sergeant, Make it Hurt*, and the Web site Influential Native American Tribes in Georgia.

Another entry, *The Denise Wagoner Story*, was awarded second-place, probably because it was graphic, Blanchard speculated. The video showed photos of a drunken driver after a near-fatal accident.

The club members will soon begin raising funds for the trip to Chicago, where they'll attend various workshops on video and Web site production before the awards ceremony.

Program: Cut locally, safe on post

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Funding for the program in Fort Benning's six elementary schools comes from the federal budget for Department of Defense.

A lion's share of the funding pays the salary of teachers specially trained in Reading Recovery.

That said, the cost of the program could justifiably be deemed excessive save for the fact Reading Recovery teachers serve as many students each day as a regular classroom teacher, Hayes said. Mornings are spent one-on-one with students, and afternoons are spent in groups.

"Yes, Reading Recovery is expensive," Hayes said. "But it works, and to paraphrase my favorite quote, dollars spent preventatively make much more sense than dollars spent remedially."

GOH: Enjoy post's annual luau

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suit your taste buds, never fear. Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will set up the grill.

The luau meal is only $7. And you have seven hours to enjoy as much cultural enlightenment as you desire. Check it out between 4 and 11 p.m. at the Uchee Creek Activity Center.

If you have any last-minute questions, call 545-6665. The most you'll lose is a little room in your stomach.

* *For those who don't recognize this bit of vocabulary, stop immediately, proceed to your nearest video and check out* Saturday Night Live's Best of Will Ferrell. *Study up further by watching other* SNL *notables, including Chris Farley, Mike Myers and someone else with enough funny stuff to make a best-of flick. See you at the luau.*

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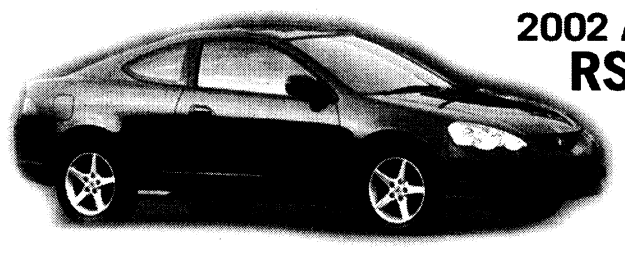

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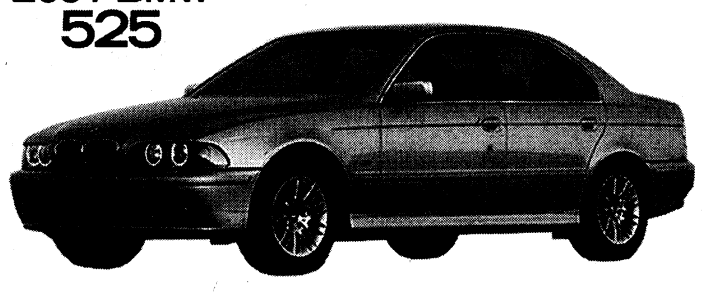

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Students ready for Battle of the Books

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Five fifth-grade students from White Elementary School are preparing themselves for a big competition, the Battle of the Books, which tests their knowledge of various books they've read throughout the school year.

"I'm excited about the competition," said John Brown. "I want to show the other schools that we can win."

Brown, along with classmates Jonathan Neyland, Andrew Shriver, Donald Smith and Laura Becker, have read almost 30 books throughout the school year to get ready for the competition.

A few of the books were read in class with their teacher, Shelia Brown. But, the students had to read many of them on their own time.

"Sometimes it's hard to focus on the books when you're reading by yourself," Shriver said. "It's real easy to lose track and get caught up in doing something else."

But the students said that they wouldn't let themselves lose sight of their goals.

"We set a goal as a team to study and practice hard so we could win the competition," Neyland said. "We're all committed to it, and I think we have a great shot at winning."

To get ready for the competition, which is Wednesday, the students, along with White Elementary School's media specialist, Owen Ditchfield, met every Monday to study and go over questions that might be asked in the competition.

"The students are committed to learning everything they need to know for the competition," Ditchfield said. "They came in every Monday ready to get to work."

The main focus of the competition is for the students to match the title and the author with a scene from one of the books. For correctly guessing the title and author, they will receive one point each.

"Our team is very strong," Smith said. "A couple of us are really strong with the titles and the others are strong at matching the author to the title. We are a complete team."

Becker said she got ready for the competition by making flashcards with the title on one side and the author on the other.

"Because I did that, I can match every title with an author," she said. "I went over my flashcards many times and I know everything without even looking."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

White Elementary School fifth-graders John Brown, left, Andrew Shriver, Jonathan Neyland, Laura Becker and Donald Smith get ready for the Battle of the Books competition, Wednesday in the school's library. The team said they are ready to compete and win.

Ditchfield said he's excited to see the students get into reading as much as they have.

"In today's society, books have to compete with television and video games," he said. "But, these students made the commitment to excel in this, and I believe they will."

Students win Law Day art contest

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Two fifth-grade students from White Elementary School placed first and second in the Fort Benning Law Day Poster Contest.

The students, Laura Becker, first, and Marinel Rincon, second, completed their art work in Shelia Brown's class.

"I'm glad I won," Becker said. "It's nice to be recognized for something you worked hard on."

The topic of the contest was: "To win equality by law."

Becker's drawing included a dancing law book and constitution, an American flag and an eagle across the top, with a ribbon in its mouth that said, "Under my wings, everyone is equal."

"I thought it would be a great idea to have so many things that represent our nation in the drawing," she said.

Rincon's artwork included a picture of the Earth with the words, "Equality by law," on the inside and people holding hands circling the Earth.

"I had fun drawing it," she said. "I knew I could draw something good, and I did."

The students all started their drawing together, but also had to use some of their free time to finish their drawings.

"Many of the students took their drawings home and worked on them," Brown said. "Those were the students who I knew wanted to win."

Brown said she was excited when she found out that two of her students took the top two places in the competition.

"I had a student take honorable mention a few years ago, but I've never had it this good," Brown said. "I'm proud of Laura and Marinel for their hard work and effort they put into this project. They did a great job."

For their efforts, they each received U.S. savings bonds. Becker received one in the amount of $100, while Rincon received one in the amount of $50.

"I'm going to save my money," Becker said. "Maybe one day I'll pull it out and use it for something useful, but for now I'm going to save it."

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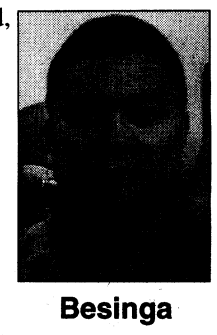
REFLECTIONS

Salvation history is pointing to a fact that God's plan for all of creation has to do something with the ultimate meaning of every human being, that is, the fulfillment of the deepest aspiration of every human heart. In the words of the great Mahatma Ghandi, "Man's ultimate aim is the realization of God. I live and move and have my being in pursuit of this goal."

The deepest desire of every person is the complete union with God, a union that includes union with all of God's family and harmony with the universe. Such desire embraces God, all human beings and the world and nature as well.

Worship is not a monopoly of a religion or of a culture, but a vessel of person to transcend to the divine, and vice-versa, the divine stooping down to the person. It is that inherent, active longing of man for the transcendence that worship is conceived.

For that reason, man in his very existence cannot but worship. In fact, history has it that before any religion was established, worship and worshipping has been long a practice. For as we say, before any religion was, man was, and God is! "Restless is our heart, O God, until it rests in you!" (St. Augustine).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Worship nowadays is very much linked with religion. For man in his quest would want to give concrete expression of his worshipping, finds it necessary to wrap it with religion. Man has to pray and to reach out to God and know his divine plan. So the ways, manners and methods of worship now are cased in religion.

And because of variance of religious traditions, the quest for worship was substituted and has become a quest for salvation. Religion became a competition of which among the "religions" has the fullness of salvation. And further we are driven away from the divine, from each other and the whole of creation. Forgetting that, "You see, God's Grace has been revealed to save the whole of human race," (Titus 2:11).

The Vatican II has this to say on salvation of people of other religious traditions and beliefs, "that God's plan is aimed at salvation of all. The kingdom of God penetrating all of humanity and all of creation."

Therefore, philosophy of worship then is not just a theory, but a force compelling every person to be more appreciative of all the unique beauty and divine value of any and all multi-religious, multicultural religious service in the context of military community worship, enabling us to further understand that, "Millions of stars placed in the skies by one God ... so many a people calling to God by many different a name ... one father loving us all the same ... we are all brothers and sisters ... for we only have one God."

CHAPEL NOTE

Vacation Bible School — You can now register your children (preschool through sixth grade) for the annual Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the Chaplains Office. The school will be June 14-18 from 9 a.m. to noon at White School.

For more information, call 545-4715.

Seek refuge with God this week

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

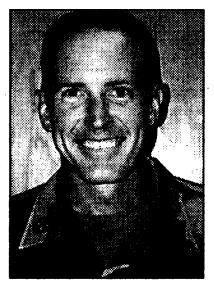
If we stayed where we were, I was confident we'd all be dead by sunrise ... the storm ambushed us. Since we were climbing the leeward slope of the mountain (the side opposite the direction of the wind), none of us knew what was brewing only miles away on the other side of the ridgeline.

As we ascended, the temperature plummeted, hour by hour.

We started the climb in pleasant 70-degree weather and in T-shirts, only to find ourselves at the summit in snow, with violent wind gusts of 40 to 50 knots and the thermometer on the only jacket I had, a light Gortex windbreaker, reading 34 degrees.

The Soldier to my right was sitting against an evergreen tree, lips blue, slipping into hypothermia.

We were in trouble.


Hawkins

The plan was to conduct intercept operations off the mountain at night, but the plan was out the window.

The only choice to staying and building a shelter against the freakish blizzard was to do something nearly as hazardous — descend the mountain at night.

So, with the sun setting, the snow pelting our faces and backpacks loaded down with 70 pounds of gear, we began the game of mountaineering roulette — one wrong step could lead to a disaster.

Hours later, in complete darkness, we stumbled onto one of the most beautiful sites I have ever seen ... a dilapidated old hunter's shack. We were saved! It was our refuge!

And as we warmed coffee over a portable Optimus stove, I thanked God for coming through in our time of need.

It may not be on a mountain top in the middle of a blizzard, but perhaps there is a storm brewing in your life.

Where do you most need him to provide you "refuge" this week? Can you trust him to do so?

"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble, He cares for those who trust in Him." — Nahum 1:7

Coincidence is when God performs a miracle and remains anonymous!

If you need help in seeking refuge, then come see me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at 11 a.m. Sundays on Kelley Hill or The Chaplain Family Life Center at Building 2606 in Soldiers' Plaza.

You can also call the CFLC at 545-1760.

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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.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
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- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

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Saturday Worship Service

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Sunday Worship Services

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1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
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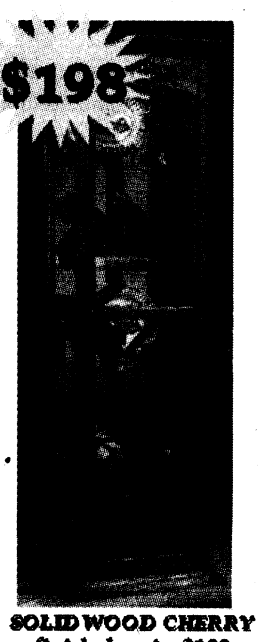

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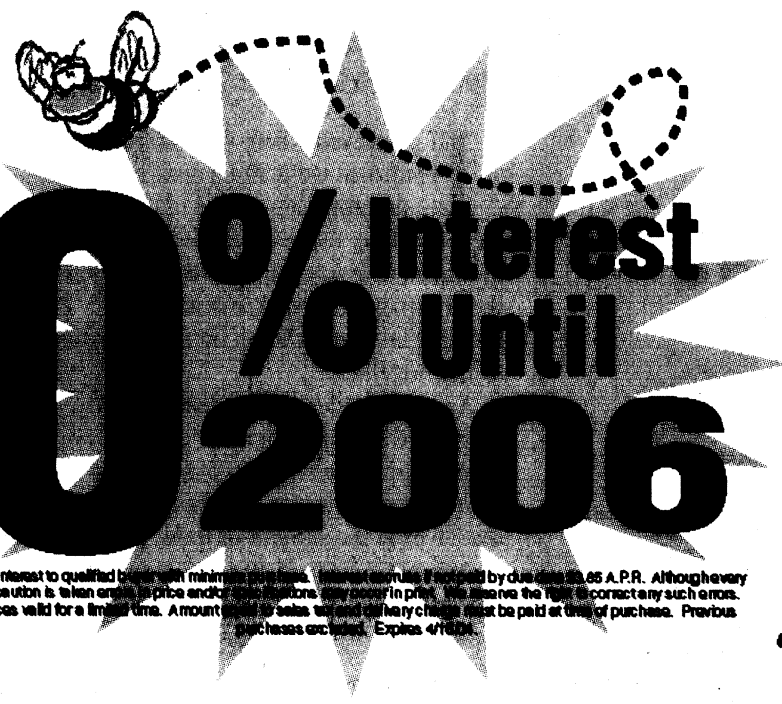

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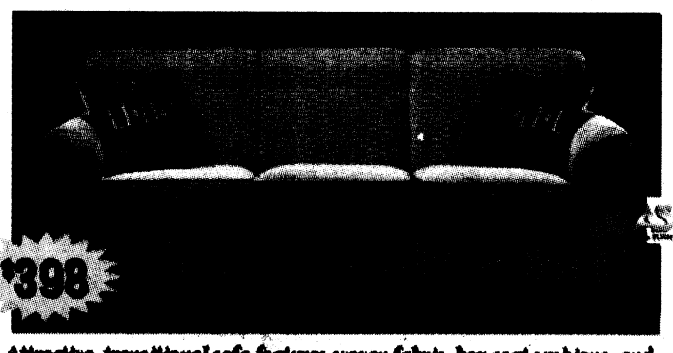

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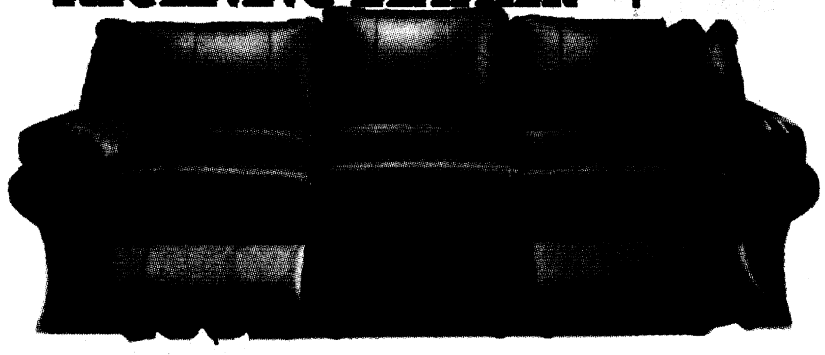

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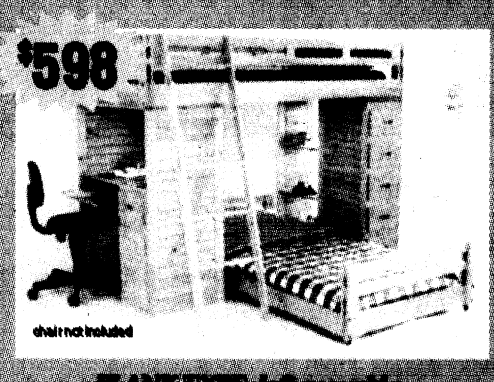

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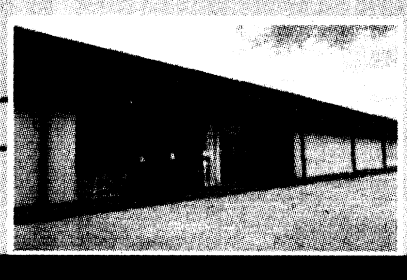

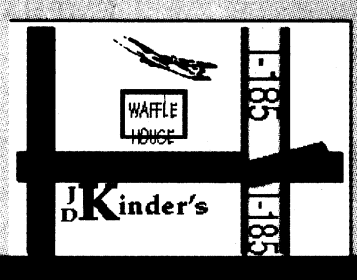

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PGGs defeat Seahorses in overtime

Offensive spurts decide team's fate

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Bayonet staff

With two seconds left in the game, 36th Engineer Group Seahorses' guard Alvaro Bethea was at the free throw line for a one-and-one with a chance to win the game, which was tied at 50.

The 203rd Forward Support Battalion PGGs and the Seahorses were battled to advance in the post-season basketball tournament Monday at Audie Murphy Gym.

Bethea missed the free throw, and the PGGs rebounded to send the game to overtime.

With less than two minutes to go in the overtime period, PGG's guard Willie Farris hit a 3-pointer to put them ahead for good.

"Once it left my hand, I knew it was going in," he said.

The PGGs built a 10-point lead with 10 minutes to go in the first half and looked like they had control of the game until Seahorse's center Michael Fraise entered the game. Fraise, Bethea and guard Kelvin Hunter brought the Seahorses back.

The PGGs became careless with the ball, and the Seahorses tied the score at 27 by the end of the half.

At the beginning of the second half, the Seahorses imposed their will on the PGGs, creating turnovers and working the ball around on offense, to race out to a 39-29 lead.

"At the half, our coach told us that it was a whole new ballgame and we had to step it up," Wiggins said. "We were both even to start the half, so we knew we had a great chance to come back."

But, the lead didn't last long. The PGGs began to settle into their game and found their open shots.

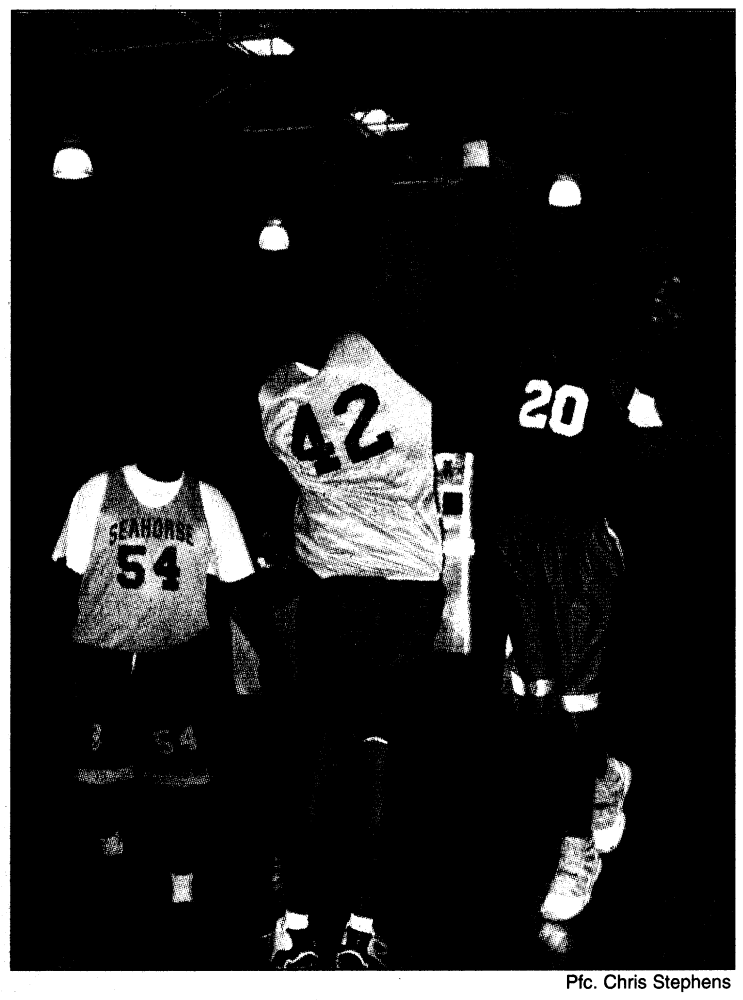
"You learn what your team is made of when you have to climb out of a deep hole," Farris said. "We just battled our way back and gave it our all on every play."

After back and forth action for most of the half, the PGGs tied the score at 50 after some pin-point passing and easy layups, with 40 seconds to go.

Neither team scored on their last possessions, but Bethea had a chance to win the game with free throws after drawing a foul under the basket. He missed, and the game went to a three-minute overtime.

"It just goes to show you that you should never quit," Farris said. "You never know what's going to happen. This team never gave up, and that's why we came out on top."

Editor's note: *The finals of the post-season tournament were held Thursday evening after The Bayonet went to press. Pick up next week's paper to find out who won this year's post championship.*



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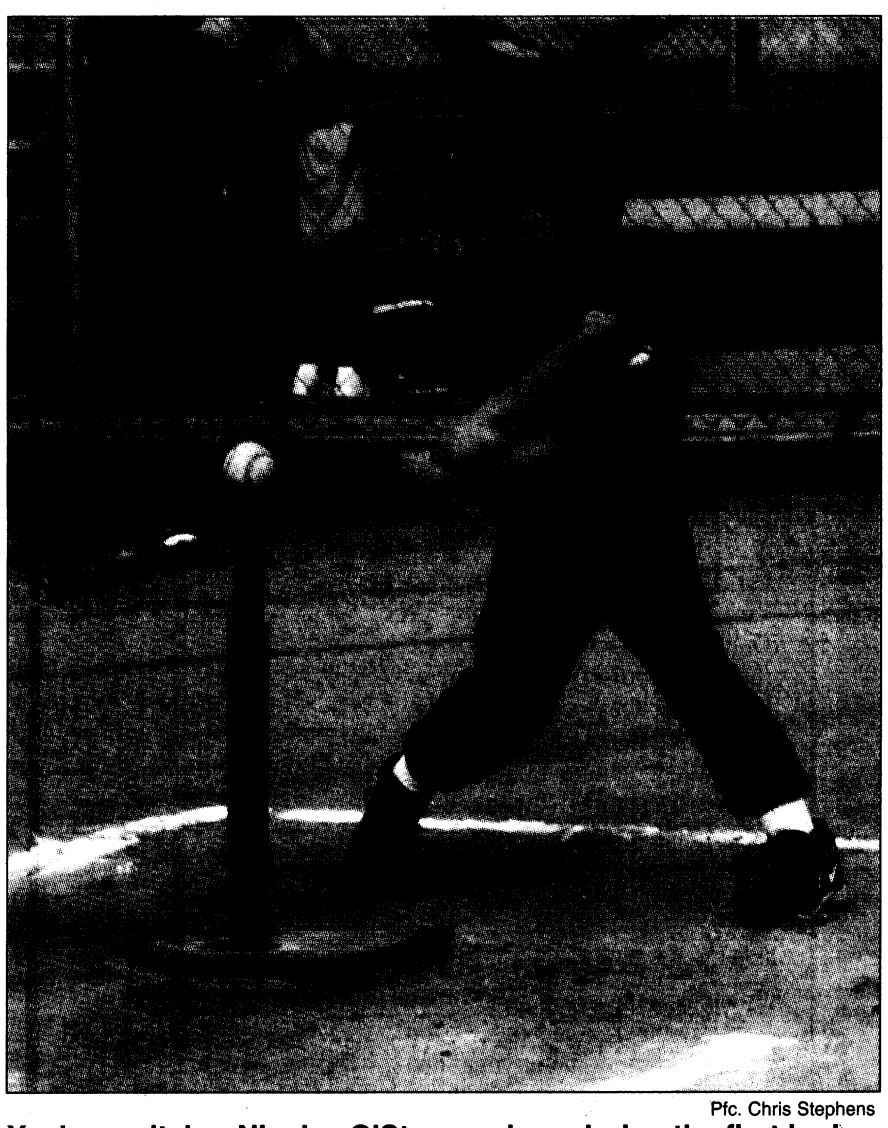
PGGs' guard Travis Threats, right, shoots the ball over the outstretched arms of Seahorses' forward Carleton Glenn during the second half of the post-season basketball tournament Monday at Audie Murphy Gym. The PGGs won the game in overtime 57-53 with great defense in the overtime period. With the win, the PGGs advanced to the semifinals.



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Yankees pitcher Nicolas O'Steen swings during the first inning Tuesday at the Youth Services Baseball Complex. On Fort Benning, T-ball is designed to teach the fundamentals of baseball and build self-esteem.

T-ball focuses on fun, skill-development

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Though the players don't know the final score, t-ball offers young children an opportunity to learn the game of baseball.

The 5- and 6-year-old Ninjas and Yankees met Tuesday at the Youth Services Baseball Complex and put the skills they've learned to the test.

"At this level, the score doesn't matter," said Lisa Judy, Yankees coach. "We want to teach them the fundamentals of baseball."

In T-Ball, the 3-6-9 rule applies. Teams can keep batting until they get either three outs or six runs or nine players have batted.

"It's a way to get the game going faster and keep the players' confidence up," said Kelli Acord, Ninjas' coach. "No child wants to be losing, and if it seems to them they are getting out of the inning quickly, they are happy."

Both coaches point out that building the childrens' self-esteem is vital at this age.

"All children want to know they're doing a good job," Acord said. "So, everytime they bat or make a play in the field, we tell them they did a great job. That keeps them wanting to play the game."

Both teams hit the ball well off the tee.

"I like hitting," said Ninjas' infielder Perry Foster. "Swinging the bat is fun and then running the bases after that is fun too."

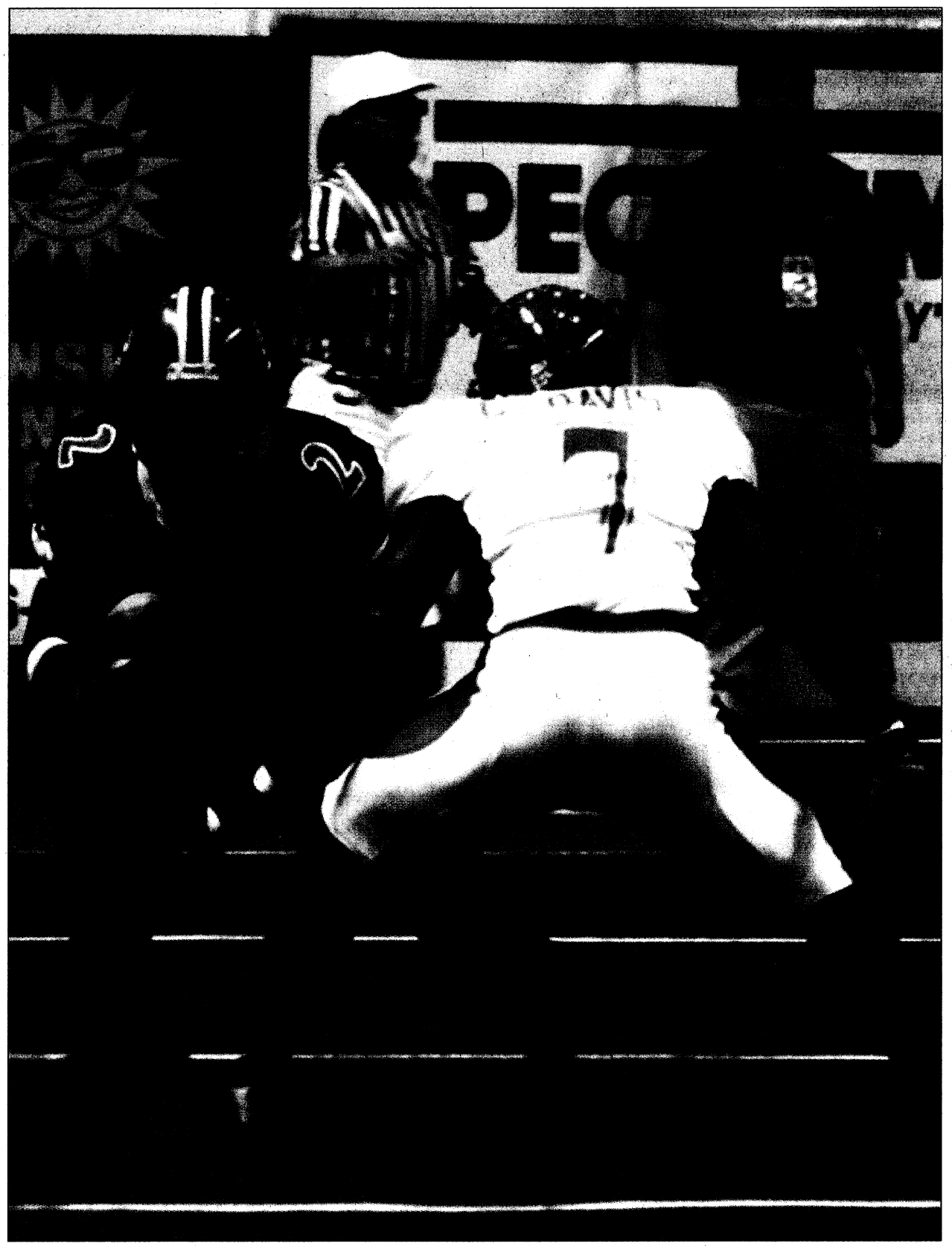
The Ninjas began the game with only eight players, but they still hit and scored. Players who scored runs for the Ninjas included infielder Matthew Smith, pitcher Tommy Lindsay, Foster, third baseman Jacob Sullivan and infielder Greyson Saynes.

The Yankees didn't let the Ninjas have all of the fun. Pitcher Nicolas O'Steen, infielder Quentin Jackson, outfielder Jacob Bradley and outfielder Brittany Davis scored runs.

"Our team did good," said outfielder Thomas Suarez. "We had fun and we hit the ball."

The teams congratulated each other on a game well played.

"It's important to teach them sportsmanship at this level," Judy said. "We teach the players to not have bad attitudes and to cheer everyone on. By doing that, they will enjoy the game more, and hopefully, they'll continue to play the game."



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Wardogs' wide receiver Anthony Dixon attempts to get past a Florida Firecats defender during a kickoff return in the first half Saturday. The Wardogs kept the score close in the first half, but the Firecats ran away with the game in the second half, winning, 62-33.

Wardogs court Fort Benning fans

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning was once a training ground for military war dogs and their handlers. What better way for Columbus' arena football team to honor them than by naming the team after the canine heroes?

The Columbus Wardogs are entering their fourth year in Arena Football 2 and are poised to show the rest of the league they are a team to be reckoned with.

"(We) can compete with anyone out there," said Kyle Rowley, Wardogs' quarterback. "We have the talent to win. Now all we have to do is prove it on the field."

Arena football is played on a 50-yard field, with eight-man teams, and there is no place to run and hide.

Bordering the sidelines are foam rubber pads that cover the boards you see in hockey. But, don't let the word "foam" fool you. The boards are all but soft.

"(They) are very unforgiving," said Adrian Cockfield, wide receiver and defensive back. "After you get smashed into them a few times, it starts to hurt. They are an offensive player's nightmare. You try to stay away from them as much as possible, but sometimes you have no choice."

Arena football is a lot quicker than the outdoor version with more offensive scoring and less reaction time.

"As a quarterback, I don't have as much time to react in arena football than I would if I were playing in the

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Special Olympics creates winners in kids, volunteers

Competition drives special needs athletes

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Special needs athletes gathered May 7 to participate in the Special Olympics Summer Games at Kinnett Stadium.

Several hundred spectators crowded into shaded portions of the stadium to watch the day's events.

Competitors as young as 5 years old took on 87-degree heat in events like the 50-meter dash, softball throw, wheelchair-assisted race and long jump.

Competition in many of the events was close.

Tennis ball throw winner Jaleel Dix, 8, a student at Dawson Elementary School, beat the second-place effort with a throw of 86 feet — only a foot farther than the runner-up.

"He did good, but I did better," Dix said.

For most of the children, participating isn't about winning, said Linda Gunn, a teacher at Dawson.

"This is a wonderful event," she said. "These kids are so happy to just be a part of this — the ribbons are just icing on the cake."

Top performers were awarded ribbons for first through fifth place in each age group, in each event.

A small Olympic Village was in place, offering games, moonwalks, ice cream and snow cones.

Dozens of volunteers from local middle and high schools, Fort Benning, Columbus State University and the local community assisted at the event.

U.S. Army Physical Fitness School Commandant Lt. Col. William Rieger said his entire staff showed up to help.

The group manned the tennis ball throw event and helped out as needed, Rieger said.

Even though the event fell on a weekday, Rieger said he and his staff felt it was important to be there.

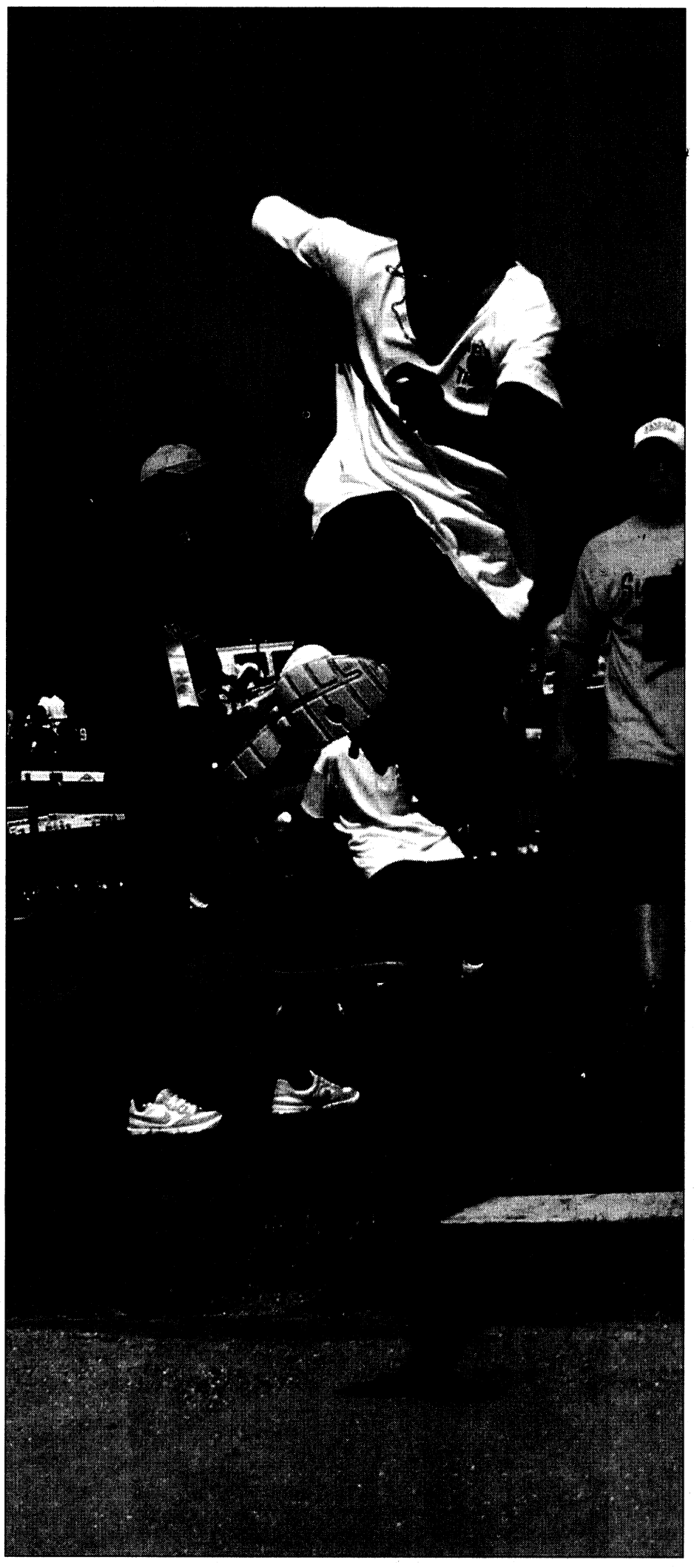
"Every day, there are a million things that need to be done — things at the office, things in life — these things in life and work may seem important, but to these children, it's a special day," he said. "And if we can't take the time to share that with them, maybe we are missing what is really important."

The fitness school chief of doctrine, Steve Van Camp, said volunteering at the event was a win-win situation.

"I think it's a really good thing when there is positive interaction between Fort Benning and the community," he said. "But it's really more important to the children for me. If we can do anything to make even one day for these kids better, it's worth it."

Special Olympics provides more than 1 million special needs children with athletic training and competition opportunities worldwide in more than 150 countries.

To learn more about Georgia's Special Olympics program, visit www.specialolympicsga.org.



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Kendrick Moody, 11, launches off the line during the long jump event at the Special Olympics games held at Kinnett Stadium May 7. Moody landed a 12-foot jump and first-place ribbon in his class.

Football: Brings out hard hitters

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NFL, because the field is tighter," Rowley said. "I have to make quicker decisions, and I have to be smart about them as well. The littlest mistake can be intercepted and taken for six the other way."

The Wardogs are currently looking to introduce more fans in Columbus to the arena game.

"I believe when you see the arena game for the first time, you get hooked," said Steve Gates, Wardogs vice-president. "This game is fast-paced and action-packed, and no matter if we win or lose, everyone goes home happy, knowing they've seen an exciting game."

But, the game isn't the only thing going on. During timeouts and breaks, fans have the opportunity to compete in various competitions and win prizes.

"We like to keep the fans involved during the game," Gates said. "There is no down time at the game — there's always something going on."

During the games, fans are also treated to performances by the Wardolls, the Wardogs dance team.

For their game against Bossier City, La., on May 29, the Wardogs are offering free tickets to all active-duty military and their families as part of Military Appreciation Night.

"We're going to pack this place with fans and rock the house," Gates said. "We want to show the Soldiers and their families how much we appreciate what they do for this country."

Tickets for all other games are $38 (front row), $28 (field level), $18 (lower sideline), $14 (upper sideline) and $10 (end zone).

The Wardogs also offer birthday parties for young fans and a hot tub rental during the game.

For more information on the Wardogs or to order tickets, call 653-7789.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Army 10-Miler pre-qualifier — Fort Benning will hold two pre-qualifier races for the post's Army 10-Miler team. Racers with the top times will earn spots on the team. Race dates are Saturday and June 19. Races will begin at 7 a.m. in front of the Santiago Fitness Center. Registration will begin at 6 a.m. on race mornings. Call 544-9486.

Hunter's Harvest Cards — Hunters must turn in their Fort Benning Harvest Cards (FB Form 200-3) no later than June 1. Harvest cards are used to obtain deer, turkey and feral swine harvest information. Harvest cards may be returned to the Outdoor Recreation Office (building 1707, Gillespie St.) or mailed to Outdoor Recreation, P.O. Box 53323, Fort Benning, GA 31905. Failure to return the card will result in suspension of post hunting privileges for one year. For more information, call 545-7978.

Aerobics classes — The Briant Wells Fitness Center offers box aerobics, aeromix, step combo, core crunch, yoga and aqua aerobics. The cost is $25 per month or $3 per class. For more information, call 545-4388.

Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes — Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes 2 is back with more chances to win!

One red ball will be dropped into Fort Benning Golf Course's range ball machine each week until Monday, May 31. The lucky patron who gets the ball will have the opportunity to win prizes such as a Casio sports watch, Samsonite luggage set, George Forman grill and more.

The promotion is open to all authorized MWR patrons except golf course employees and staff directly involved in the program.

Pick up entry forms at the Follow Me Golf Course Pro Shop or send a request to: Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes 2, 4700 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302. Visit Fort Benning Golf Course or call 687-1940 and 'Drive to Win!'

Saturday bike rides — Saturday bike rides are in full gear. Riders meet at 10 a.m. at Briant Wells Field House and ride 10, 15, 20 miles or more. All you need is a bike, helmet, water and plenty of energy. Call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

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Military Appreciation Night — The Columbus Wardogs will have a Military Appreciation Night May 29 at the Columbus Civic Center. All active-duty Soldiers and their families will get into the game free by picking up tickets at the Civic Center Box Office. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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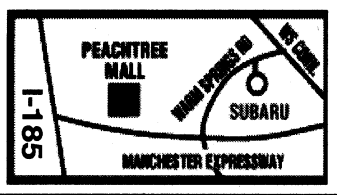

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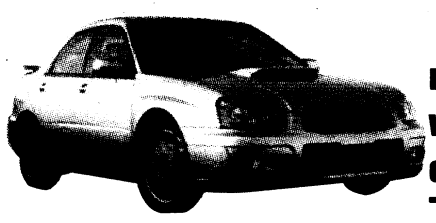

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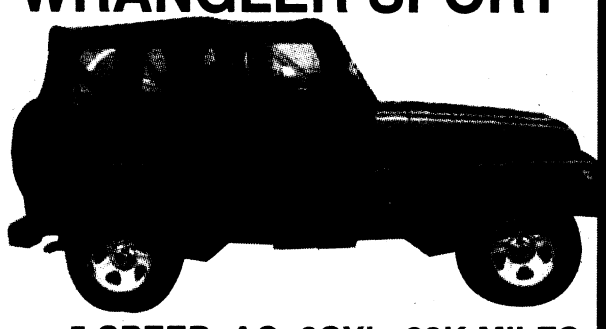

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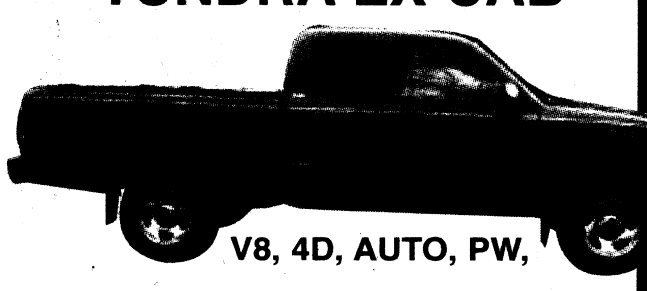

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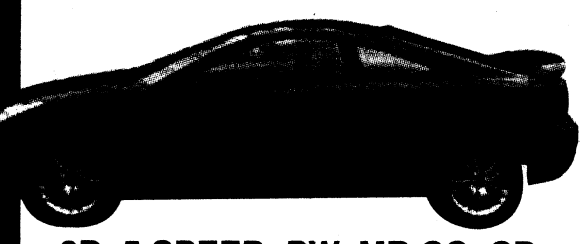

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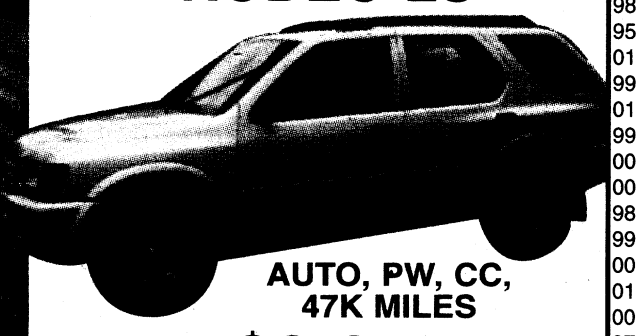

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99 Inifiniti I 30T	$12,975 *
00 Mitsubishi Diamante LS	$12,975 *
99 Jeep Wrangler Sport	$12,975 *
02 Suzuki Grand Vitara XL7	$13,450 *
01 Subaru Outback	$14,900 *
99 Acura 3.2 TL	$14,950 *
02 Toyota Camry LE	$14,950 *
99 Mercedes C280	$15,450
01 Lincoln Continental	$15,575 *
99 Toyota 4Runner SR5	$15,875 *
00 Toyota Tundra Ex Cab V8	$15,875 *
00 Infiniti I 30	$16,400 *
98 Jaguar XJ8	$16,450
02 Ford Escape XLT 4x4	$16,650 *
87 Porsche 911	$16,750
00 Acura 3.2 TL	$16,975 *
97 BMW 528I	$16,975
02 Mazda Millenia Premium	$16,975 *
02 Subaru Forester S Prem.	$16,975 *
03 Subaru Baja Sport	$17,950 *
03 Subaru Forester XS	$18,475 *
00 BMW 323 IA	$18,675 *
00 Honda Odyssey EX	$18,875 *
03 Subaru Baja Premium	$18,950 *
01 Honda Odyssey EX	$19,900 *
00 Lexus ES 300	$19,975 *
00 Jaguar S Type 3.0	$19,995 *
00 BMW 328 IA	$20,450 *
99 Mercedes E320	$21,400
00 Lexus RX 300	$23,400 *
00 Lexus GS 300	$23,999 *
00 Lexus GS 300 Platinum	$24,900 *
01 Lincoln Navigator	$25,000 *

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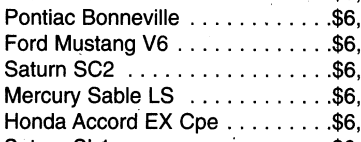

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UNDER $5,000

94 Pontiac Grand Am SE	$1,495
95 Dodge Dakota Sport	$1,650
93 Nissan Quest GXE	$3,875
96 Dodge Caravan Sport	$3,975
96 Saturn SW2	$3,995
99 Chevrolet Metro	$4,250 *

$5,000 - $10,000

99 Dodge Stratus	$5,250
99 Ford Ranger XL	$5,250
95 Subaru Legacy Lsi	$5,350
96 Jeep Cherokee Country	$5,450
98 Chevrolet Prizm	$5,475
99 Ford Taurus SE	$5,695
95 Cadillac Deville	$5,799
99 Ford Taurus SE	$5,895
97 Nissan Quest GXE	$5,950
98 Pontiac Bonneville	$6,250
98 Ford Mustang V6	$6,375
99 Saturn SC2	$6,475 *
98 Mercury Sable LS	$6,900
95 Honda Accord EX Cpe	$6,950
01 Saturn SL1	$6,950 *
99 Jeep Cherokee Sport	$6,950 *
01 Chevrolet Cavalier	$6,975 *
99 Nissan Sentra GXE	$6,975 *
00 Toyota Corolla VE	$6,975 *
00 Pontiac Grand Am SE	$7,650 *
98 Honda Civic LX	$7,700
99 Nissan Frontier King Cab	$7,895
00 Chevrolet Malibu LS V6	$7,975 *
01 Ford Taurus SE	$7,975 *
00 Mazda 626 LX	$7,975 *
97 Honda Accord SE	$8,250 *
00 Mitsubishi Galant ES	$8,250 *
02 Ford Taurus SE	$8,450 *
01 Dodge Intrepid SE	$8,675
02 Olsdmobile Alero Cpe	$8,875 *
00 Ford Ranger Ext Cab XLT	$8,975
99 Isuzu Rodeo LS	$9,675 *
01 Pontiac Sunfire GT	$9,750 *
00 Mercury Cougar V6	$9,975 *
99 Mitsubishi Diamante	$9,975 *
00 Ford Explorer Sport	$9,975 *

$10,000 AND ABOVE

01 Mitsubishi Eclipse GS	$10,900 *
00 Toyota Celica GT	$11,775 *
95 Mercedes E320	$11,975
99 Mitsubishi 3000 GT	$12,575
94 Chevrolet Corvette	$13,975
98 Mercedes ML 320	$16,995 *
98 Mercedes E320	$19,450
01 Chevrolet Suburban LT	$19,975
00 Lexus RX 300	$22,900 *

DEADLINES

The deadline for placing an ad in Friday's paper is Tuesday at 5 p.m.

You may place your FREE ad four 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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Free ads are offered to all military and civilian personnel at Fort Benning. Free ads:

- Must be non-commercial in nature
- 20 word limit, 3 items per ad limit
- Two free ads per week per person
- One auto for sale per year
- One home for sale per change of duty station.

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$500! Police Impounds! Hondas/Chevys/Jeeps, etc. Cars/Trucks/SUVs from $500. For listings and information call 1-800-319-3323 x 3390. (PM21)

01 Focus ZX3
Xenon Body Kit
Cat Back Exhaust
Racing Seats, 17" rims
$10,000
561-3537 or 326-3646
Ask for Craig
(FTFN)

96 Mazda RX7, red, lots of new parts. Won't beleive your eyes. Must see! $300. Call (706) 587-8629. (F14)

97 VW Jetta GL, dark blue, 86,000 miles, 5-speed, cruise control, new tires, in-dash cd, $4500, 687-9396. (F14)

93 Crown Victoria - Only 1,701 miles!! Excellent condition, like new, $16,500. Call 577-3404 (P14)

92 Saab 900S, 4D Sedan, new motor, transmission, & paint. Sunroof, all power, leather, uns great, FSBO $4,000. Call (706) 322-0973. (F21)

00 Pontiac Grand Prix, V-6, Automatic, cloth seats, grey paint with charcoal interior, $8,500 Home 682-9144 (F21)

99 Buick Century, 4dr sedan, V-6, auto, cold a/c, ex cond. $3,898 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

00 Kia Sportage, 4dr sedan, auto, cold a/c, alloy wheels, $4,988 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

97 Pontiac Bonnieville, 4dr sedan, V-6, auto, cold a/c, loaded, $3,988 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

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95 Dodge Stratus, 4dr sedan, auto, cold a/c, ex cond. $2,988 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

02 Oldsmobile Intrigue, 4dr sedan, V-6, auto, cold a/c, loaded 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

96 Dodge Neon, 4dr sedan, auto, cold a/c, runs great, $1,988 1-866-496-2326 (F14)

01 Chevy Malibu, 4dr, auto, cold a/c, loaded, $6,588 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

01 Cadilliac Deville, 4dr sedan, V-8, auto, cold a/c, leather, alloy wheels, loaded, low miles, $4,988 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

02 Chevy Impala, 4dr sedan, V-6, auto, cold a/c, nice, $8,988 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

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03 Chevy Impala, 4dr sedan, V-6, auto, cold a/c, loaded, $11,988 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

97 Chevy Corvette, MUST SEE to believe, ONLY 37,000 miles, THIS WEEK ONLY $9,995 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

02 Saturn L300. 23,500 miles. Red, loaded. PCS move. Must sell. $13,500 or best offer. Call (706) 689-1070. (F21)

96 Honda Civic, 4dr, auto, air. Call 568-0601 (please leave message). (F28)

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98 Cadillac Catera, full power, sunroof, stk#6245265A ONLY $7,991 Call (706) 563-3023 (F21)

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01 VW Cabrio, convertible, summer fun, stk#0330635A $12,991 Call (706) 563-3023 (F21)

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01 Kia Optima, low price, low payment, stk#6746388A $7,441 (706) 563-3023 (F21)

1996 Ford Mustang, exc condition, 6 cyl, black, power everything, one-owner, garage kept, MACH4 stereo, only 73K miles, $4900 obo. Please call 464-7425 or 544-1213. (F21)

SUV's, Trucks, and Vans

Two S-10 Blazers 1983, 1985
85 needs carburator, but has good body, A/C, but Needs Carb.
83 is parts car only.
First $650 takes both.
(706)687-2206 (F14)

93 S10 PU Truck, green, 4x4. Asking $3,500, 689-3194. (F14)

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02 Chevy Tracker, 4dr, auto, cold a/c, alloy wheels, ONLY 6000 miles, $11,898 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

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03 Chevy C1500 ExCab, V-8, auto, cold a/c, loaded, alloy wheels, $19,988 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

98 Ford F150 XLT, PU, V-8, auto, cold a/c, clean, $10,988 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

96 Chevy S10, PU, V-6, auto, cold a/c, nice, $5,988 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

02 Chevy S10 ExCab, PU, cold a/c, alloy wheels, $9,898 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

00 Toyota 4Runner SRS, auto, cold a/c, alloy wheels, $19,888 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

99 Ford Ranger XLT, Reg Cab, alloy wheels, loaded, $4,450 1-866-686-2326 (F14)

03 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT offroad, 4x4 w/Hemi, many extras, excellent condition, low miles. $29,000 or $1000 and take over payments. 264-4077 (F21)

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92 Dodge Ram 250 High Top, Conversion Van, p/w, p/l, tilt, cruise, all electronics, 62K stk#1748731F $6,995 Call (706) 563-3023 (F21)

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04 Jeep G Cherokee, only 14K, Absolutely NEW, stk#1541670A $20,881 Call (706) 563-3023 (F21)

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2000 Harley Davidson Electra Glide, black, 1450 cc, garage kept. Exec condition, loaded w/extras. $15,000 firm. Call 706-575-0263 anytime. (F14)

2000 Harley Davidson 883 Sportster XLC with 2,500 miles, lots of extras. Asking $6000. Call 329-8203 (F14)

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Draw Tite Hitches, Sprayed Bed Liners, Trailer Repairs, Parts, Trailers and Hitches, 596-0380. (PTFN)

16 ft. trailer, dual axle with brakes - $800, white student desk with chair - $15, childrens painter easle - $10. Call 685-8316 (F14)

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15 inch deep dish aluminum rims for full size pick up - $200. Call 565-8799. (FTFN)

79 Custom Cruiser Parts, all available except diesel heads, cheap. 334-297-5957. (F14)

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Two (2) passenger seats for 92 Plymouth Voyager Van. Good condition, $60 for both. 683-9140. (F28)

RV's & Parts

Ivory snooze bonnet for 02 ford F-450 RV (Class C) w/special mirror cut-outs for $30 or OBO. Blus ox 10" drop receiver $75 or OBO. Custom molded gray floor mats for 02 Ford van or RV F-450 $40 or OBO. Call 682-5279 (please leave message) (F21)

Watercraft/Boats

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The Fort Benning Tax Center
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Monday thru Friday
8:30-4:30pm
Call 545-4267/8860 (FTFN)

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will be happy to help you in obtaining information concerning annuities, and health and federal group life insurance. Fort Benning does not assist you with this information after your retire. Contact Carolyn Oliver, Georgia Federation Service Officer at 334-298-6239 or Dorthea Miller, Columbus Chapter 219 Service Officer at 706-561-5729 for an appointment. Also, you may e-mail: carolynandbuck@mfire.com. Georgia State web site is: www.ganarfe.com
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Brand New Epson Sylus C84 color ink jet printer in box with all accesspries, prints up to 22 ppm call 706-683-8234 (F14)

Compaq 7360 cpu with printer and speakers, take desk too! 300obo, Ford Expedition seat covers, all 3 rows,light gray, nice material, barelly used 175 obo. call Luis 689 5664/ 315 8430. (F21)

Children's Items

Child's ball pen with balls $20, Power Wheels dune buggy, needs new batteries $30. Call 536-9542, please leave message. (F14)

Child Care/Care Giver

Childcare openings @ Summer's School. Fun, safe caring, experienced.Summer Markham, 682-2619 (P21)

Childcare Needed: 21 month old, fulltime (flexible hours). From June 2 to July 2004. Call Wendy @ (706) 687-8515 (F21)

Experienced Care Giver. Will care for your loved one in a loving, patient manner. Will do light house keeping, marketing, laundry, ironing. Excellent references available upon request. (706) 662-5014 (PA6)

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1 set Kenmore washer and dryer **only** $179. Guaranteed. Free set up and delivery. 464-3245. (PTFN)

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Sony Video 8 Handycam video camera with 2 batteries, charger, cords, book and box. Needs some repair. $50. Call for details. 685-0079. (F14)

Kenmore washer and dryer — $100 for both. Call 494-8202. (F14)

Washer & Dryer $250 for set; Computer desk $75. (706) 563-1528 (F14)

Whirlpool refrigerator, 18 cu ft, frost free, tempered glass shelves, $200. Call 573-4716. (F14)

Washer and Gas Dryer -$300, Dresser Drawer -$100, Armoire -$25 for sale. Please call (706)494-1639 and leave message. (F21)

Kenmore refrigerator - Frost free, works great, $200. Call *(334) 221-7787. *Must. dial area code. (F14)

98 Kenmore refrigerator/freezer - with ice maker, like new condition, $100 OBO. Conatct Danielle Saprks @ (706) 689-4939. (F21)

Whirlpool washer and dryer, new condition, paid $750 three years ago when new, asking $325 obo. Please call 464-7425 or 544-1213. (F21)

Furniture (Indoor/Outdoor)

Like new 3 in 1 crib. Good condition. $50 OBO. Call 706-683-0446 for details. (F14)

Beautiful German Shrunk wall unit, 11'6" wide by 7'2" tall, Oak finish, includes desk, TV and china cabinet areas with lots of door covered storage areas. Sacrifice at $600, call 571-0262 (F14)

Large solid wood desk, $20, 5 ft. tall black and brass dresser $40, small round 3-legged table $5. Call 536-9542, please leave message. (F14)

7 Piece Bedroom Suite, Cream Colored. Includes: dresser w/mirror, 2 night stands, armoire, and queen platform/box headboard. $300, call 689-1127. (F14)

Broyhill Fontana solid wood entertainment center. Paid $1100 new, asking $500. Call 494-8202. (F14)

PCS - In great condition. Living Room (Sofa & Chair) $225. Dining Room w/6 chairs $325. Call 682-0729. (F14)

Selling ALL furniture & 2 desktop computers. Big green couch & love seat. Excellent condition. Bedroom set, Dining Room set, rugs, TV. I can email photos. Call (706) 464-3608 (F14)

Queen size mattresses and frame with headboard $100, Black marble Bar $30, Italian Marble Coffee Table $50, Hoover Vaccum $10, Lawn Mower $20, Patio Set w/ 4 chairs and Umbrella $70, Kids White 5 Drawer Chest $10, Misc Items also... Please Call 685-9883 (F14)

JCPenny loveseat (soft hue colors) great condition ~ $75.00. Hedstrom swingset (2 swings, 1 activity bar, 1 see-saw & 1 chair swing) ~ $20.00. Solid oak center pedastal dinette table, very unique ~ $50.00 Effingham Dressage riding boots (size 6) black leather, LIKE NEW! Paid $235, asking $100.00 JCPenny Classic Traditions lined curtains. Soft blues, mauves and off white. Very pretty & in excellent condtion. Have drapes, valances and jabots to choose from. Prices vary but are priced to sell! Call Kathy @ 689-2193 (F14)

4-drawer wooden desk w/white laminate top, perfect for student,etc., in good condition. $35 Call- Judy @ 334-855-3358 (btwn 9a-9p) (F14)

Refrigerator side by side, $500 - Avail end of May. Sony stereo w/5 CD changer, $100 - Avail Now. King size mattress set, $75 - Avail end of May. Ping pong table (was $250), $75 - Avail Now. Weights & bench (almost new), $50 - Avail Now. Dining room set (dark wood), $200 - Avail end of May. Basketball goal, $75 - Avail Now. Call 687-1044 (9 to 5) or 563-6785 (6 to 9) (F14)

Leather couch w/matching ottaman, ex cond - $1000. Leather chair w/ottaman - $450. Four (4) oak kitchen chairs - $200. 569-5171 (F14)

7 pc solid oak dinner table and chairs, excellent condition $275 OBO. Contact (706) 561-9233 anytime (F14)

Queen pillow-top bed & box spring with frame - $300, Microwave -$75, Sectional Sofa - $50. Please call (706) 494-1639 and leave message. (F21)

Glass dining table with bakers rack $250/obo. Call 689-4121

Queen Size Waterbed, $50, call 685-1837

Italian Marble Coffee Table $50 Hoover Wind Tunnel Vacuum $20 White Microwave Stand $20 M&M's Collectibles $20 whole set Country Decorative Items $2-$15 each Kids Movies w/o cases. Box of 10 for $10 Wanted: Raggedy Ann and Andy Decor for a little girls Room. Please call will pay top dollar. 685-9883 anytime ask for Dawn (F21)

MOVING, selling ALL furniture, Gateway PC, microwave, lamps, pictures, refrigerator, washer/dryer, bunk bed w/matt, single bed w/matt, bookcase, 6-drawer dresser & 2ea nite tables. 689-2864 (F21)

Formal living room couch, mint condition $225 OBO. Belgian rug, 8X6, $200. Call Steve at 687-3109 after 6PM (F21)

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PIZZA DELIVERY POSITION
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$250 to $500 a week.
Will train to work at home
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No experience necessary
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The United States Armed Forces Women's Sorority salutes you! The rush pledges are busy doing community service working on a Stratch and Donate fund rasiser. If anyone would like to support the efforts of this wonderful sorority by supporting our fund rasiser. Please conatct any Soror or Rush sister if you would like to show your support. POC: New Pledge Deborah@706-682-1179/682-3901. No donation is too small. Thanks in advance for your support. Also, anyone interested in finding out more about our organization contact me. (F14)

Motorola flip cell phone w/accessories $20, Dell keyboard $10, Rival crockpot $10, Dipdik painting (ala Trading Spaces) pastel green, blue and yellow rectangles $20. 685-0079.(F14)

80 ft. Chain link fence w/1 gate. $150. 6x6 ft chain link dog run, $75. Call 573-4716. (F14)

Statring Line Ups - 1991 B. Sanders $30, J. Montana $15, 1998 Sosa $15, McGwire $10, Double $25. Call 683-9140 (F14)

BICYCLES - Men's 27", 10-sp and ladies' 26", 15-sp in good condition. $35 ea. or both for $60. Call- Judy @ 334-855-3358 (btwn 9a-9p) (F14)

Very pretty long white dress for girl, size 6, $45, long off white dress with short sleeves, beads, and pearls, size 12. $75. Also, cd spinner will hold 112 cds, $20, king size comforter, cream on one side, mulit color on other, $50. Cabbage Patch Kids, $15th Anniv. Spc. Ed. (1983) Call for price. New in box, 5.5" protable b/w t.v. with am/fm radio, can plug into car $25. Dolls, Dolls! Too many to list. Call 689-2780. (F14)

Adult walker w/ adjustable legs, folds flat, $50, sells for $135, also, long red dress with long sleeves, very nice, $45, over 100 VHS movies $5 and up. (No adult movies.) Call 689-2780. (F14)

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ATTENTION LADIES!!! Have you heard of THE FIRM. Well I have it all, the fanny lifter, the sculpting stick and all 3 DVD's. But that's not all. I also have an additional gold DVD workout and the training calender. All for the price of $75 neg. If intrested call (706) 682-3334 (F21)

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Power Wheels ATV $50...Self-propelled Lawn Mower $50...Girls kitchen playset $10...boys 16 inch bike $15...girls 16 inch bike $15...winter girls clothes 3T-5T...call 687-7020 (F21)

Over 180 romances for $15 Entire Tyler series great condition $35. TV/VCR and DVD player $125 OBO 689-6845

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2 King Comforter Sets 50.00 ea, baby gate 5.00, child bedspds 5.00 ea, lace shower curt. 30.00, king sheets 10.00 set 689-3344 (F21)

Pets, Pet Items, Etc.

Tan Cocker Spaniel, CKC/AKC, 2yr old, male. Good with children.Comes with all his shots,toys,leash,collar,dog house, food,treats, everything. Must sell just found out my son is allergic to him. $250.00 OBO. Call 334-855-2278 leave message. (F21)

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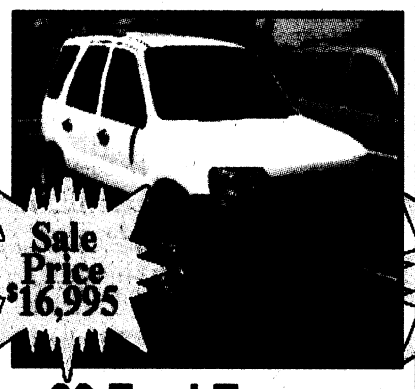

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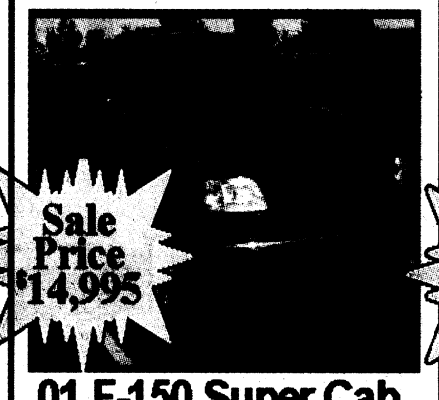

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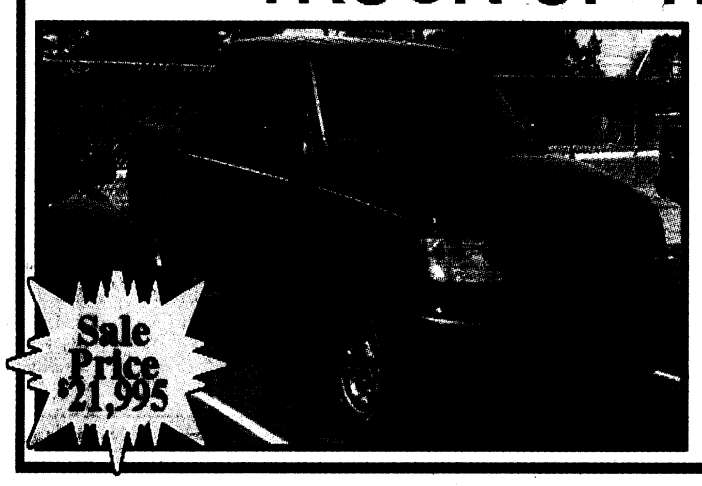

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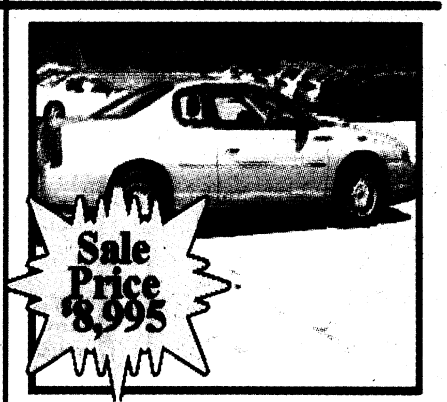

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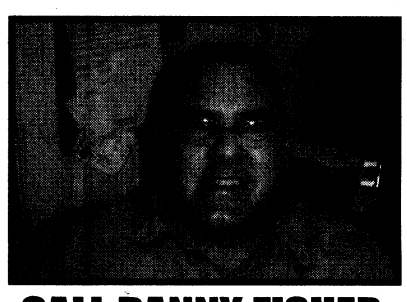

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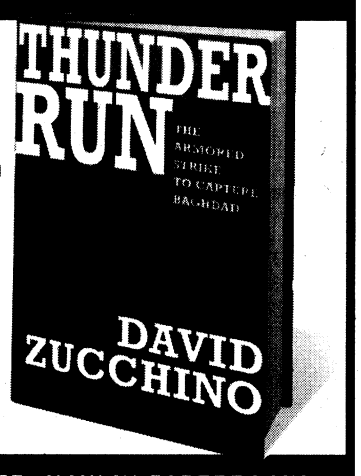

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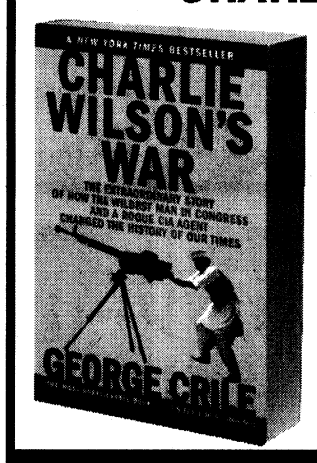

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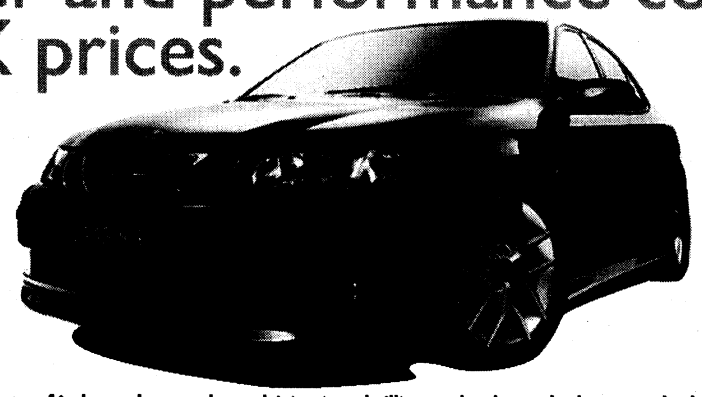

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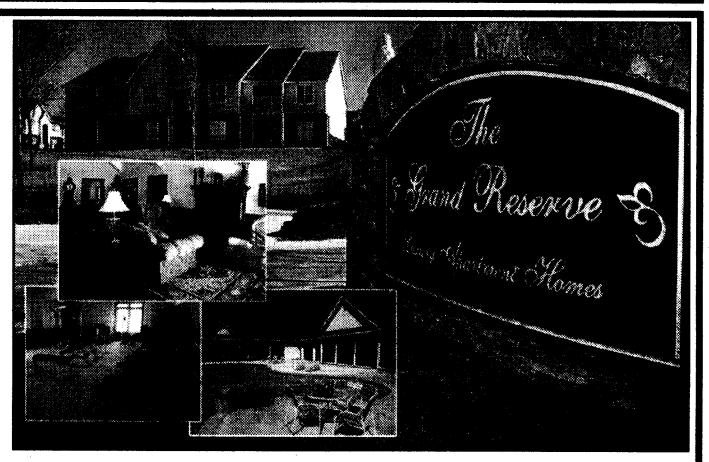

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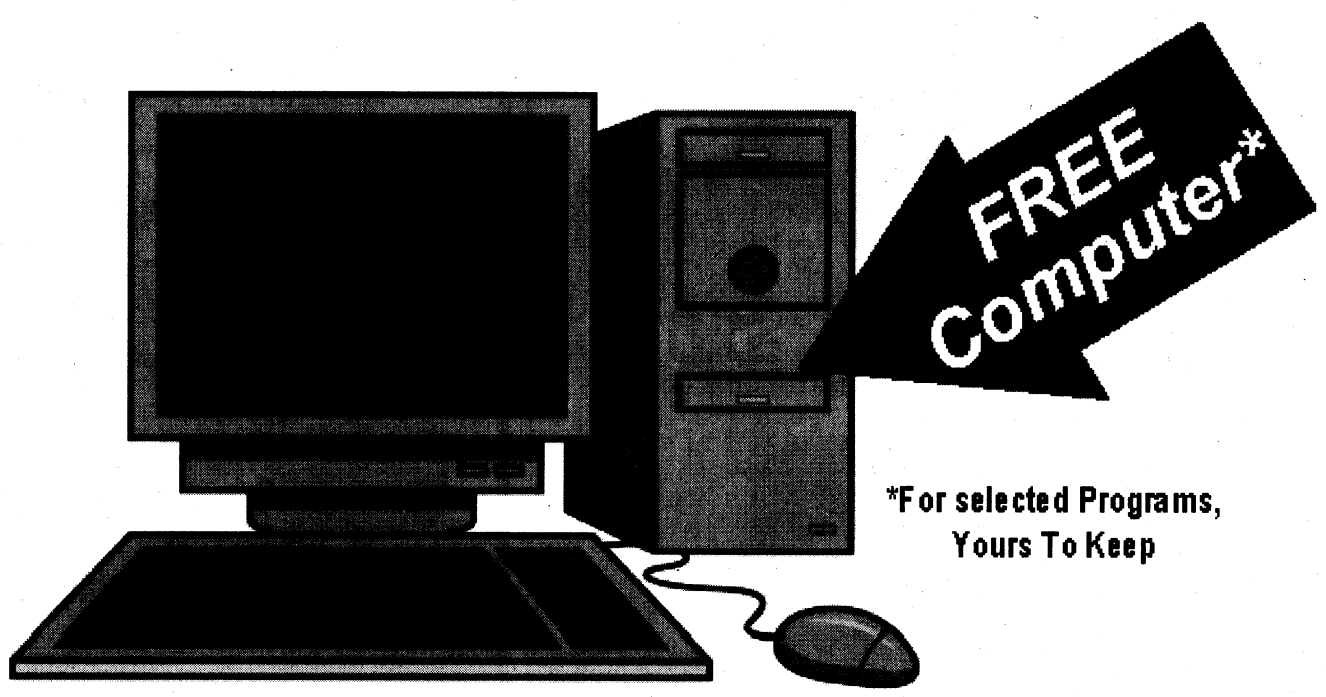

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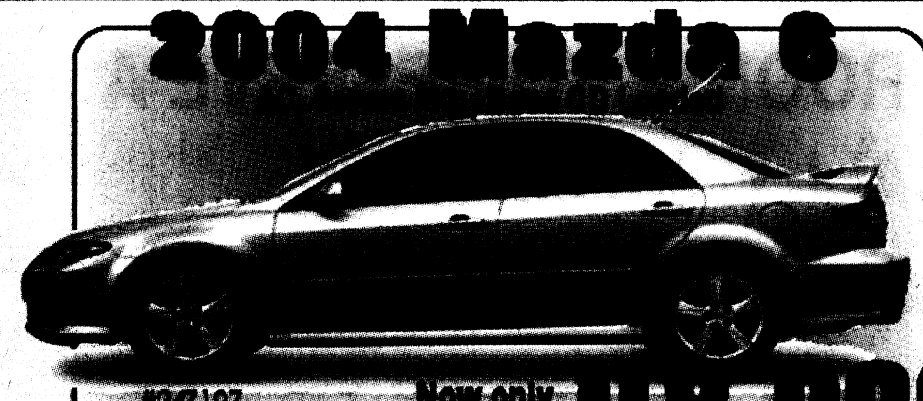

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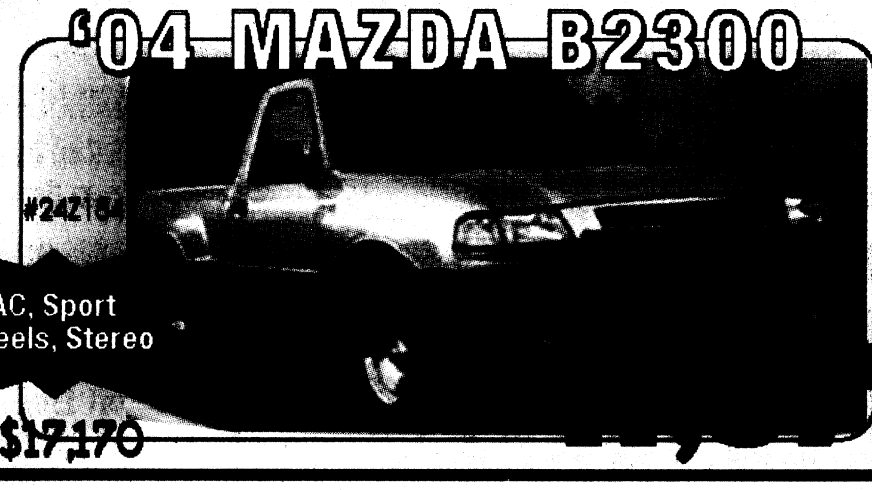

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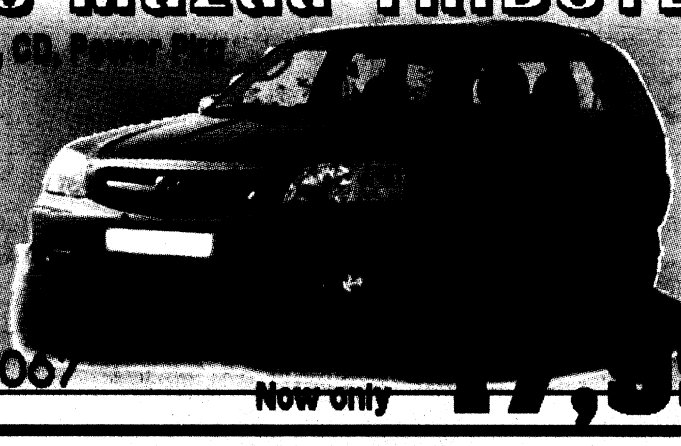

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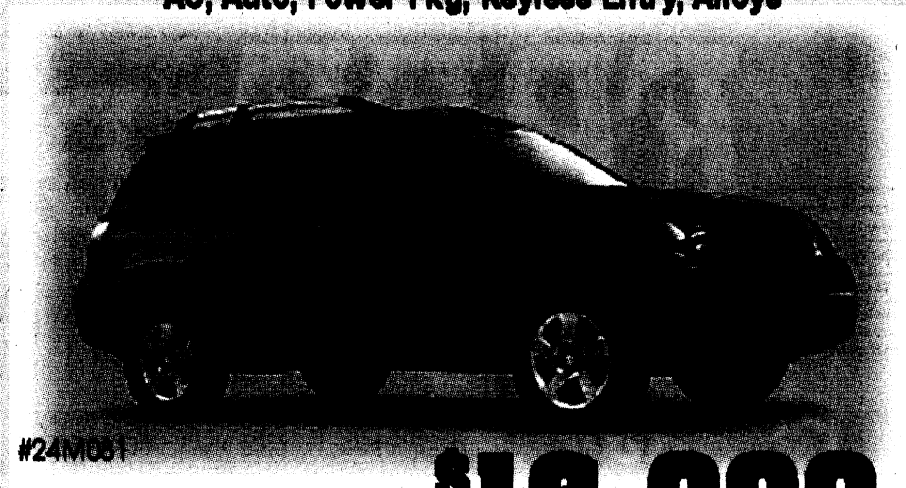

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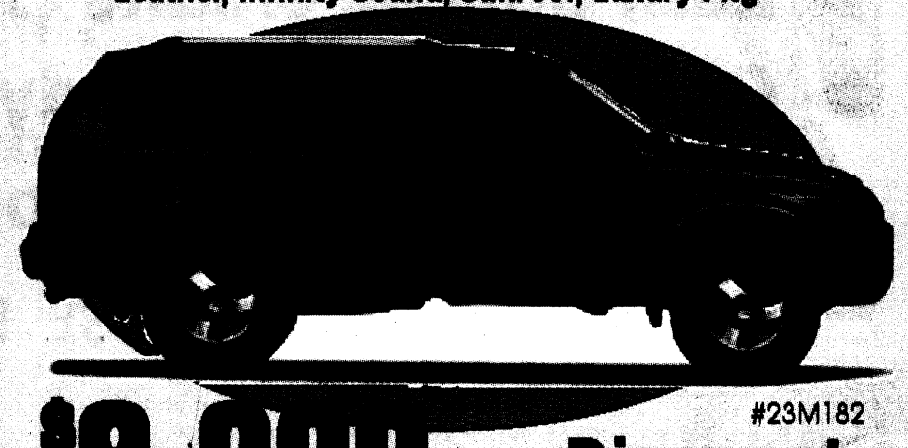

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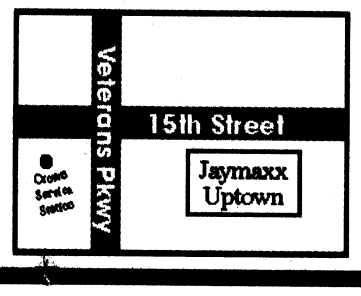



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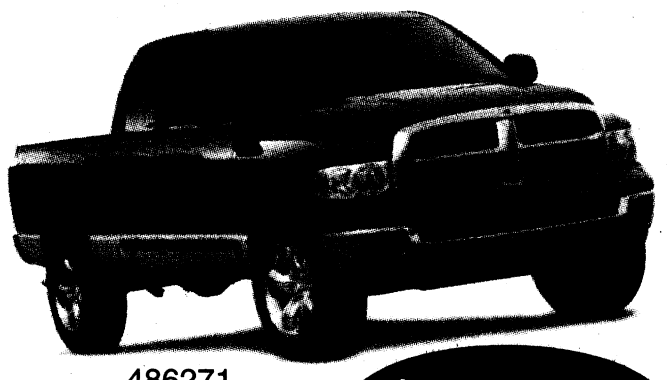

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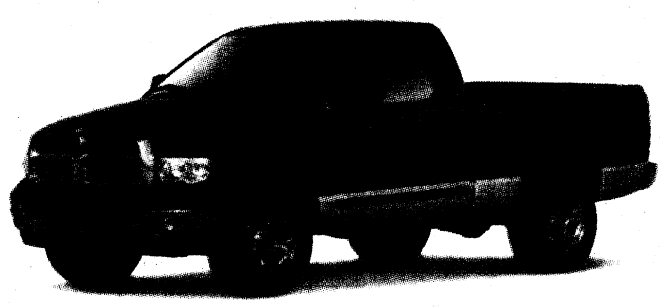

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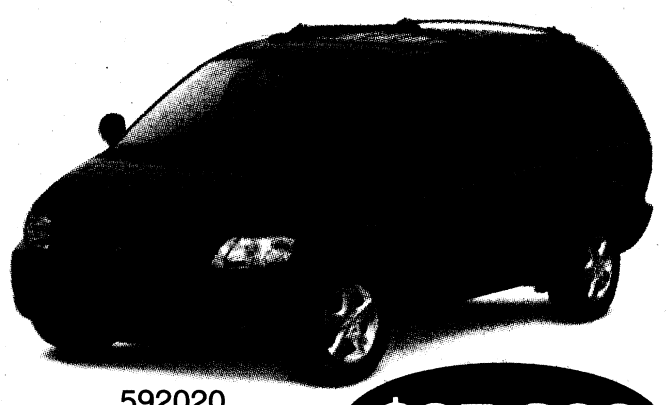

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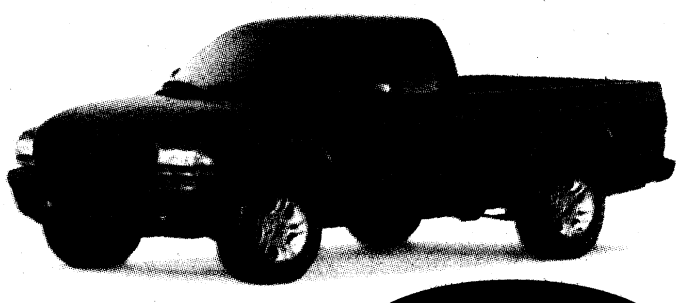

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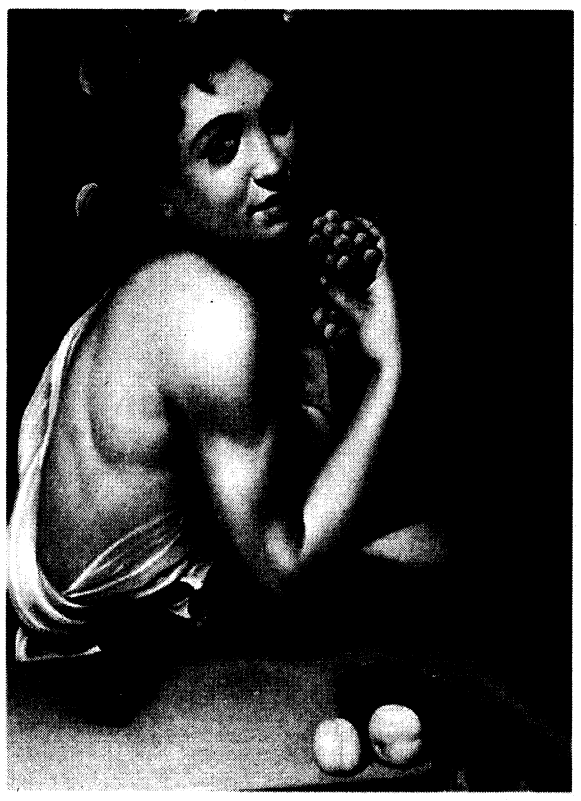

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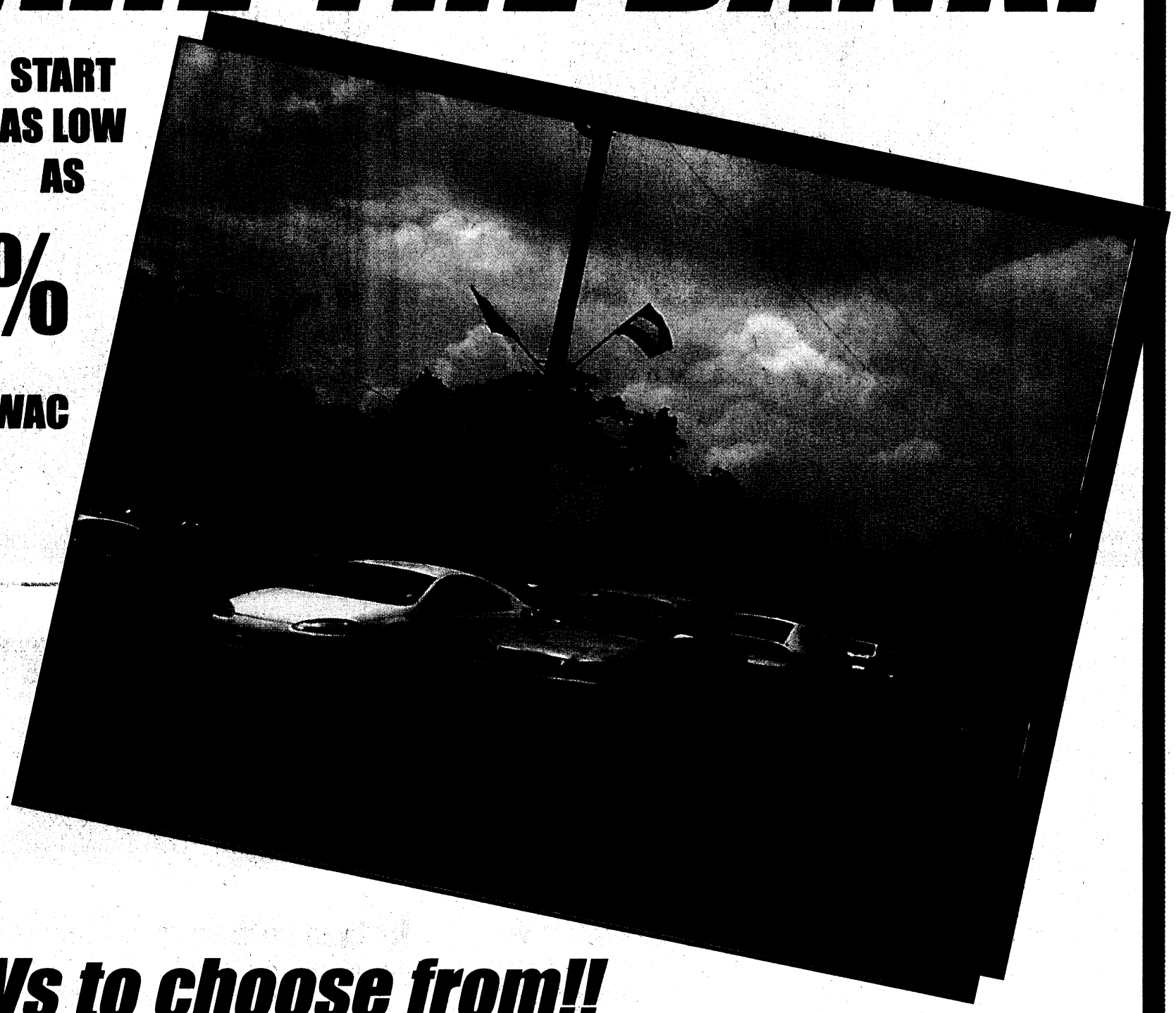

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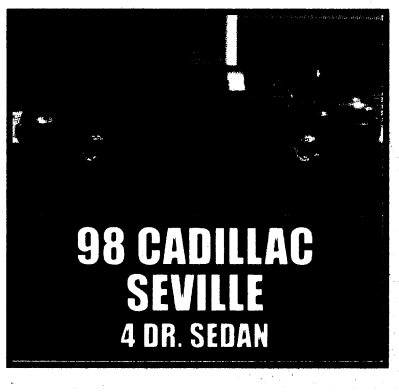

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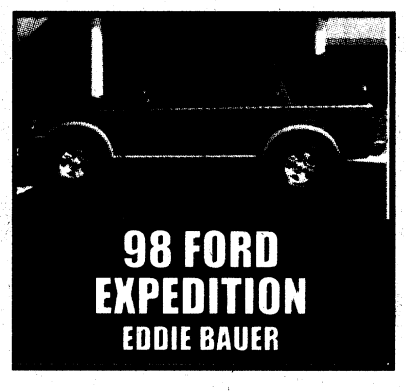

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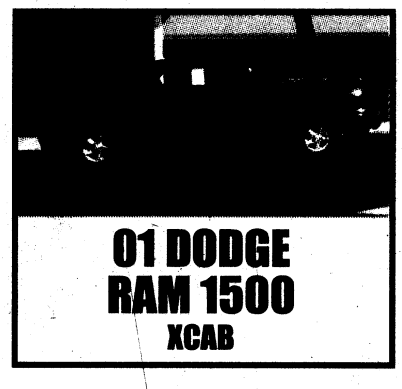

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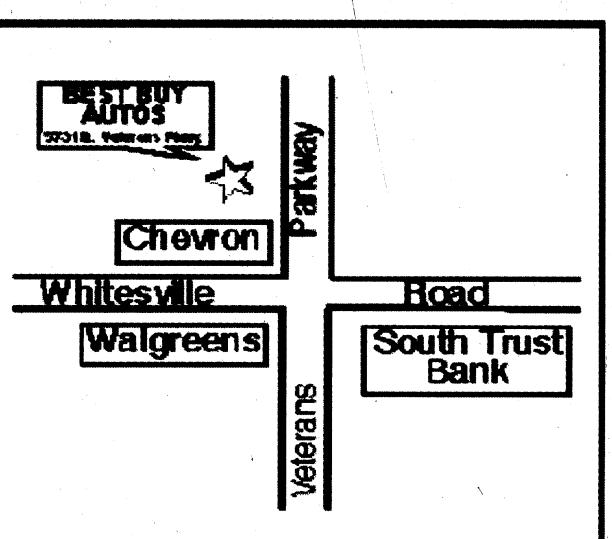

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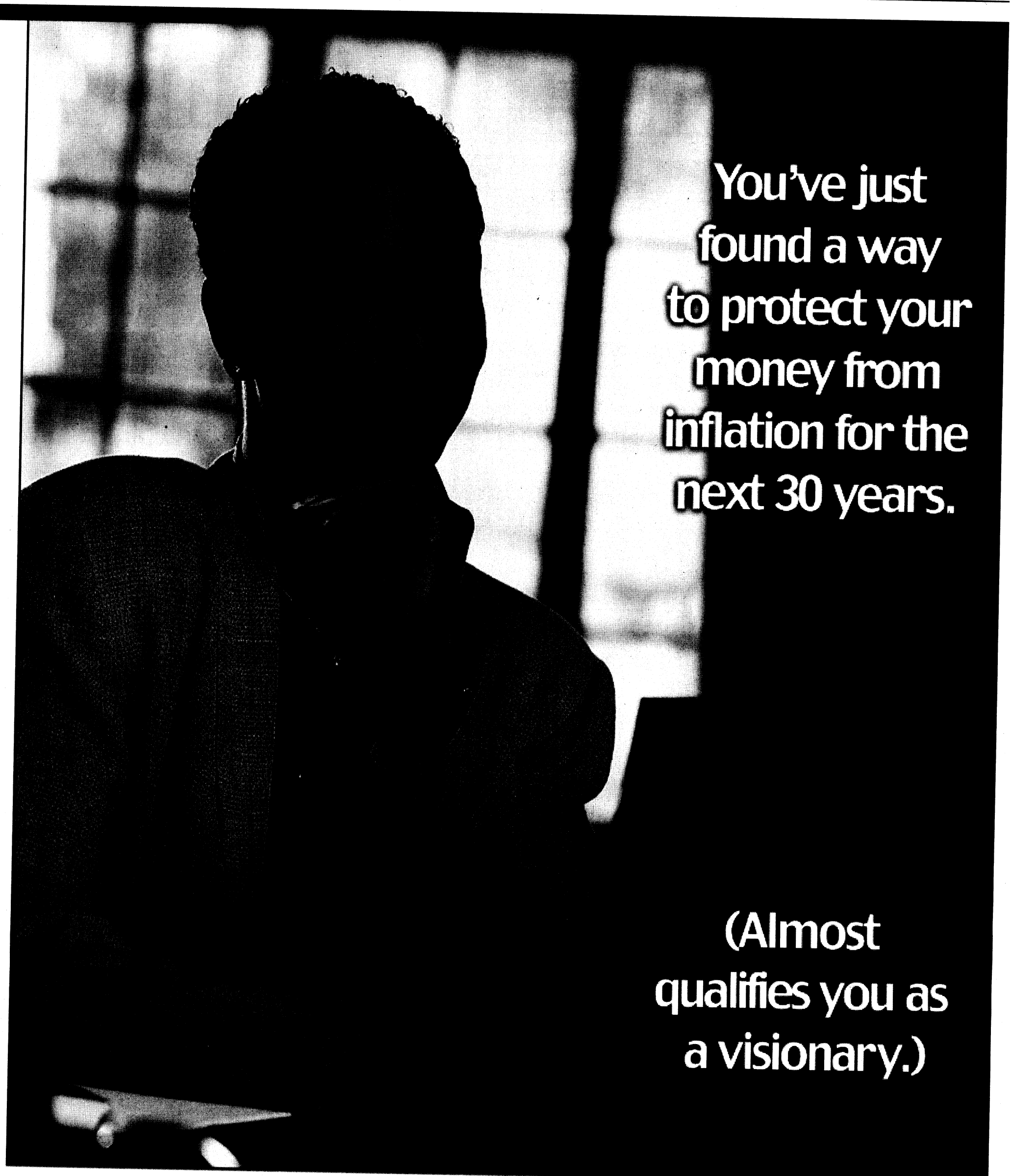

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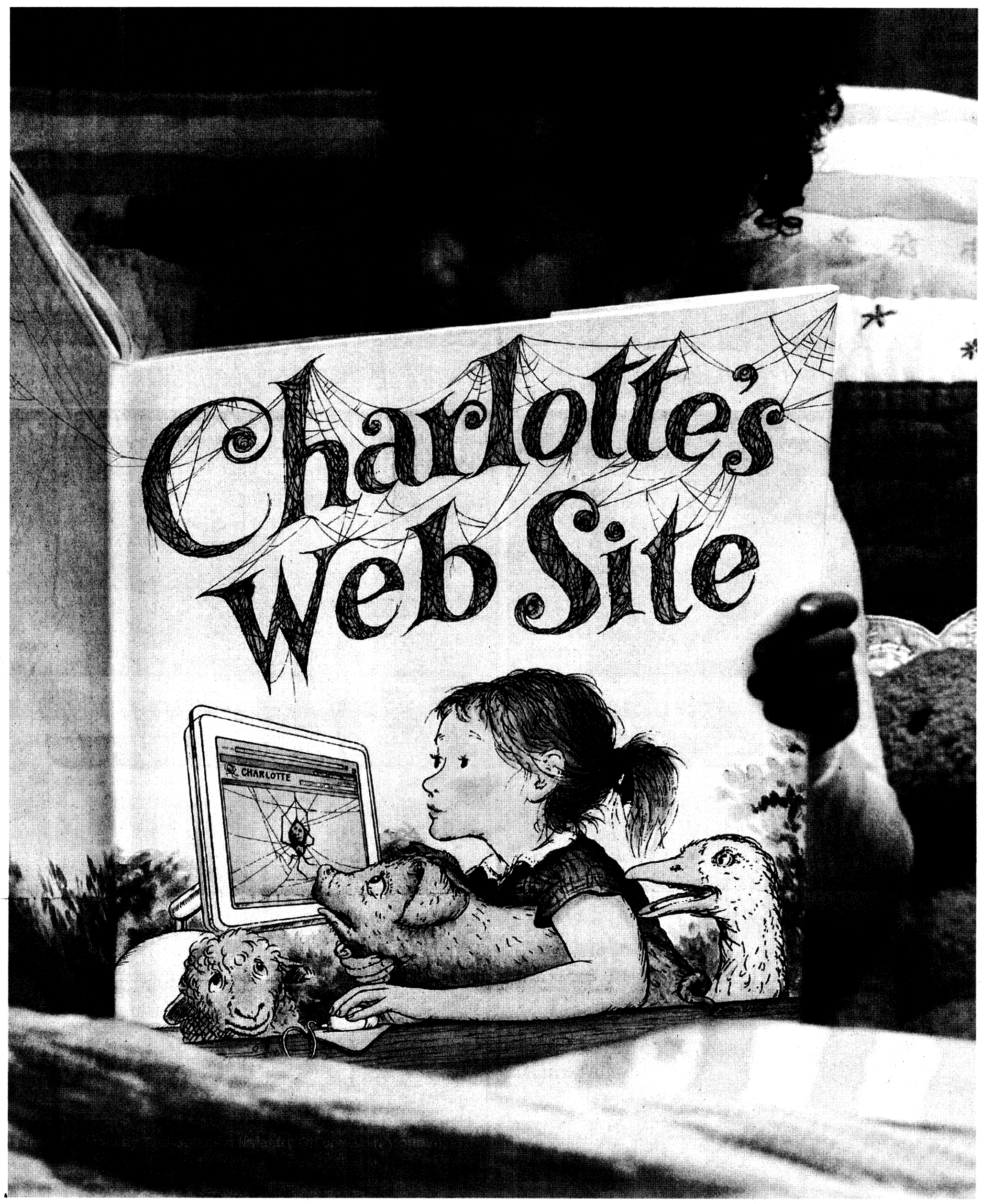

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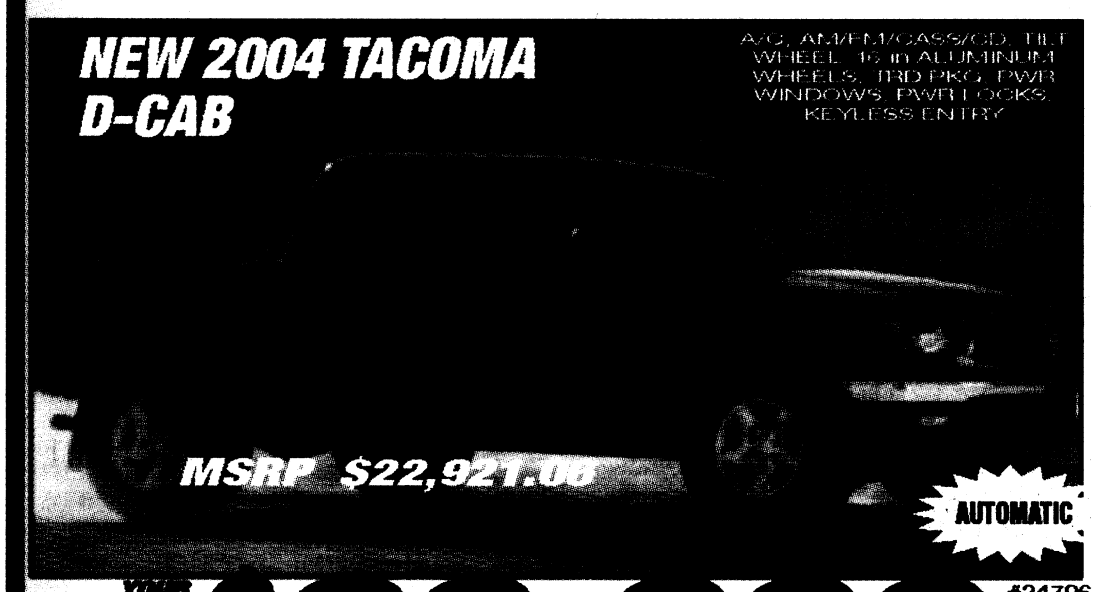

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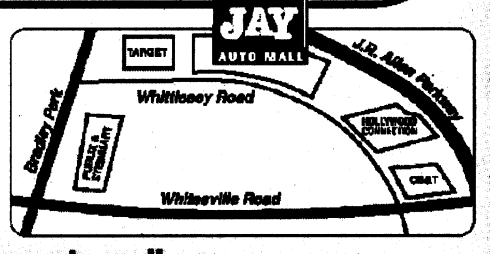

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Todd Kinney, GM of Drive 1 of Columbus says, "We must make room for new vehicles that are arriving and with a recent surplus of great trade-ins, we have no room for the inventory coming in. "

Management at Drive 1 of Columbus will reduce all SUVs, trucks, and cars at this one time event. At 9 a.m. Saturday, May 15 all vehicles will be opened so that buyers may inspect the vehicle of their choice. The retail price will be posted on the windshield of each vehicle. When the sale begins at 11 a.m., whoever is sitting in the vehicle will have the chance to purchase that vehicle at the reduced price. The prices will be reduced one time to the rock bottom price, including vehicles for only $99. During this event, every used vehicle will be sold for thousands below its retail price!

Over 100 vehicles will be made available for these reductions with some vehicles starting as low as $99. "It is anticipated that over 1 million dollars in inventory will be disposed of during this event", says Todd Kinney. "This is not a sale that you will want to miss."

Drive 1 of Columbus will have special military lenders on site, credit unions, and even USAA financing will be made available to qualified buyers. "Even if you have no credit and you're an E-1, we still have great financing for this event", assures Phillip Holt, Finance Manager. "Even derogatory credit will be overlooked for this sale. All that will be needed is your military ID and your LES.

Trade-ins will be accepted for full cash value even if it has a payoff. All customers attending are encouraged to bring your payment book or title and registration to speed the process.

Todd reminds all customers to act quickly if they want to take advantage of this special promotion. "I can't say enough that this is a 1 day sales event only. Once they are gone, it will be back to business as usual. It will be first come, first served; so it is most imperative that you arrive early to have the best chance of getting the best selection. This sale is a fantastic opportunity for our military to get an awesome deal on a car, truck or SUV."

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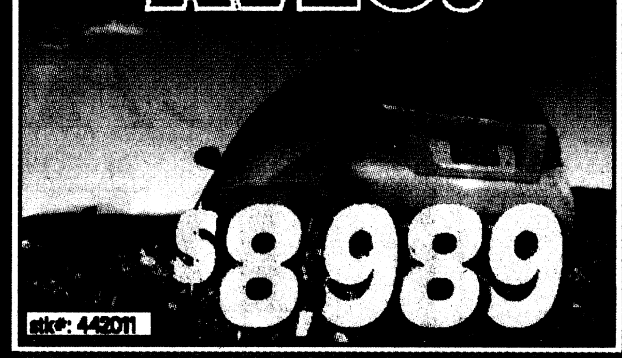

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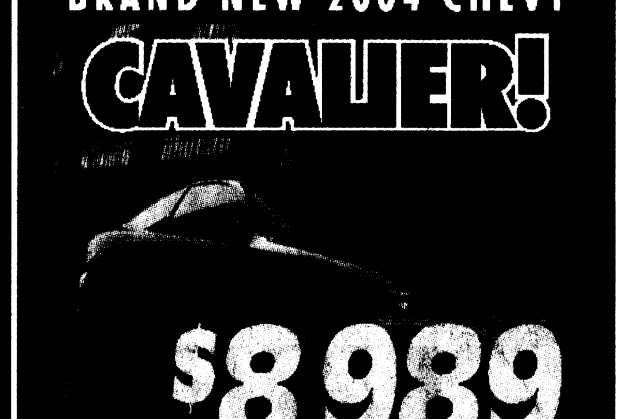

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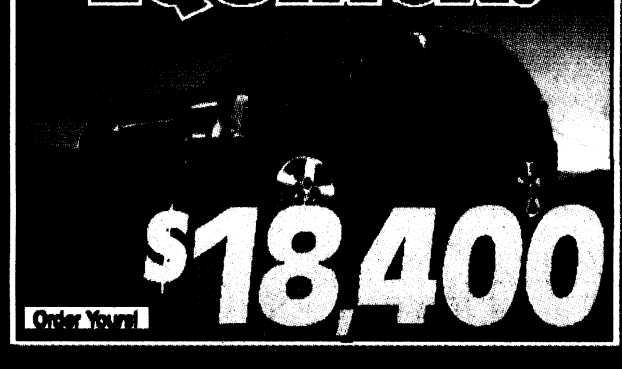

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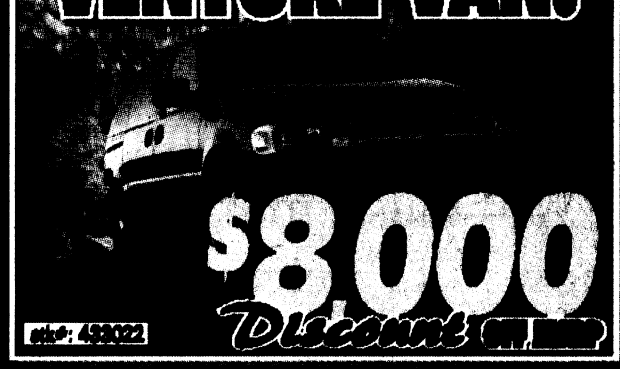

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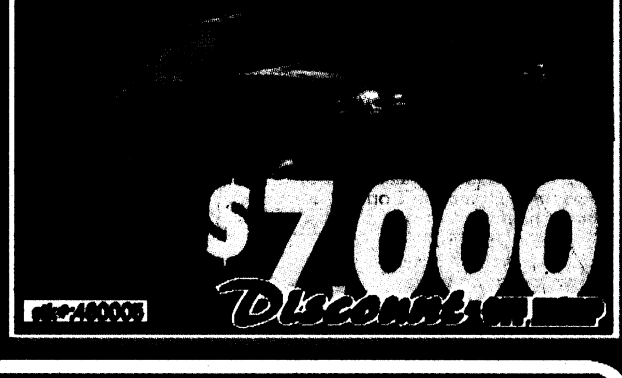

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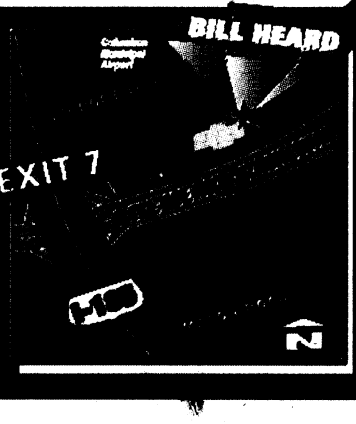

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Stay alert, officials warn

Web postings call for terrorist attacks in States

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

In response to recent Internet-based terrorist threats against military and law enforcement personnel, Fort Benning and local residents are urged to increase situational awareness at least through November.

Al Harvey, director of Intelligence and Security, said the Web threats are a step up from most of the threats detected since Sept. 11, 2001.

"We are seeing heightened rhetoric," he said. "The messages are more blatant."

Harvey said he believes the elevated threats are an effort to capitalize on growing concern about U.S. policy in Iraq and the upcoming November presidential elections.

In Madrid, on March 11, terrorists with ties to al Qaeda used 10 bombs to destroy four passenger trains, killing 190 people and wounding more than 1,500.

The attack came three days before general elections and spawned nationwide dissent over Spain's participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom. This led to the replacement of the ruling conservative party prime minister, Jose Maria Aznar, by the antiwar Socialist Party delegate, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero. Spain has since withdrawn its troops from Iraq.

"It worked in Spain, and in my opinion, I think (terrorists) are trying the same thing here," Harvey said.

"These guys aren't dummies. They believe they can influence an election, a society, a policy and, ultimately, the results in Iraq," he said.

There is no known imminent danger, though, he said.

"This isn't a warning — that's too strong of a word," Harvey said. "This is an indicator of possible planning activity and people just

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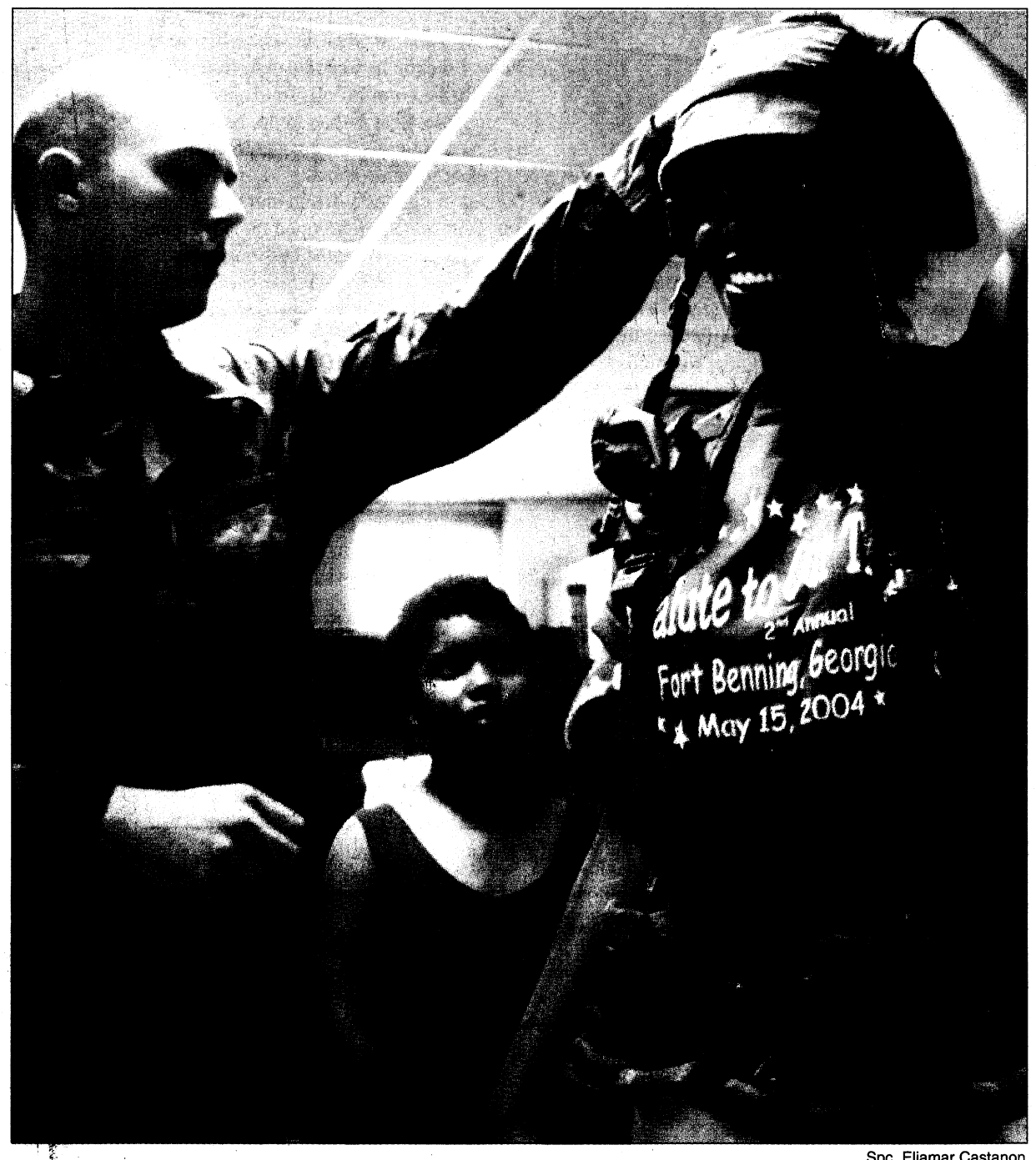
Beautiful visit



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Pvt. Benjamin Smith, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, helps Tiffany Davis, Miss Mall of Georgia, try on his gear while Anthony Joshua Berry, 7, watches.

Contestants visit troops

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The colors of the American flag were everywhere on Sand Hill Saturday, as Miss Georgia contestants dressed in red, white and blue visited Sand Hill Soldiers as part of the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Sand Hill Concert Series.

The visit began when the 32 contestants walked into the dining facility of the 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment while E Company was having lunch, to say "thank you" and "good job."

"It's a pleasant surprise to have so many beautiful women here," said Pvt. Scott MacLachlan, who ate lunch with Addie Hampton, Miss Teen Georgia.

This is the second annual Salute to Troops the Miss Georgia contestants have participated in, said Brian Smith, DMWR marketing director.

Last year, about 12 contestants visited Fort Benning; this year there were more than 30 young

See **VISIT**, A-11

Troops to leave Korea for Iraq

Jim Garamone
Army News Service

About 3,600 Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, will deploy to Iraq this summer from the Republic of Korea, Defense Department officials said Monday.

The deployment will reduce U.S. troop strength in Korea by about 10 percent.

This reduction decision can be made with impunity, a senior DoD official said, because of the beefed-up capabilities the United States has on the Korean peninsula.

More capable air assets, a Patriot-3 brigade, rotating Stryker battalions, and far better command, control, computers, communications and intelligence facilities more than make up for the drop of U.S. troops in South Korea to 34,000, the official said.

"Ongoing global posture review is strengthening our position in Asia and Korea," said Richard Lawless, deputy defense undersecretary for Asia-Pacific policy.

"This strengthened global and regional posture, including our efforts under way in Korea to realign U.S. forces and enhance our capabilities, allows us to employ our forces worldwide in a more flexible manner."

Lawless said that if needed, the United States can quickly augment air and naval presence in the Asia-Pacific region.

Officials said Korean and Japanese leaders were informed of and agreed with the U.S. decision send the 2nd Brigade, 2ID to Iraq.

They said it is part of the overall look at U.S. global posture.

The troops will spend one year in Iraq. Since military tours of Korea are typically one-year unaccompanied tours, some

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Arizona couple thanks Soldiers for service

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

An Arizona couple is using the profits from their delivery company to deliver a message of encouragement and appreciation to Soldiers around the country.

Ed and Tonie Negrin spend more than a quarter of the year visiting military installations and hospitals with their small fleet of Chevys, called America's trucks, emblazoned with patriotic themes like "We Are a Nation at War" and "Have You Forgotten?"

They dropped by Kelley Hill's Gibson Dining Facility Tuesday to give away Bibles, CDs, teddy bears, books and other tokens of appreciation to the Soldiers who "put honor and duty above their own personal desires."

The Negrin's "Operation Enduring Freedom" truck was parked outside the dining facility during breakfast hours, and Soldiers filed past, admiring the 3rd Infantry Division patch near the driver's side window and the message "Pray for Our Troops" printed across the door.

"Thank you," they said again and

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Tonie Negrin gives a gift to a Kelley Hill Soldier Tuesday.

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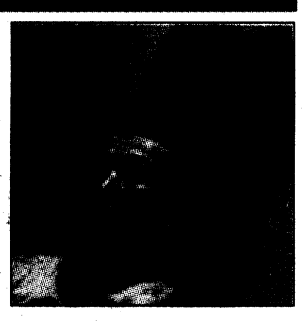

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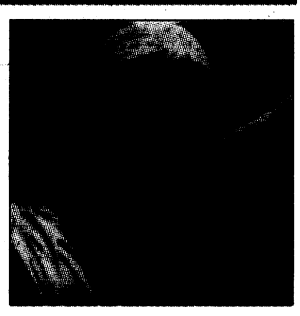

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Conscience is a 'value'able voice

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



Did you not hear the voice? I know that admitting we hear voices can sometimes land us in places we don't want to be, but we really need to listen to this one.

It's our conscience calling. Yes, ours. We have one. We've had one all our lives, telling us what's right and what's wrong.

According to my church, it's our parents responsibility to form and nurture our conscience.

And by the time we're 7, we should be able to tell right from wrong on our own — to evaluate our options and make the right decision when push comes to shove.

But the news these days are filled with all sorts of people who must be ignoring those little voices in their heads. And the worst part of it is they're Soldiers, and they're making the rest look bad.

I don't want that kind of negative attention for Soldiers, or for the Army.

Like the adage goes, one bad apple spoils the whole bushel.

So why has ignoring those voices become such an epidemic? I wish I knew, because it's making it harder and harder to program my children to listen to the voices.

The post commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, wants us to hear the voices, too.

He's asking leaders to get to know their Soldiers, to talk to them and to reinforce the Army values with them.

With the recent events in Abu Ghraib prison, respect needs to get a big R and lots of focus.

And the way I've always heard it, not only is respect a two-way street, but we first have to respect ourselves. And the argument that "no one told me it was wrong" really isn't valid.

Respect for others has to start with each of us. It's manifested in the clothes we wear and the language we use when talking to others, or when we think no one is around.

No one should have to endure degrading language. Words hurt, and abusive language is just that — it's abuse.

My husband and I were out walking last week. Two teenage boys with skateboards turned the corner and dropped the "f bomb."

We were a good 200 feet away, but heard it loud and clear. As it turned out, they didn't live on our street and we didn't know them.

But if I ever meet them, they've already made their first impression, and it certainly wasn't a good one.

She's a real hero on the home front

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



Should military officials ever choose Nike to market their "product," they'll find the perfect spokesperson in Donna Bergman. She's a "just do it" kind of gal.

Donna's the wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bergman, the Infantry School sergeant major. But her experience and insights go beyond that of an Army wife. She's also the mother of a Soldier, a Marine, an Airman and a government employee "who'd have to kill you if he told you what he does." And yes, there's one Bergman boy still at home.

Recently Donna shared with me some of the misadventures of the Bergman family during an Army career that spans nearly three decades.

Her stories have all the makings of a TV sitcom, or better yet, a survival series!

Take for instance Donna's arrival in Germany in 1988. She moved into a new home (on the fourth floor, laundry in the basement) with five boys (all under the age of 12) no car ("It's on it's way ma'am.") and no husband (field duty).

Donna recounted her attempts to collect the family van shortly after their arrival. She called upon the downstairs neighbors to help with the children ("... dropped two on the third floor, one on the second floor and two on the first.") and begged a ride to the pick-up point for incoming freight.

The van had a flat and an empty tank. Of course.

She changed the tire and pulled into a gas station just as the manager was closing up. Sorry, he said, come back tomorrow.

Donna's ingenious. She "borrowed" the nozzle from the driver in front of her, who hadn't finished pumping, filled her own tank, and gave the customer the money. Pretty slick, I'd say.

"You just do what you've gotta do," she replied. "No use in complaining or worrying about it. You just do it."

I like that about Donna. In many ways, she's old Army. She's made of tough stuff on the inside, but it's packaged in a warm and friendly wrapping and topped with a big, shiny smile.

Donna, who met Michael on a blind date, always knew she wanted a large family. She taught her brood to cook and clean and give bear hugs. ("We're a hugging family," she said.)

She worked outside the home, volunteered here and there, and carted the boys from ball games to Scouts. She nursed them through the usual — the broken bones and the broken hearts — and the unusual — Jeremy lost sight in one eye in a freak accident when he was just a little fellow. I reckon he took his cues from his mom, brushed himself off, so to speak, and learned to do what he had to do, because Jeremy's the one with the government job I don't want to know about.

Donna's sent her husband and her son off to combat. She's watched the boys, one by one, move far from the nest, marry and start families of their own. She hasn't had them all together since 1998. She admits to twinges of depression as Donovan, her youngest, gets closer to the age of independence.

"Sometimes it's just too quiet around here," she said. "I don't know what I'll do ..."

I don't know what she'll do, either, but I'm fairly sure what she won't do.

She won't wallow in self-pity, because that's simply not her way. She'll continue to support Michael, as he heads off to become the sergeant major at West Point.

She'll continue to pray for her boys and look forward to vacations with the grandkids.

She'll do what she has to do. Because Donna isn't just married to a Soldier. She's an Army wife.

CORRECTION

In last week's paper, the date for the postwide town-hall meeting was wrong. The postwide town-hall meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday in Infantry Hall's Classroom 6. Fort Benning residents are encouraged to attend.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hospital service improves

On Feb. 6 of this year, I gave birth to my fifth child at Martin Army Community Hospital. I just wanted to take a moment and commend the Labor and Delivery Room staff, as well as the Mother/Baby staff, for the excellent care I received while I was a patient at the hospital. The quality of care that I received has really changed for the better, compared to the care I had received in 1996 when I gave birth to my third child at MACH.

I can tell you after the first experience in 1996, I was extremely nervous about giving birth at MACH again. On Feb. 6, that morning and through the evening, everyone who was on duty was extremely kind and very professional.

I have given birth at civilian hospitals and from past experience, the care I received on Feb. 6 was far better than any care I have ever received at civilian hospitals.

I would also like to personally thank Dr. Pellini for being so kind and staying late to deliver Jacob. He did not have to stay and deliver but he did. My husband and I truly appreciate all the kindness that was shown to our family. If anyone out there is nervous and has listened to all the rumors about giving birth in a military hospital, please take if from someone who has given birth at five different hospitals, two civilian, that MACH Labor and Delivery and the Mother/Baby staff are a very capable and highly professional staff. Again, thank you for excellent care!

— Rebekah Elder
Fort Benning

I was on post April 30 getting registered for Tricare Prime (while my husband is serving in Iraq). I had several outstanding employees assist me in accomplishing this goal.

First, I had the pleasure of meeting Thomas Clark and Teresa Romero in the Outpatient Records Department. Romero worked diligently to get what information I needed to start my patient record. When I didn't have all that was required, she sent me to Jennifer Taylor in Correspondence. Jennifer took the time that was needed to complete my records information (calling my doctor and requesting that my records be faxed into the office so that I might be seen that same day). I then returned to Romero, with the information that Jennifer had to kindly helped me obtain, and Romero continued to complete my record, make my ID cards and hand deliver them to Family Practice.

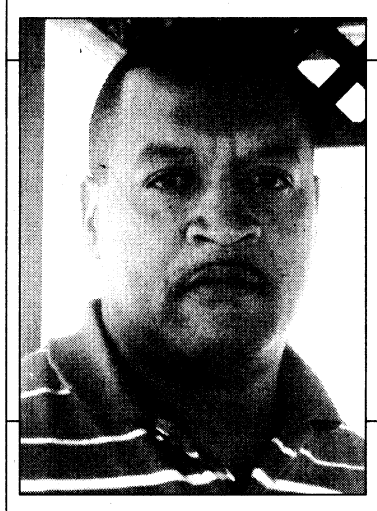
While in the Immunization Clinic, I meet Waveen Mack. In addition to taking care of my immediate needs (shots required for travel outside the U.S.) she assisted me in getting an appointment with Family Practice (for additional medication).

I was extremely impressed with the kind, generous, personable attitudes of those employees I met. Each one did their job in a timely, helpful, friendly manner (on a Friday at 2 p.m., when closing time was near).

— Judy Barton
Family member

VARIOUS VOICES

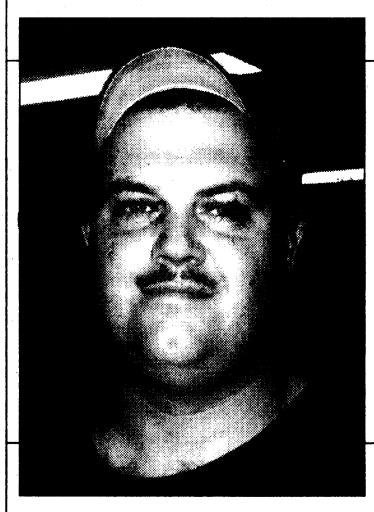
Why do we have the Army values?



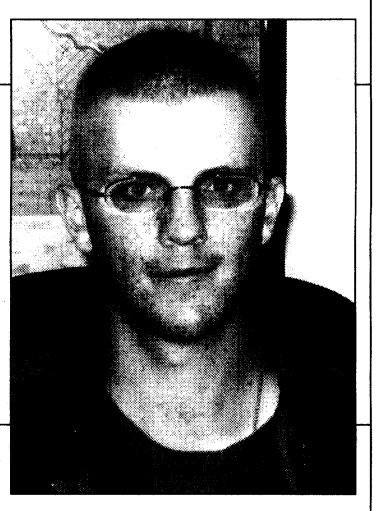
Retired Master Sgt. Billy Arnold — "Our culture is made up of many subcultures who are raised differently, so to bring all the Soldiers to common values, we have the Army values."



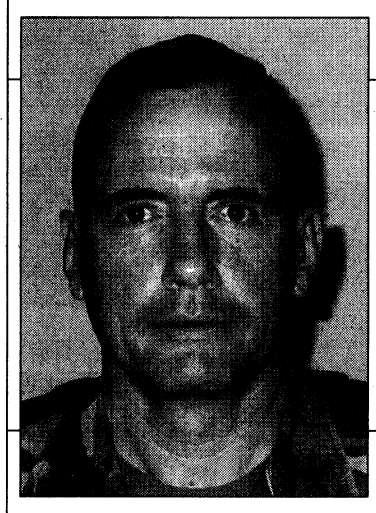
Staff Sgt. Janavia Walker, 11th Infantry Regiment — "We have the Army values to distinguish what the Army represents. Without values, the Army would not be successful."



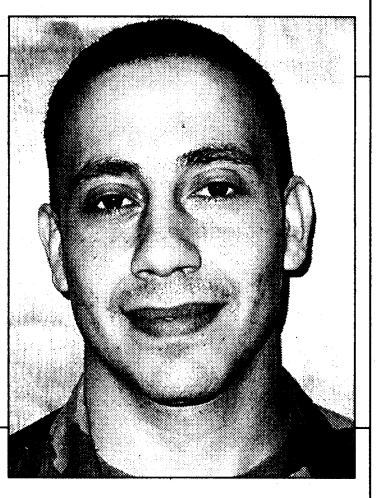
Spc. Daniel Hubbard, Henry Caro NCO Academy — "Because our country is based on values. Values are what we live by."



Officer Candidate Joshua Carlson, 11th Infantry Regiment — "We have the Army values to show the world and to remind the individual Soldier the values that make this the greatest Army in the world."



Lt. Col. Jim Hodge, Directorate of Operations and Training — "They not only define the intrinsic values of the Army, they help bond the dynamic diversity that is American; that joins the service into a focused and dedicated team."



Sgt. Gabriel Cortes, U.S. Army Infantry Center — "They are guidelines for us to use not only as Soldiers, but in our everyday lives. They are also the foundation for the welfare of Soldiers."

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Peak PCS season hits household moves

Housing tips help Soldiers with moves

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

More than 50 percent of the Army moves every summer, making May through September the peak permanent change of station season in the Army.

Fort Benning alone averages about 10,000 PCS moves every year, many of them during this season.

Soldiers who move during a summer may encounter delays in shipping their household goods due to the availability of commercial carriers, said Ron Johnson, Fort Benning's transportation officer for the Directorate of Logistics.

"It's important that Soldiers don't wait until the last minute to come and see transportation," he said.

"This year already looks busier than last year," said Elizabeth Hervey, transportation manager. "Last year, the 3rd Brigade was deployed so not many Soldiers were leaving Fort Benning; now they are back. My biggest fear is not being able to arrange the pick-up dates Soldiers need because of the availability of carriers."

It is important that Soldiers schedule a Move Entitlements and Application Briefing as soon as they receive their PCS orders and at least 30 days ahead of the date they need their belongings to be picked up, Johnson said.

At the briefing, Soldiers learn about the moving process, including weight limits.

Weight limits depend on rank, time in grade and marital status.

If the weight of the Soldier's load exceeds its limit, the Soldier will have to pay for the excess weight.

Of course, it's not always easy. Sometimes, Soldiers don't receive their orders until the last minute — something the transportation office staff understands.

2nd Lt. Josef Morris graduated from Officer Candidate School in late April and was told he would be PCSing with his wife, Tandi, and their new baby, Madeleine, to Fort Hood, Texas.

Two weeks later, after he had already arranged pick-up dates with transportation, his orders were changed to Fort Bragg, N.C.

Josef was happy with how quickly the people in the Transportation Office found a carrier and a packing company to move his family's belongings for a last-minute move.

"We try the best we can to find carriers that will do last minutes moves," Hervey said. "But during the summer, it's nearly impossible to do."

If by any chance Soldiers need to leave post before their belongings are picked up, they may leave them in a storage unit and authorize someone they trust to hand the items over to the movers, Hervey said.

"We only ask the Soldiers to do three things to make their move easier," she said. "The house must be clean and pest-free, the family or Soldier must be present when the movers start packing the belongings and they must make sure to have a good inventory of the belongings."

"Not having a good inventory is one of the major pitfalls with PCS moves," Johnson said. "If something is missing from the Soldier's shipment when it arrives at its destination and it is not on the inventory list, they will not be reimbursed for that item."

Tandi recommends to "cut the fat by starting early."

She had to get rid of some of the items she had acquired during 12 years of military life.

"Soldiers should make sure they put away important traveling information, such as passports, plane tickets or anything else they may need to carry with them during their move," Hervey said.

Soldiers are charged a fee if they need to get into their belongings after they have been packed and loaded, she said.

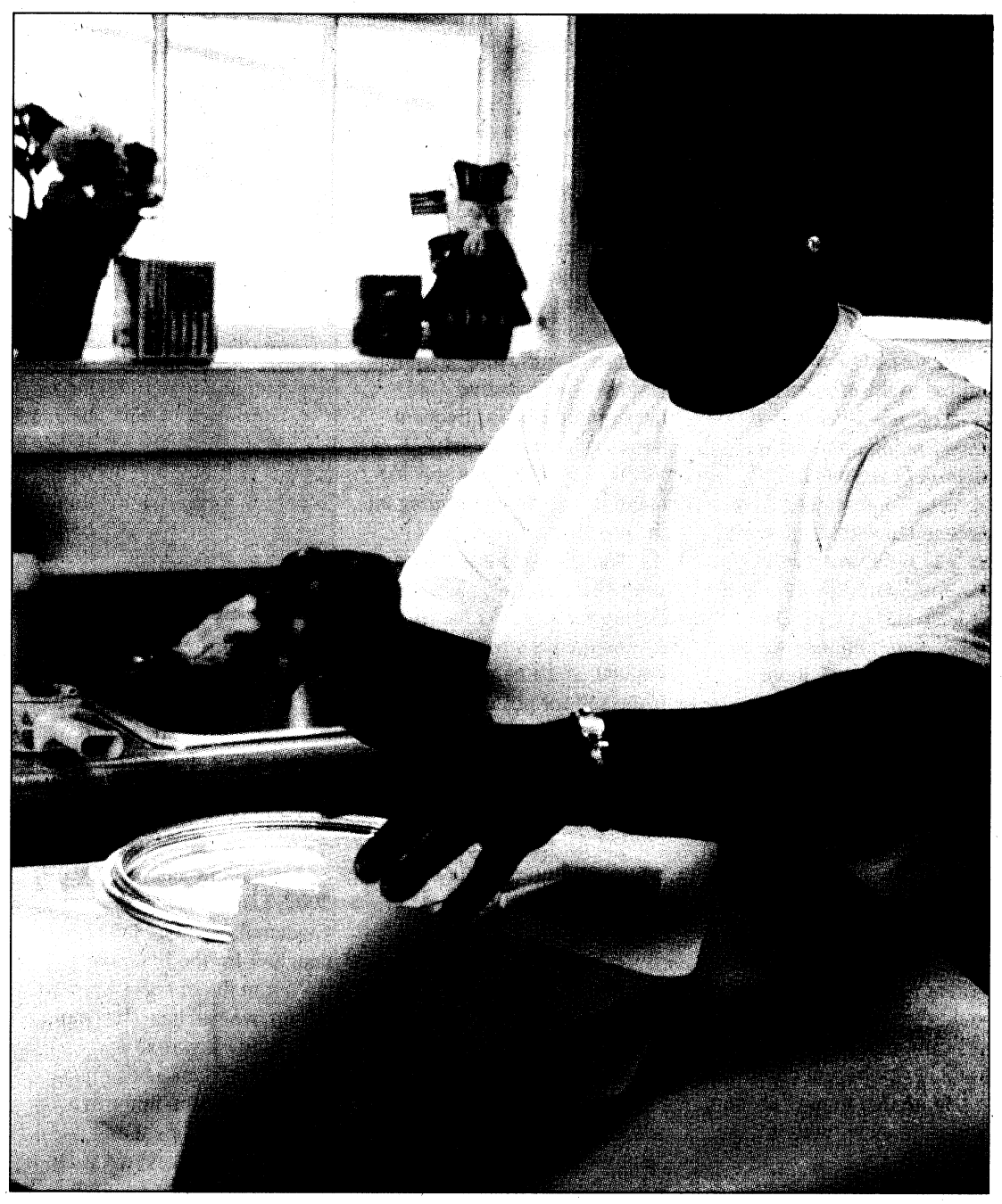
"They will pack your cat and dog if you don't keep them out of their way," Tandi said, referring to the "quick and efficient" performance of the packers who were packing her house Tuesday.

If Soldiers prefer to move their belongings on their own, they may do so through a self-procured move, better known as a "ditty" move.

"This system is much more flexible because you are not depending on the commercial carriers," Johnson said.

To do a ditty move, Soldiers have to attend a briefing, fill out the paperwork at the Transportation Office, rent a truck, pack up their belongings and move, Hervey said.

In 12 years of military service, this is the first time the Morris' have moved with a baby.



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Tracy Fields, an employee of James Moving & Storage, packs kitchenware Tuesday afternoon. In three hours the packers had managed to pack nearly half of Josef and Tandi Morris' belongings.

They opted to do a partial ditty move and have the Transportation Office take the rest of their belongings.

"We are only taking what we know we're going to need right away," Tandi said. "It's best to leave (the rest) to the professionals."

With self-procured moves, Soldiers are reimbursed for their traveling expenses once they get to their final destination.

For more household goods information, visit www.sddc.army.mil or call the Household Goods Movement Office at 545-4900.

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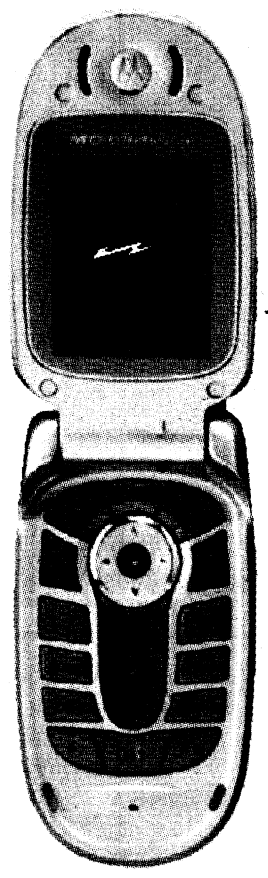

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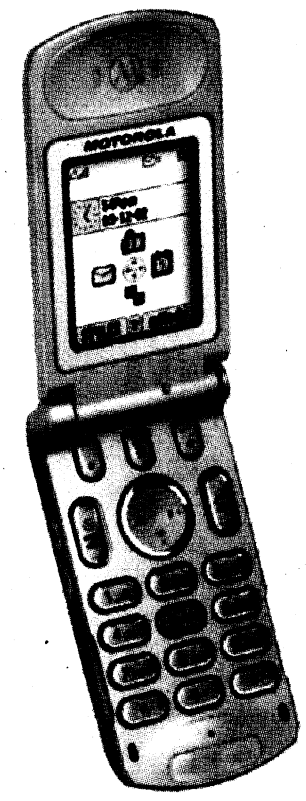

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New daughter means blessings for Benning family

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Cautiously working her way down the stairs one step at a time, Maria Grace Evans flashed a huge grin and greeted her visitor enthusiastically.

"I'm Mawia Gwace," she announced proudly, peering over the rail.

Nicknamed "Boo" for her likeness to the *Monsters Inc.* character, the 2-year-old is already living up to her real name — Grace means "blessing," her mother, Lisa, explained, and that's just what she is to the Evans family.

A few years ago, Lisa and her husband, Lt. Col. Dan Evans, were told they wouldn't be able to have any more children. It was devastating news for the couple, who wanted a brother or sister for their daughter, 5-year-old Emily.

It wasn't long before they began discussing the possibility of adoption. After praying about it, Lisa was completely for it, but her husband was hesitant. Dan was scared he wouldn't be able to love a child not of his own flesh as he would his biological child.

"He needed to pray about it, to come to terms with it," she said.

He began having dreams, she said, and not much later, he decided, "Let's go for it."

The Evans began writing to friends and families, seeking someone who might have experience with adoption. They researched the different types of adoption — domestic versus international, infant versus older child, private agency versus public.

Lisa and Dan decided to search for as young a child as possible and to look outside of the U.S. to avoid the rash of biological paternity suits emerging at that time — men who came forward to claim children they had only discovered they'd fathered after the children had already been put up for adoption.

After settling on a private adoption agency based in New Mexico that owned an orphanage in Guatemala, the Evans began the long adoption process — exhaustive background checks, frequent home visits from social workers, identifying a specific child for adoption and filing all the necessary paperwork.

"We said we wanted the first available child, but we were hoping for a boy," Lisa said.

The couple's wish was granted, and a baby boy was identified for placement with the Evans. The orphanage sent them monthly pictures of their little boy as the adoption process dragged on.

"We named him Nicholas — it makes it more personal doing little things like that," Lisa said.

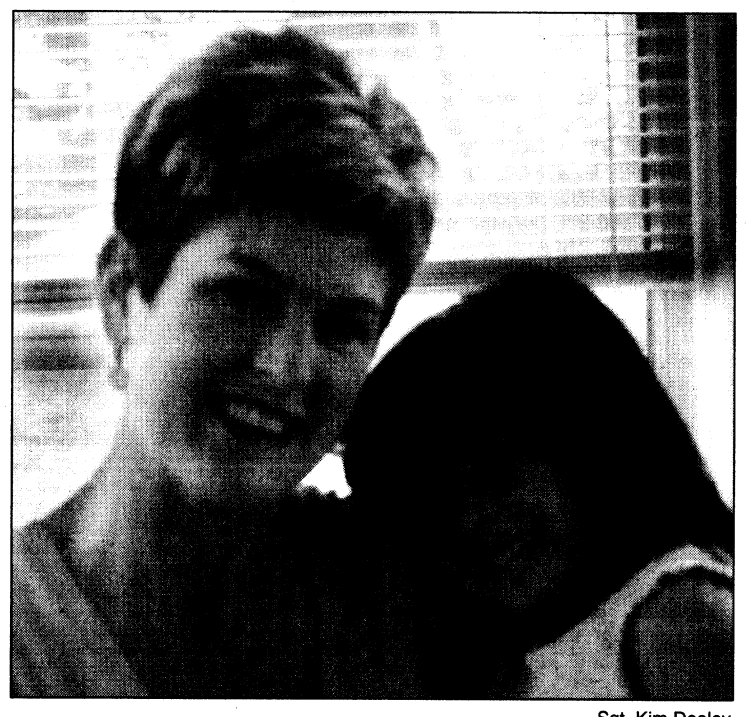
Then the phone rang. The news wasn't good for the Evans family: Nicholas' biological father had come forward to take custody of him.

"It was very hard; we were just devastated," Lisa said. "But we tried to be happy that this father and his son would be together. And we tried to explain that to Emily, that it was actually a good thing."

As her mother's voice grew sad, Boo chose this moment to flop herself playfully across her mother's lap, giggling and smiling up at her with mischief in her eyes.

"But now we have her, and we're so thankful," Lisa said, smiling.

Maria Grace was born Sept. 6, 2001. Two weeks later, the Evans got word she would become their daughter and began receiving monthly pictures and updates about her doctor's visits.



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Lisa Evans and her husband, Dan, adopted Maria Grace, now 2, from Guatemala.

Six months later, on April 1, 2002, Lisa and Dan traveled to Guatemala and met their daughter for the first time.

"From the moment I picked her up, we had her. She would just smile. It was so wonderful," Lisa said.

The television in the sun room of the Evans' Fort Benning home played a video tape capturing that meeting. Boo watched intently, pointing and exclaiming, "That's me! There's Daddy!"

The Evans brought Maria Grace home after less than a week in Guatemala.

"When we drove up with her, (Emily) — who had stayed behind — didn't want to see the baby," Lisa said. "But we gave her a lot of hugs and reassurance and eventually she decided to see her. She connected with her right away. That was *her* baby sister."

And despite the normal sibling rivalry and slight jealousy common when younger siblings come along, Emily loves her little sister.

"How do you like being a big sister," Lisa prompts in a family video clip from Boo's first birthday party in 2002.

"It's the most fun I ever had in my whole life," Emily declares.

Of course, even though the Evans are now living happily ever after, the road has not been without its bumps, and there could some day be more to follow, Lisa acknowledged.

"There were a few times when one or the other of us was ready to throw in the towel — you need support," she admitted. "You have to go through so many background checks and home studies, and the waiting period is a long time."

The Evans' adoption process lasted 14 months from start to finish. According to the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse, it can take up to two years.

On top of the long wait and sometimes unpredictable upsets, such as losing Nicholas, there are other concerns.

Adoptions can be expensive — the Evans spent around $30,000 when it was all said and done.

And with international adoptions, families sometimes run the risk of adopting or essentially buying a "black market" baby — a child who has been sold, not adopted. Fortunately, Lisa said, Guatemala has a very thorough adoption system, which mandates DNA testing for both the children and their biological mothers.

Even now that the adoption is complete, there are some challenges the family must contend with.

Although the Evans honor Maria Grace's birth mother by keeping her picture, they don't have contact with her. In fact, they don't know much about her — or her family history.

"It sometimes concerns me that we know little about her mother and nothing about the father, as far as medical history," Lisa said. "If anything life-threatening ever ... well, there are just things we don't know."

But these concerns don't weigh too heavily on Lisa and Dan. The couple prefers to keep a positive frame of mind and be as open as possible about the adoption.

Every night, as Lisa put Maria Grace to bed, she tells her a story about a child with a life similar to her own. And every April 1, the Evans clan celebrates "family day," when they watch the video of their first meeting and the first time they brought her home.

Meanwhile, Dan is learning Spanish and hopes to help Maria Grace learn to speak it, as well. The family also plans to take a trip to Guatemala every three to four years.

And when Maria Grace starts asking those tough questions — questions about her birth mother — the Evans will be ready.

"We have no contact with the birth mother, but if (Maria Grace) ever wanted to look for her, the whole family would jump on the plane to go with her," Lisa said.

All in all, Lisa maintained the experience was well worth the ups and downs. In fact, the mother of two is already trying to talk her husband into adopting another child, this time a boy.

There are agencies available to help prospective adoptive parents like the Evans in Columbus, said Loraine Douglas, Region 8 adoption coordinator for the Office of Adoptions.

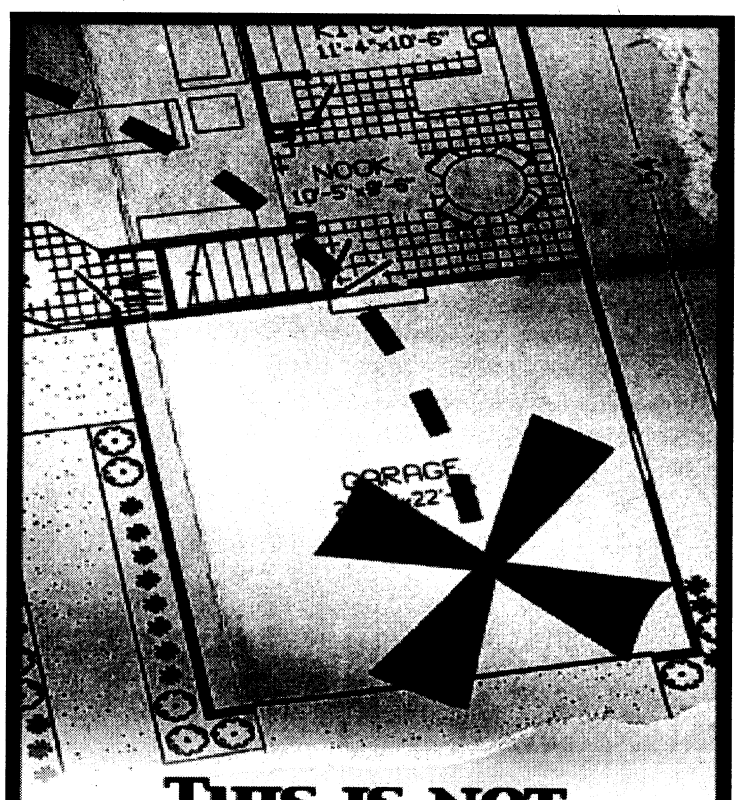
The Office of Adoptions is a state program, which places "special needs" children. Special needs children are not necessarily mentally, physically or socially impaired, Douglas stressed. Many children are considered special needs simply because of their age.

The Office of Adoptions deals with children placed in foster care and attempts to find them adoptive families if they can't be reunited with their birth parents.

For more information, call Douglas at 649-7462.

There are also two private agencies in Columbus — New Beginnings Adoption Agency and Bethany Christian Services.

For more information about adoption, research the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse Web site.



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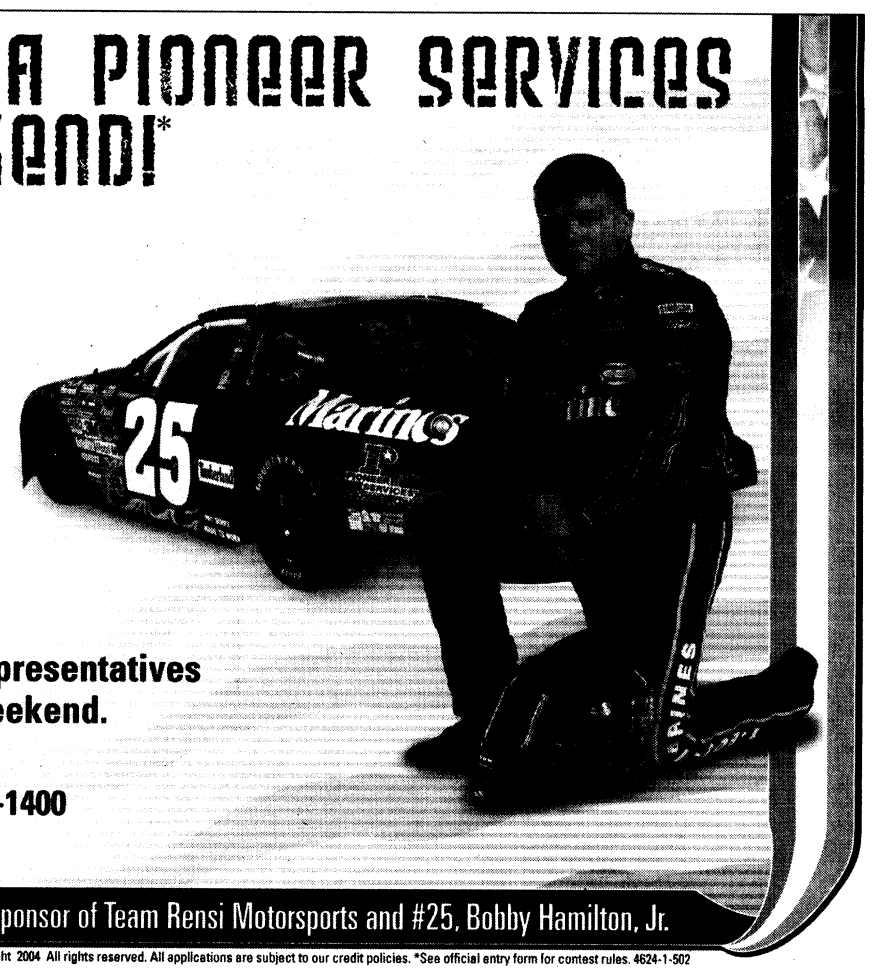

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German graduates into U.S. Army

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Growing up in Germany, Gaber Kiflemariam always wanted his mother to take him to the American kaserne on her days off. She thought he wanted to eat at Burger King, but he really wanted to see the American Soldiers.

Today, the 20-year-old private is graduating with D Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment — as an infantry Soldier in the U.S. Army.

Kiflemariam was born in Esslingen, Germany, to Eritrean parents who fled the civil war in Ethiopia. His mother worked as a finance specialist for 7th Corps Finance in Stuttgart, and his father managed the Self-Service Supply Store at Patch Barracks.

In July 2000, Kiflemariam and his parents moved to the U.S. after his mother qualified for an immigration program that grants long-time military employees permission to live in the States.

He grew up around Soldiers, always aspiring to be part of their country and to become one of them.

"I liked their brotherhood, the way they backed each other up," he said. "I wanted to be a part of that."

He heard stories from his family friends and personal role models, Col. Nancy Ray, acting deputy assistant of the Army for the elimination of chemical weapons, and her husband, retired Lt. Col. Woody Ray.

"When he used to tell me stories about airborne Soldiers in the Army, I always wanted to be part of them," Kiflemariam said.

"This is a boy who got off an airplane three and a half years ago not speaking a word of English," Woody said. "Now he's an American Soldier and the first person in his family who will become a U.S. citizen."

"I've always wanted to be one of the best. I want to go out and see some action; I want to be a Ranger," Kiflemariam said.

After he graduated from West Potomac High School in Alexandria, Va., Kiflemariam joined the Army.

"He used to make me buy him anything that had an American flag on it," said Azezet Berhe, Kiflemariam's mother. "So when he told me he signed up, I wasn't surprised. We're all very proud of him."

During his one station unit training, Kiflemariam enjoyed the firing ranges and urban operations training the most, and he attributed his success to his drill sergeants.

"They didn't just have us execute obstacle courses, they made sure we understood what we were doing, because they know we will eventually have to do it to save our lives," Kiflemariam said.

Pvt. Russell Kemery, said he was glad to have Kiflemariam as a battle buddy.

"He's a good Soldier and a good-hearted person. He's going to do well as a Ranger," Kemery said.

"I will not fail. I worked too hard to get this far and fail," Kiflemariam said.

"He was a little slow when he got here, but that's the way it is with all new Soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class John K. Cervanka, one of his drill sergeants. "He really surprised me. I didn't think he was going to do as well as he did at first, but he's worked really hard."

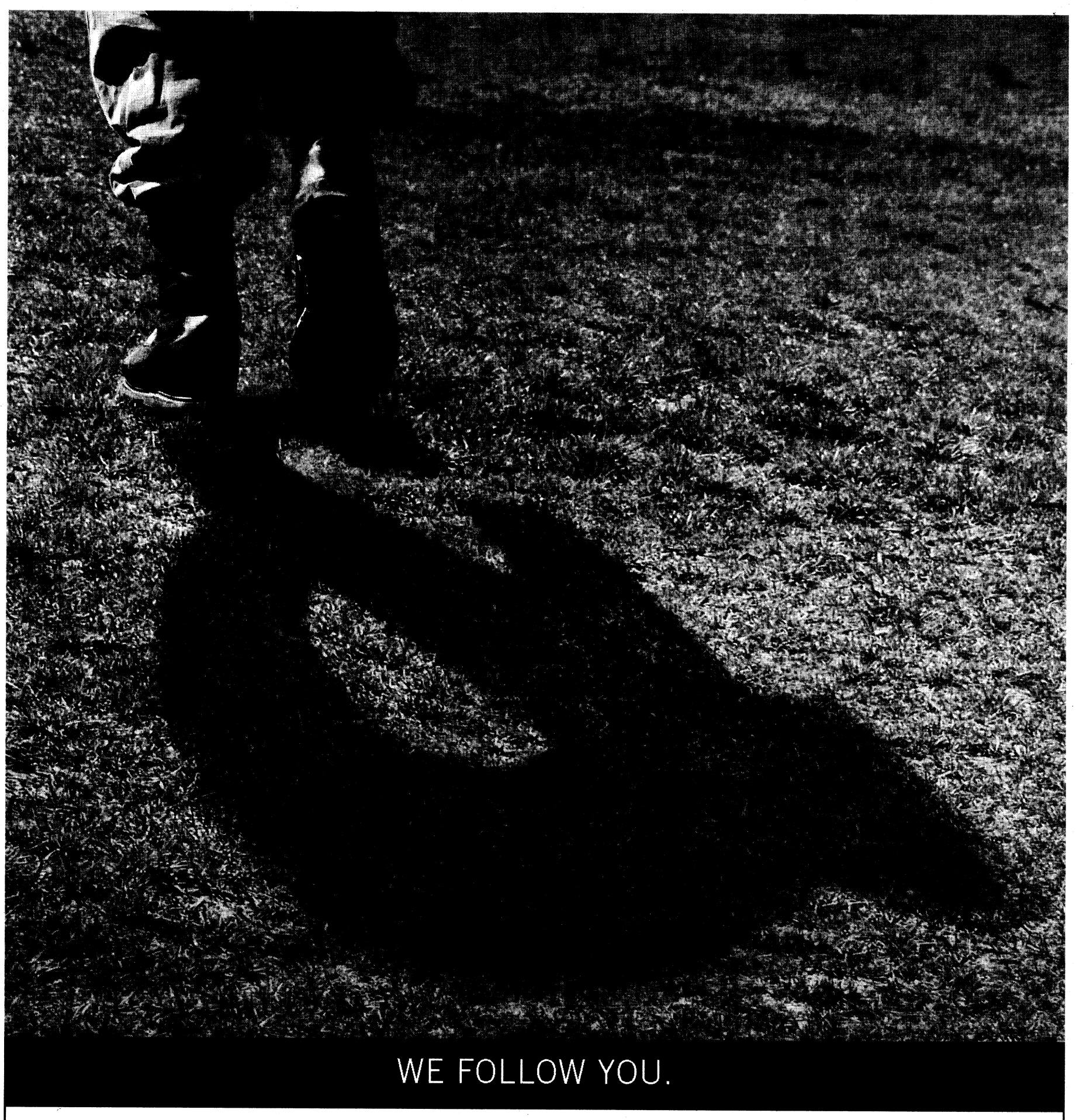
After graduation, Kiflemariam will attend Airborne School and then the Ranger Indoctrination Program.

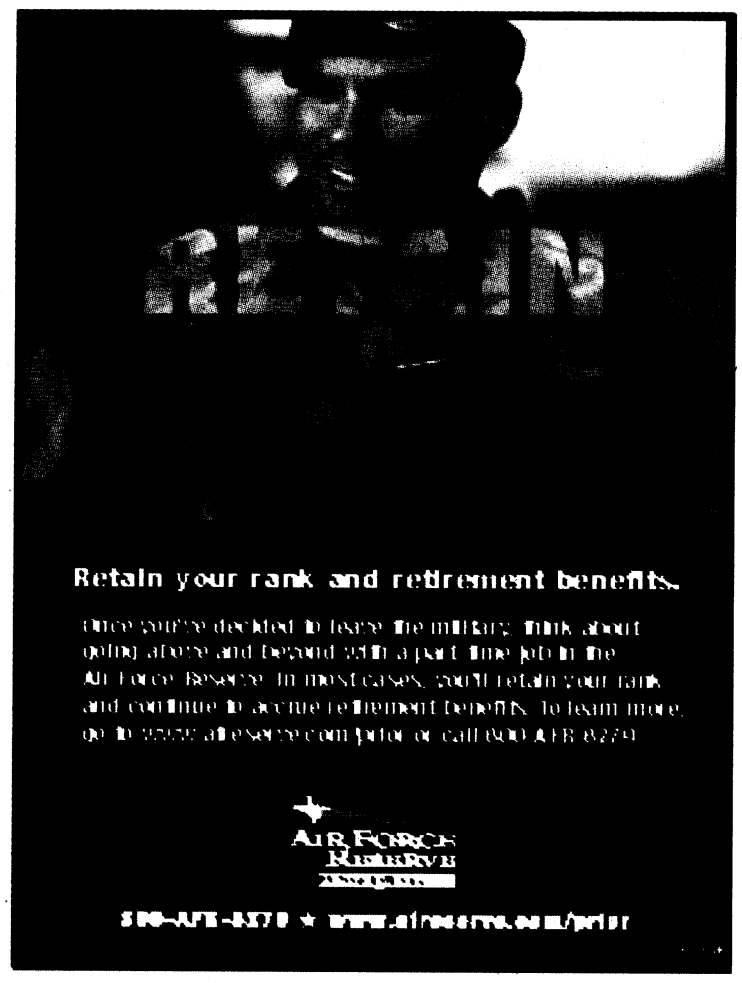
For today, he's joined by his mother and Nancy at his graduation ceremony and all he wants to do is go eat at BK.



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Pvt. Gaber Kiflemariam, D Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, right, and Pvt. Russell Kemery, his battle buddy, cleaned their weapons for the last time Tuesday. They graduate today as infantry Soldiers.





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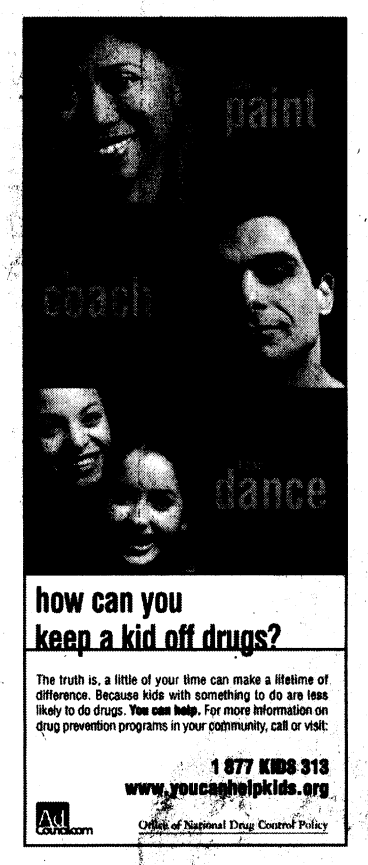

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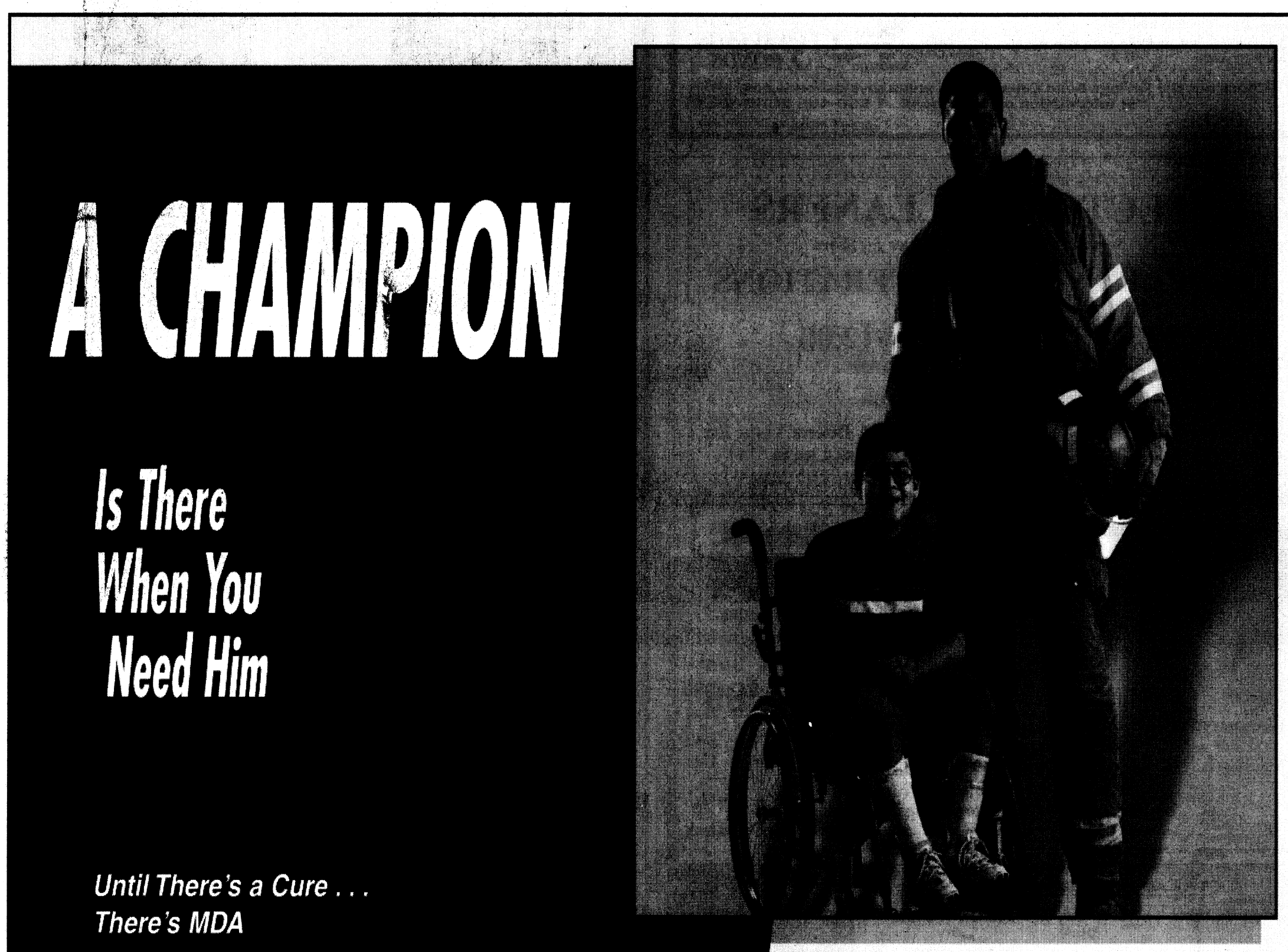

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Cabs fare well under new contract

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

After six months without, Fort Benning has a new taxi contract.

The new contract went into effect May 1, replacing an interim system that had been in place since the old contract was terminated in November. During the interim period, passengers paid by the mile.

Charlotte Jackson, director of the Business Operations Division in the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said there are differences with the new contract.

"The first is that DMWR contracted with the taxi owners and operators and not directly with the companies," Jackson said.

This means there are currently 51 contracts instead of just one, said Carol Nance, chief of Nonappropriated Fund Contracting.

And, she said, drivers are coming in weekly to pick up copies of the contract.

The second change involved provisions for force protection. Only taxi owners and operators under contract with MWR may operate on the installation. They'll be given a decal that must be renewed each month.

Jackson said the Directorate of Public Safety was involved in developing the new contract.

Drivers on post must maintain their cars to specified standards and must have insurance. They'll also have to have a background check and will be subjected to random vehicle inspections and drug screenings.

"We want to ensure the Soldiers have a safe vehicle (to ride in) and are protected," Jackson said. The feedback she has been getting from drivers has been positive.

Taxi owner and operator Ron Parker has been driving around Fort Benning off and on for seven years and isn't at all put off by the contract's terms.

"The inspections and drug testing are going to cut out a lot of bad drivers," Parker said. "This is much better. It's making more cab drivers happier than ever before."

Almost all of the drivers' business comes between Wednesday and Sunday because of graduations, and Parker said the drivers are valuable to people visiting Fort Benning.

"We're a good source on information," he said. "We know what's going on, where the good restaurants are. We have all the entertainment information for Columbus and Fort Benning."

MWR customer comments cards will be available in each cab, Nance said, so passengers can provide feedback. If a driver has two unfavorable comment cards within a 30-day period, the contract can be terminated.

Parker said he is pleased with the support he's received from the NAF contracting office.

"They've been great," he said.

"Everything takes time and it will take a while to get the bugs worked out. But within two months, any problems will be worked out."

Luau celebrates heritage

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

To celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the Fort Benning Equal Opportunity Office, the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers hosted the sixth annual Asian Pacific Luau May 14.

The luau drew more than 2,000 Soldiers and civilians, featuring a variety of live performances.

Demonstrations included Fiama's Martial Arts, a community drum circle, an authentic Polynesian dance show and dance and a performance by the Panablaze Steel Drum Band.

The dance demonstration was highlighted by the return of the Hula Halau O'Kalei Polynesian demonstration, including a fire and knife dance. Also featured, were dances from New Zealand, Hawaii, Tahiti and other cultures.

"It's very important to have an authentic Polynesian show at the luau," said Brian Smith, marketing director for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "By watching the show, people can watch some of their customs and learn a lot about them."

Children also participated during the community drum circle demonstration, tapping on a drum alongside drummers on stage.

"Participation from children is key in an event like this," Smith said. "By getting them involved, then they have more fun."

There was also a youth activities area, where children could jump on a moonwalk, slide down a big, bouncy slide, climb the rock wall or get dizzy on a scrambler.

"The slide was the best," said Jonathan Bruss, 6. "It was cool to go down really fast."

The luau offered culinary delights, as well, featuring an authentic Polynesian menu.

"Everyone seems to enjoy the food when they are out here," Smith said. "Having the Polynesian meal makes this event that much better. What better way to learn about their culture than to eat their native food."

"This is a great way for the family to get together," said Nelson Simpson, a father who brought out his two children. "Instead of sitting around the house with everyone in a different room, we can come out here and enjoy time together as a family."

Smith said the main goal of the luau was to educate the community about the Asian Pacific Islander culture, to show what they've done for our country and to create a positive family experience.

"If people walked away with those three things, this luau was a success," he said.

AROUND POST

Awards ceremony

The NCO/Soldier of the Quarter (1st Quarter) awards ceremony will be at 3:30 p.m. today in Classroom 2 of Infantry Hall.

For more information, call 545-4633.

Motorcycle course

The next Motorcycle Safety Course will be today. To enroll, call the Driver Testing office at 545-5043.

One additional class is being added per month for the next two months, so the classes will be on the first and third Thursday and Friday for June and July. The state of Georgia conducts a weekend course monthly.

For more information, call Scott A. Keith at 545-4010 or e-mail Scott.Keith@benning.army.mil.

PLDC graduation

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'2004 elections

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The deadline to mail the absentee ballot is Oct. 11.

AEC rescinds restriction

Effective immediately, the Army Education Center has rescinded the restriction on issuing tuition assistance for the current semester.

For more information, call Paul LaPointe at 545-3237.

Tax center remains open

The Fort Benning Tax Center remains open and will still prepare federal and state tax returns for the 2001, 2002 and 2003 tax years.

The off-season location is Building 5, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Appointments are required.

For more information, call 545-3281.

Ranger School graduations

The following Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

- Class 7-04, July 9
- Class 8-04, Aug. 6
- Class 9-04, Sept. 17
- Class 10-04, Oct. 15
- Class 11-04, Nov. 5

The graduation is preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration, starting at 10 a.m.

EOD recruiting

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To schedule an EOD interview, call 545-5372 or 545-4154.

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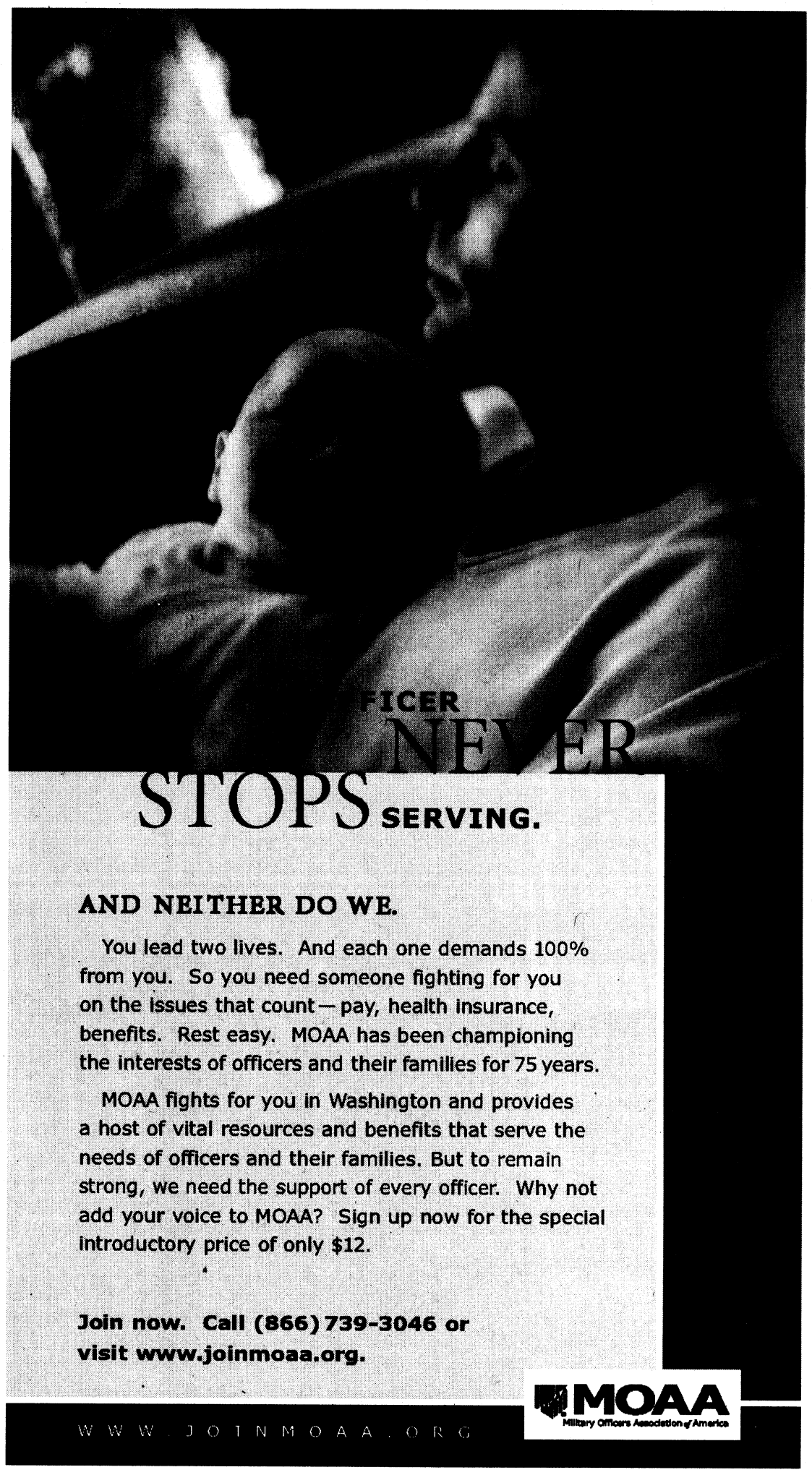

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Flight ends Starlifter's 40 years of service

Airborne students make last C-141 jump

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Students in B Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, had the honor of jumping onto Fryar Drop Zone during the C-141 Starlifter's last flight May 13.

105 Soldiers shuffled out the door before Pvt. Jason S. Stuart closed out the fleet's final mission and went down in history as the "Keeper of the Wings" for the C-141.

Traditionally, the youngest member of the company is entrusted with the honor, and at only 18, Stuart fit the bill.

"It's pretty cool," he said. "They made such a big deal about it at first. I guess I didn't really understand it, but I retired an airplane."

Stuart is a forward observer who has only been in the military for five months and 20 days. He remains at Airborne School as a holdover, waiting for a slot at the Ranger Indoctrination Program. He spends his days as an opposing force in 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment's training exercises.

The fleet Stuart retired outdates him by more than two decades and has logged 10 million flying hours.

President John F. Kennedy's first official act after his inauguration was to order the development of an all-jet transport to extend the reach of the nation's military forces. The C-141 was Lockheed's (now Lockheed-Martin) answer.

The first version of the long-range troop and cargo carrier was deployed May 1964, and during the Vietnam War, earned the nickname "Hanoi Taxi" during its missions to repatriate more than 500 American prisoners of war from North Vietnam.

The C-141 was the first jet transport Army paratroopers jumped from and the first plane to land in the Antarctic.

The second and last version, the C-141B, deployed in December 1979 and had a payload capacity of 94,508 pounds.

Over the years, the fleet of C-141s has performed global military and humanitarian service missions, according to Air Force information.

The fleet delivered flood relief to Minnesota in 1979, to the Azores in 1980 and Louisiana in 1983, in addition to numerous assistance efforts worldwide.

A C-141 set a record in 1981, flying nonstop from New Jersey to Saudi Arabia carrying 67,000 pounds of cargo and refueling three times in flight.

During Desert Storm, C-141s flew more than 37,000 departures with an on-time record above 90 percent.

After 40 years of service as the Air Force's workhorse, the 168-foot-long aircraft is officially retired, gradually replaced by the more versatile and cost-effective C-130 Hercules and C-17 Globemaster III carriers, said Air Force Senior Master Sgt. P. Allen Pennington, an Air Force public affairs representative.

"The (C-141s) are more than 40 years old," Pennington said. "They are very well-maintained, but they are very expensive to maintain."

Pennington said Air Force combat cameramen manned the doors for the last flight and recorded the historic mission.

The photographs and film will be turned over to the 4th Air Force and the Joint Combat Camera Center to be archived and used in this year's Commanders Conference, Pennington said.

Thanks: Soldiers

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again, as they accepted gifts from the Negrins.

"No, gentlemen, thank *you*," Tonie said. "Thank you for what you do for us."

Ed and Tonie, a retired journalist with a national news service, were saving for a European vacation to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary before 9-11. Shortly after, while driving along an Arizona highway, they spotted a man waving a huge flag from an overpass. His simple action sparked something within the couple, and they devised a plan to use their vacation savings to tour the country in a truck decorated with American flags.

"We started out just to encourage the average American citizen, to remind people what a great country we live in," Tonie said.

A chance encounter with a group of Soldiers preparing to deploy to Afghanistan altered their course. Since that day, they've spent more than 20 percent of their annual income on their mission, one designed to assure servicemen and women "that the true heart of America — the hard-working, country-loving people — believe in the cause you fight for," Tonie said.

"We've been all over this country, and every day we meet people who feel the same," she said, admitting that she left her job with the liberal media frustrated that "the agenda of the few makes all the headlines."

"Ours is not a political message," Tonie said. "But we want to say to these (Soldiers) and their families — nevermind what you hear in the media. The people that make this country work truly support our military."

The Negrins came to Fort Benning from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where they visited injured servicemen, including a 21-year-old Marine who lost his arms in Iraq.

"He had an incredible attitude," Ed said. "It was just amazing. It's like that every time you meet someone there, and it makes you wonder where these kids are coming from. They've done more in 15 minutes than I've done in my entire life."

The couple, who refuse to accept donations, said they're blessed to be able to travel and share their gifts with Soldiers.

"Not everybody can do this, but everybody can do something," Tonie said. "We're out here because we owe them a debt. This is how we've chosen to pay that bill — though we'll never be able to pay it all.

"But I wish everybody, whether you agree with (the war) politically or not, would acknowledge that these people make it possible for the rest of us to live free and voice our opinions."

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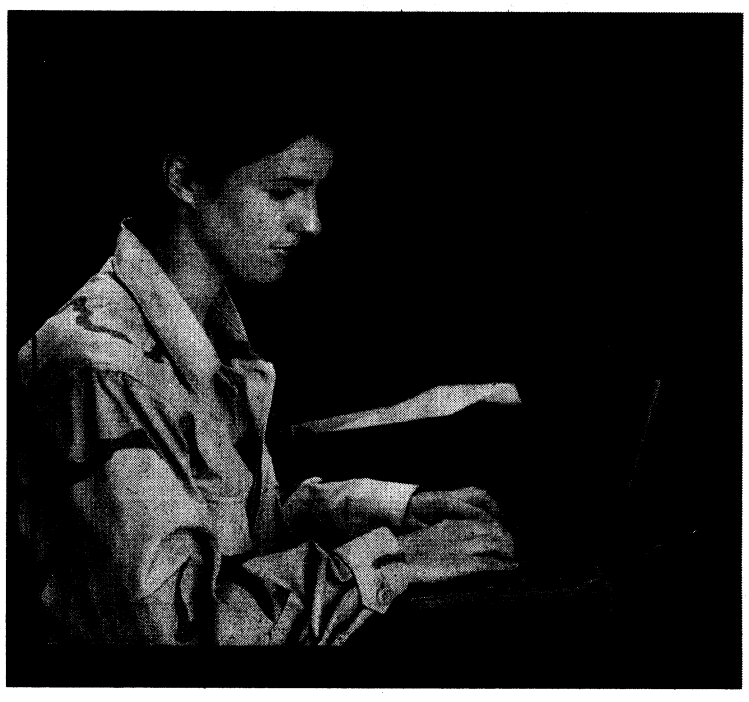

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Photos by Bridgett Siter

A security guard candidate rinses his eyes after completing the pepper-spray training portion of the "mini police academy" last week. More than 170 applicants are in the final stage of their four-week training and certification to become guards at Fort Benning gates.

Teamwork hallmark of guard training

Fort Benning units support efforts to train new guards on post

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

It's a "one-team" effort any way you look at it.

When candidates for the new security guard positions at the post's checkpoints went through training here, they were welcomed as part of this Army of One.

"The way we see it, they're here to help us. We're more than happy to help them," said Staff Sgt. Janet Sokolowski, the operations range NCO for the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, one of several units that offered facilities and support to Vance Federal Security Services, the company contracted to man the post's access points.

AMU welcomed Vance to Parks Range last week for training in the military police firearms qualifications course.

"You know, a lot of the (marksmanship) unit's Soldiers live here on Fort Benning," Sokolowski said. "So, essentially, these (guards) will be protecting our families. What they're doing is important, so we're happy to do our part."

More than 170 candidates are in the final stage of classroom and on-the-job training, preparing to assume responsibility for access control June 3. Their presence will free the Department of the Army civilian police who've been manning the gates to patrol post neighborhoods.

"It's the whole one-team concept," said Rick Pollard, chief of Vance guards and a retired MP first sergeant.

"They'll be integrated into the post's force protection, and as such, the folks around here have gone way above and beyond to help us in every way."

More than 500 applicants were meticulously screened for the positions, Pollard said. Now they're finishing the four-week "mini police academy," which includes training in weapons, self-defense, CPR and first aid, physical training, and search and seizure.

"The idea here is not just to train individuals for performance on the job," said Anthony Flythe, an instructor with At Risk, the company contracted by Vance to teach the techniques and concepts of self-defense.

"It's about building teams," he said. "We may not have the same beliefs or political views, but we're on the same team, and we all know that. That's cohesion, and that's what we want to build here."

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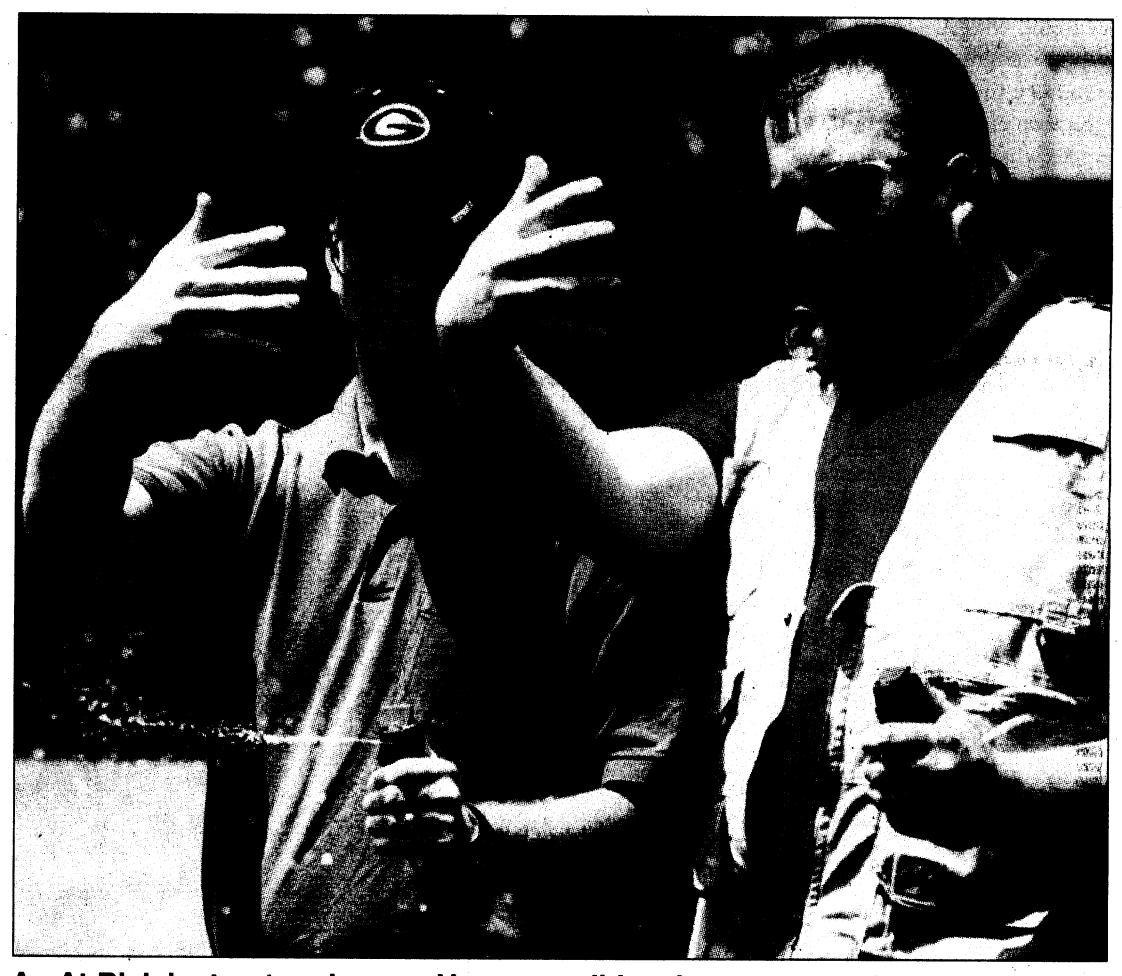

An At Risk instructor shows a Vance candidate how to properly use a pepper spray device while protecting his face.



A candidate receives instruction on firearms at Parks Range. The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit volunteered facilities and manpower for training. Vance security guards will be armed with pepper spray and guns when they take to the gates June 3.

Visit: Keeps troops smiling

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women and more interaction with the Soldiers.

Hampton said she is a great supporter of the military and wanted to thank Soldiers personally for what they do for the country and its freedom.

"I have so much more respect for their discipline," she said after finding out it was the first time the Soldiers were allowed to talk while eating. "I could not do any of it myself."

The contestants then headed to the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment.

They were greeted by Soldiers reciting the Soldier's Creed, which inspired a loud round of applause and cheers from the contestants.

Air Force Lt. Melanie Gosset, Miss Historic North Georgia, was excited to be in a military environment with new Soldiers "who may be asking themselves why they signed up for this," she said.

"It's nice to be able to tell them that's it's going to be over soon and that it isn't always this bad," she said.

"This is a great morale booster," said Sgt. 1st Class Todd Winhoven, a drill sergeant with the battalion. "The Soldiers are really enjoying themselves."

During the visit, the contestants called cadence while marching alongside a formation, looked at the M-16 rifle, tried on military gear, took photos with Soldiers and asked them questions about life in the Army.

Samantha Daniels, Miss Columbus, said calling cadence was her favorite part of the day.

"Being in that position, you realize how much respect these Soldiers have for rank and authority. They are going to do whatever I say," she said.

She was also amazed at the discipline all the Soldiers had.

"They have to give up so much in order to be here," she said. "They do it to serve our country — that amazes me."

The morale among the Soldiers was high as the contestants went around and talked to all of them.

"We spent hours cleaning this place and it's an honor to show these ladies where we live," said Pvt. Benjamin Smith, a B Co. Soldier.

Maj. Anthony Berry, 1st Bn., 38th Inf. Regt., executive officer, said these types of visits let the Soldiers know people care about them and what they are doing.

To end the visit, the contestants invited the Sand Hill Soldiers to the public concert at Wetherby Field where they sang, danced and performed group entertainment.

2ID: To deploy brigade this summer

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Soldiers will spend up to two years separated from their families. Officials said the majority will spend between 12 and 18 months away. No decision has been made on whether the brigade will return to Korea following its tour in Iraq.

A senior military official said the troops are combat ready, and this will allow the stress to be "balanced" throughout the force. He said DoD is looking at changing the tour length of Marine forces assigned to Iraq. Currently, Marines spend seven months in Iraq and seven months home.

Troops of the 2nd Brigade, 2ID, stationed near the demilitarized zone in Korea, will begin deploying to Iraq in mid-summer, a senior DoD official said.

The 3rd Brigade of the 2nd Inf. Div., has been in northern Iraq since early this year.

The brigade became part of Task Force Olympia early this year and took over operational control of northern Iraqi provinces Feb. 5 from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)in Mosul.

This summer's deployment of the 2nd Brigade will place two of 2nd Infantry Division's three brigades in Iraq. The 1st Brigade of the 2ID will remain in Korea.

Editor's note: *Jim Garamone writes for the American Forces Press Service. Information was added by the Army News Service.*

Alert: Elevates personal awareness

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need to be more aware."

One of the Web postings submitted by Al-Masakin specifically targets military personnel.

"*Al-Masakin would like to take this opportunity to remind the American Muslim Mujahedin and our allies in the revolutionary and anti-Imperialist left that (Reserve Officer Training Corps) buildings, armed service recruiting centers, individual military personnel and police officers are 'military targets,'*" it reads. "*These institutions must be violently and covertly attacked. In fact, there are thousands of unarmed military targets walking around all over the United States. Outraged American citizens and American Muslims should have little difficulty making violent contact with recruits, cadets, Marines, etc.*"

Despite the overt threat to military personnel, Harvey said he is confident in Fort Benning's security situation.

"We have a real good security posture here," he said. "We have great (military police officers), a great force protection officer and an outstanding intelligence structure."

Bob Robertson, the installation anti-terrorism force protection officer, agrees.

"I am comfortable given the *current* threat level at Fort Benning," he said. "There is a great team in place between the Emergency Operations Center, Installation Operations Center, military police and intelligence elements here at Fort Benning."

Both the Directorate of Intelligence and Security and the 902nd Military Intelligence Group conduct a variety of force protection and anti-terrorism classes. For more information, call 545-1711.

CLOSER LOOK

There are several ways to help avert a terrorist attack, according to the Directorate of Intelligence and Security:

- Be more aware of your surroundings and seek help if suspicious behavior is observed.
- Suicide bombers are a popular means to achieve terrorist goals. Be on the lookout for suspicious persons who may be sweating profusely, wearing bulky, concealing clothing inappropriate for the weather and may be conspicuously isolated. A suicide bomber may have wires visible underneath clothing or in sleeves, or may be clutching a detonation device .
- Trust your instincts and common sense when weighing a questionable occurrence. Report it to authorities.
- Be aware of unattended boxes and packages and do not use a cell phone in the vicinity of a questionable object — it could detonate an explosive device.
- Report anything out of place or suspicious to authorities and clear the area as soon as possible.

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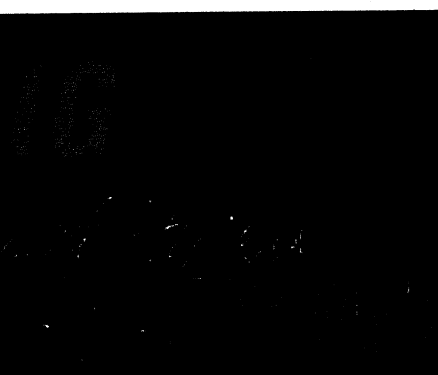

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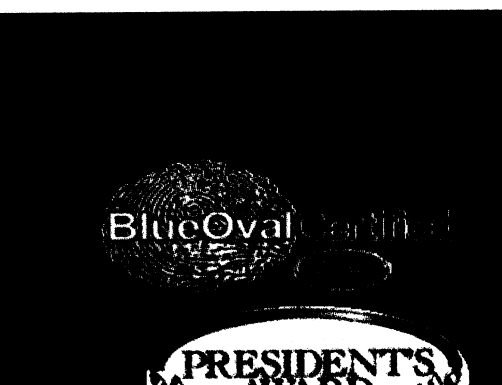

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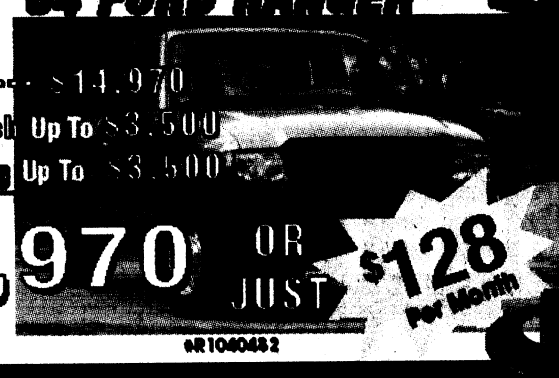

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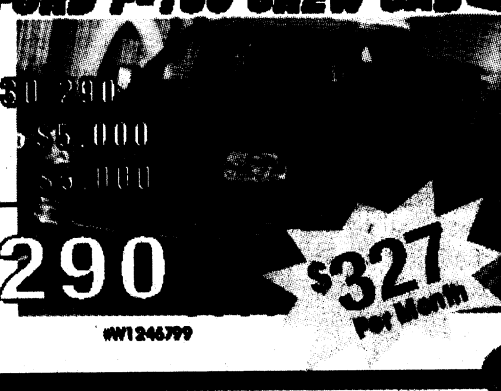

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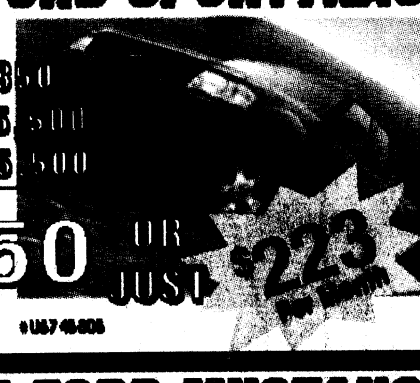

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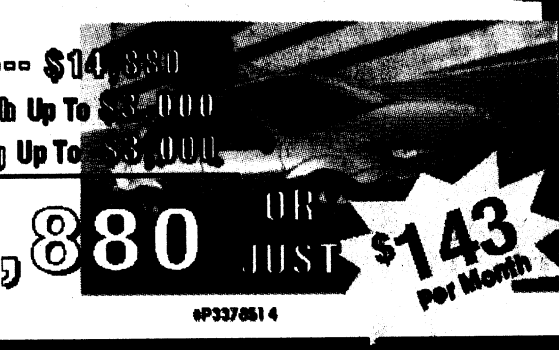

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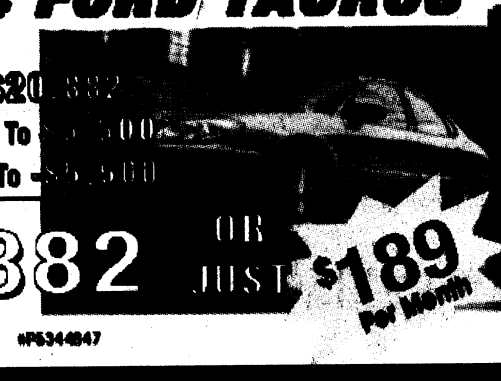

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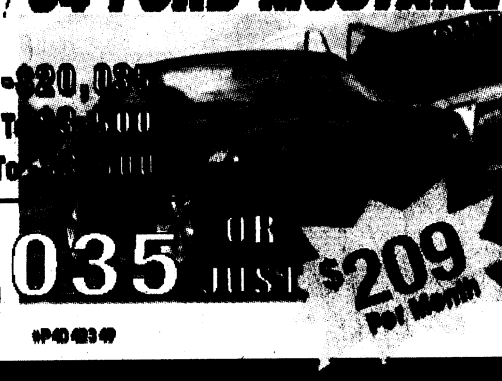

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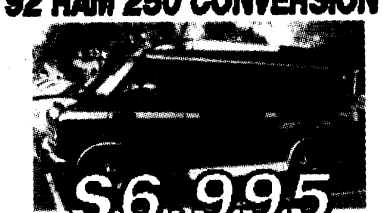

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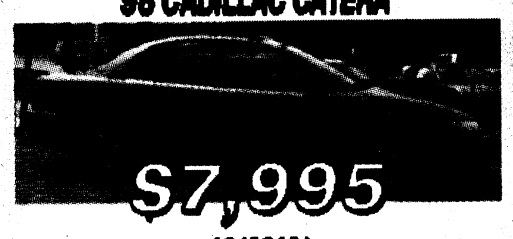

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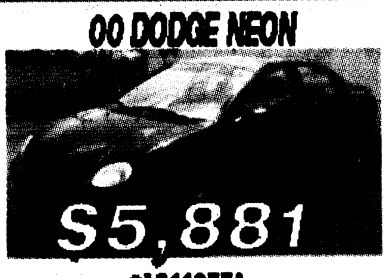

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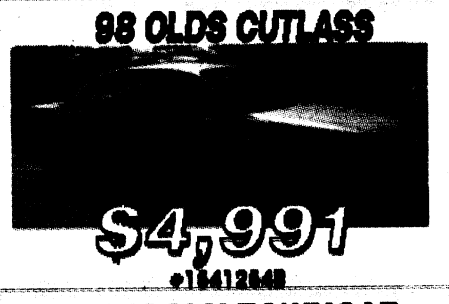

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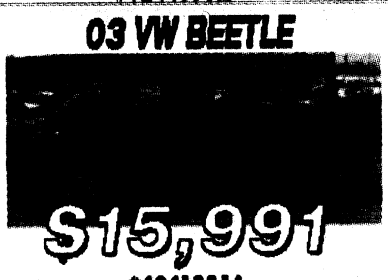

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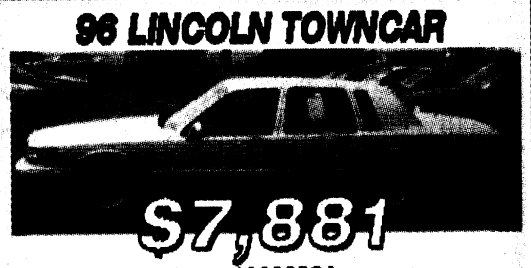

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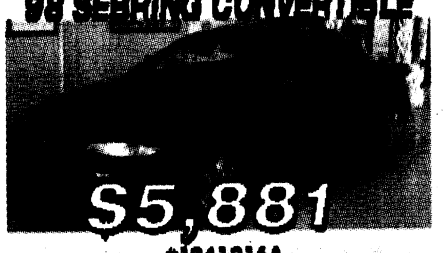

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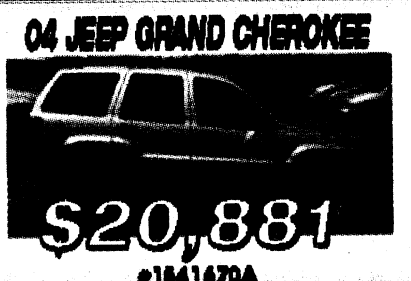

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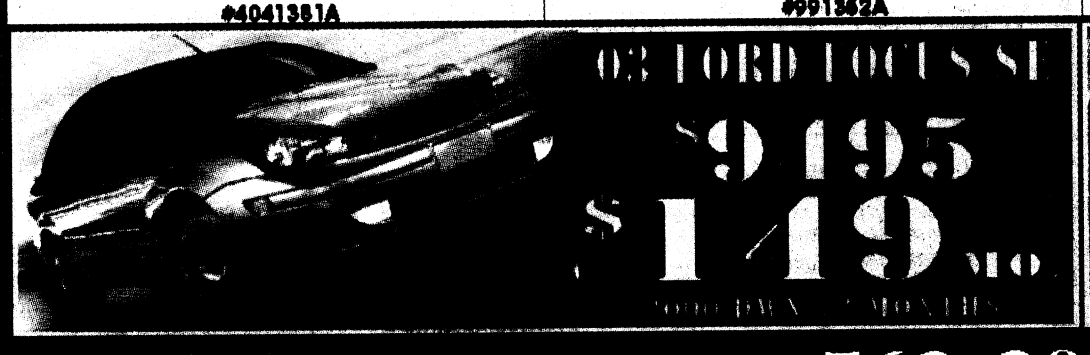

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Vacation Bible School set for June 14-18

Kids invited to explore 'Lava Lava Island'

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

It's time to get the kids ready for a trip to Lava Lava Island.

That's the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Fort Benning chaplains.

It's scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon June 14 to 18 at White Elementary School.

Tom Taylor, director of religious education for Fort Benning's Protestant chapels, said last year's VBS had more than 200 children enrolled and he's planning for the same amount this year.

VBS is a combined Catholic and Protestant effort, Taylor said.

The Lava Lava Island program is nondenominational, specially designed by a company called Group.

"We've used their VBS programs for several years," Taylor said.

"They put on an excellent program for children."

He said the program helps children understand about the love of Jesus and gives them a chance to interact with other children.

VBS director Lolita Allen has been working with the children for a while and said they tend to enjoy everything about the VBS program.

"They especially like the music," Allen said, "because it gets them up and moving."

The games and crafts all will have something to do with the Lava Lava theme.

Allen said the children are not divided into groups based on age or grade, but into mixed groups where the older children are able to help the younger ones who may need assistance.

By mixing ages within groups, Allen said it gives the children a chance to build relationships with one another.

"The older kids like to be in charge of something," she said.

Allen said each day ends with a story with a "cliffhanger ending" that leaves the children trying to figure out the answer and has them ready to come back the next day.

VBS registration is open for children in pre-K through sixth grade at no charge.

Parents can register in room 122 of Meloy Hall, Building 6.

"And we always need workers and helpers," Taylor said.

"We can use anyone who wants to volunteer."

The VBS program requires about 30 volunteers.

For more information, call 545-4715.



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Hailey Green, perched atop her father's shoulders, leads the Survivor's during the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life May 14 at Kinnett Stadium in Columbus. The 4-year-old cancer survivor was the honorary chairperson of this year's event.

Relay raises funds for cancer research, treatment

Annual event raises $291,000

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Standing on the field of Kinnett Stadium May 14, Denise Dowdy was overwhelmed.

All around her, members of the tricommunity — every age, ethnicity, social and financial background — joined to take a stand against cancer. Well, a walk, that is.

The annual Columbus/Fort Benning American Cancer Society's Relay for Life attracted 141 teams this year, a new record for the overnight event, which raises money for cancer research and programs.

The ACS' signature event, Relay for Life, is an opportunity for communities to grieve for those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived.

Columbus has participated in the international event the past 11 years, but this year, something was different.

"There was just a different spirit in the air — more intense," said Dowdy, an ACS community income manager. "People were more excited at 2 o'clock in the morning; more people stayed throughout the night. The teams just really embraced the event."

As of Tuesday, those teams had raised about $291,000 — considerably more than the $238,000 raised last year.

Many of the teams went "above and beyond," raising more than $5,000, Dowdy said, adding that Waddell Elementary School took the cake with $11,000.

But the numbers aren't all that made the event a success. It's the participants, rallying around the track, uniting in a common goal, she said.

"Relay for Life is different than any other fund-raising event, because it crosses all borders," she said. "Like cancer itself, this event doesn't discriminate. It's an opportunity to be a community without boundaries."

Teams came from all walks of life, she said — from Fort Benning, local schools, businesses and hospitals.

"They all came out for one night, and for one night, we were all the same," she said.

Another distinctive quality of the relay is that it focuses on survivorship. Each year, a survivor lap kicks off the event. 517 cancer survivors walked the first lap May 14, cheered and applauded by teams on the sidelines.

"It's almost impossible to say what I felt as a staff member," Dowdy said. "Everybody was so positive and had such a great outlook."

Among those teams that impressed Dowdy was Friends of the Infantry, a team of wives from the Infantry Training Brigade.

Friends of the Infantry was named the most spirited team, received second-place for best campsite and was one of the "elite teams" that raised more than $5,000.

"This was their first year here, and they blew it out of the water," Dowdy said.

The team raised its money through the Internet, said Andrea Nelson, who headed the team, e-mailing friends and families as far away as Germany and Sarajevo and asking for donations, gathering about $7,000.

Nelson said the relay was a personal experience for many of the 26 women on the team.

One of ITB's family members lost her mother, two sisters and an aunt to cancer. And children within the unit have fallen victim to cancer, including a 4-month-old baby and a 13-year-old, said Donna Smith, another member of the Friends of the Infantry. In fact, the team's top fund-raiser's father died of cancer just two months ago.

But the event was still a positive experience for the women, Nelson said.

"It's just tremendous to see all the people out here — so many organizations," she marveled.

Nelson was particularly impressed by the survivor lap.

"You see people out here who you didn't even know have cancer," she said. "To see these survivors, from tiny,

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Red Cross summer youth program to begin

Teens can volunteer around post

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It's that time of year again — when the schoolhouse doors swing open and the kids are free at last, free at last, thank God almighty they're free at last.

Of course, that's only until the summer blues set in.

When the excitement of three months of sleeping in, vegging on the couch and consuming entirely too much television has passed, and suddenly your teenager is left with one very unpleasant realization — "I'm bored."

Never fear. Fort Benning's American Red Cross Summer Youth Volunteer Program can lay those summer doldrums to rest before they even begin.

And if nothing else, this program will keep your children busy, enrich their lives and provide them long-term benefits.

Darla Gibbs, the Red Cross volunteer who coordinates the program, said the summer volunteer program is a wonderful opportunity for military and Department of Defense civilian children ages 13 to 18.

"This program gives them the opportunity to give back to the community," she said. "But it also allows them to try different areas to see what they would possibly like to do with their lives."

The program places children in volunteer position across post, including in the hospital, libraries, Fort Benning Golf Course, National Infantry Museum, Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop and in the main office of the Red Cross, she said.

"They get to go to an actual work setting and see what it's like," Gibbs said.

Teenagers enrolled in the program can volunteer between 8 a.m. and noon from June 7 to July 16, but it's up to them how many hours they spend any given week, she said.

The program can be a quick fix for many volunteers, who are required by area high schools to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours in the community to be eligible for graduation.

But more than that, Gibbs said, it's an opportunity to improve yourself.

"Volunteering can have long-term results," she said. "It's good for a college application or a resume — people like to see that."

The summer program, which already has more than 65 volunteers signed up, is a great benefit, but only for those who meet the Thursday deadline, Gibbs said.

"We have to have all applications in by Thursday. We have to have time to get all the placements done, and positions at the hospital have medical requirements," she said.

For more information about the program, call the Red Cross at 545-5194.

Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

I'm a big fan of visual entertainment that doesn't require any effort or interaction on my part. Anywhere you can park yourself in a comfortable seat, stuff your face and watch someone else do all the work is fine by me.

So I was a more than willing dinner theater-goer when Benning's Backstage came out with its second production last September, *Dearly Departed.*

Admittedly, I wasn't expecting much. I've been to installation theater productions before, and they aren't always exactly what I would call impressive.

Fortunately for me and the $19 I forked over for the show, Benning's Backstage is awesome.

The food is pretty good — typical three-course military fine dining. The ambience is decent — white linen table cloths, fancy napkins, candle light and wine — all set in the Kelley Hill Recreation Center.

And then there's the show. I went to see some country bumpkin parody, and I have to tell you, I was laughing the entire time. As was the rest of the audience.

The cast was incredible. From the main characters to the bit parts, the line delivery, facial expressions, chemistry among the characters and comedic timing were just perfect. It was one of the best live productions I've ever seen.

Whatever it's lacking in atmosphere, Benning's Backstage more than compensates for on the stage.

So I'm pretty stoked to go back this weekend for the debut of *California Suite.* If you're like me, you've never heard of this "classic comedy," but then again, I'd never heard of the last show, and it was hilarious.

This one is what I'd consider an adult-themed play, though.

It's a four-scene play which follows the lives of four groups of people who occupy Suite 203 in a California hotel.

Scene 1: A divorced mother, Hanah, follows her daughter to California after she runs away to be with her father. Enter the ex-husband, Billy, who's not giving up his daughter that easily.

Scene 2: Marvin journeys to California for his nephew's bar mitzvah, where his brother so thoughtfully surprises him with Bunny, a prostitute. Looks like everyone wants to surprise Marvin, though, because his wife, Millie, shows up

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BIRTHS

Boys

Andrew Jack McQuery — born May 6 to Telena and Staff Sgt. Michael McQuery.

Kiboi Atlan Heine — born May 7 to Paula and Spc. Simon Heine Jr.

Paul Hunter Pahl — born May 10 to Amanda and Staff Sgt. Paul Pahl.

Joshua Henry Fiorella — born May 10 to Merav and Capt. Salvatore Fiorella Jr.

Christian Gabriel Vacula — born May 11 to Teresa Vacula and Spc. Christopher Monhollen.

Jacob Brandon Fox Hurley — born May 12 to Misty and Spc. Adam Hurley.

Cameron Wesley Collins — born May 13 to Jaime and Sgt. Charles Collins.

Zachary Cole Brown — born May 13 to Tabitha and Pfc. Matthew Brown.

William Michael Kamer III — born May 13 to Lori and Staff Sgt. William Kamer Jr.

Girls

Kailie Mae Logan Cabral — born May 8 to Michelle and Sgt. Ernie Cabral II.

Emily Jeanne Colbert — born May 9 to Erin and Capt. William Colbert.

Madison McKenna Stawarczik — born to 2nd Lt. Lindsey and Wesley Stawarczik.

Alayna Tiala Dean — born May 10 to Sgts. April and James Dean.

Brianna Linda Cabello — born May 11 to Lori and Spc. Randy Cabello.

Eleora Kay Welch — born May 11 to Lissa and Capt. John Welch.

Haleigh Kay Noel — born May 11 to Amanda and Spc. Paul Noel.

Yolanda Luane Harris — born May 12 to Stephanie and 2nd Lt. Tony Harris.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

California Suite — Benning's Backstage will present a dinner theater production of *California Suite*, a comedy by Neil Simon, today, Saturday and May 28-29.

Dinner and the show will be held at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., dinner and opening entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $19 for adults and $12 for children 12 and younger and include dinner and the show. Tickets are available at the Officers' Club and Omega World Travel Center. Dinner includes chicken fettucine, sliced roast beef, vegetable medley, Caesar salad, dessert and a glass of wine, tea or coffee.

The show is open to the public. For information, call 682-1120.

ARC Summer Youth Program — The Fort Benning Red Cross is gearing up for its Summer Youth Volunteer Program for children, ages 13 to 18. This program will run 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday between June 7 and July 16, with volunteer hours available from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Youth will have the opportunity to volunteer at Martin Army Community Hospital, the Veterinary Clinic, Sayers Library and many other places.

Youth packages are now available and ready to be picked up. Applications are due no later than today.

School board meeting — The next meeting of the Fort Benning School Board will be at 1 p.m. Monday in the conference room of the Fort Benning Schools Administrative Building located at 7201 Custer Road. An agenda will be posted in the schools after noon today.

For more information, call 545-7276.

PX/Commissary Council meeting — The next PX/Commissary Council meeting will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Benning Room of the Officers' Club.

For more information, call Brian Smith at 545-3328.

Refuse, recycle schedule — There will be no yard waste picked up in family housing May 31. The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be June 7.

There will be no refuse or recycle pickups in family housing May 31. Areas normally scheduled for pickup on Monday will be picked up June 1. Refuse and recycle collection for June 1 through June 4 will occur as normally scheduled.

For more information, call DPW at 545-4749.

MACH classes — The U.S. Army Medical Activity offers the following classes:

- Weight loss classes are offered every Tuesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Call for an appointment.
- A pregnancy nutrition class is offered every Tuesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
- A diabetes education series is offered through the Nutrition Clinic every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a series of three classes.
- Active-duty weight classes are offered every Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.
- A hypertension class featuring the DASH diet is offered every Wednesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.
- A cholesterol nutrition class is offered every Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m.
- A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic.

Most clinics will be closed May 28 and 31 for the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

EFMP volunteers needed — The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program needs volunteers. The Child and Youth Services Program is planning to offer a special needs summer camp.

Both CYS and the ACS EFMP is recruiting volunteers for this program who have an interest in becoming camp assistants and to program participants.

If you have an interest or would like more information, call the ACD EFMP manager at 545-7517 or 545-5521.

Family housing medical conditions — Family Housing Maintenance Shaw Infrastructure requests that all family housing occupants who have medical conditions provide a doctor's letters for medical exception to the Family Housing Maintenance Shop at Building 228 on Kilgore Street. The purpose for the medical exception letter is to allow for a higher priority on service orders pertaining to air conditioning, heating and other maintenance requests.

This only affects occupants of Iron Triangle, White Elephants, Miller Loop, Austin Loop, McDonald Manor, Indianhead Terrace, Upatoi Terrace and Custer Terrace.

For more information, call Bill Napier at 545-4326.

Thrift Shop new hours — The Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop has new hours.

The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 687-4830

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative has mailed out surveys to current family housing residents.

The cut-off for responses is June 25.

For more information, call Lillian Salazar at 545-0667.

Student rewards — Students in sixth through eighth grades wishing to participate in the "You Made the Grade" program can bring B-average or better report cards into the Main Mall Post Exchange for a coupon book with savings of more than $50 on items such as shoes, fragrances or fast food. Entry forms for U.S. savings bonds drawings are included.

AAFES awards savings bonds totaling $10,000 to three students each quarter.

For more information, call the PX at 682-0826.

***The Bayonet* delivery** — Experiencing a problem with *The Bayonet* delivery? Call 682-3346 to fix the problem.

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Pre-Memorial Day program — There will be a pre-Memorial Day program at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, located at the junction of Buena Vista Road and Lawyers Lane.

The Infantry Center Band will perform, and the Marines from Albany will give the 21-gun salute.

For more information, call Lonnie Jackson at 321-9596.

Summer tutorial program — Combined Communities of Southeast Columbus is planning its annual Volunteer Summer Tutorial Program. The schedule is: Registration, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; classes begin May 31 and end June 25. Lunch is provided daily by the Columbus Parks and Recreation.

During registration week, tutors and volunteers are asked to come for the orientation session at 11 a.m. May 28. Orientation sessions should last less than 30 minutes.

Tutoring will take place at Eastway Elementary School, located on Buena Vista Road in Columbus.

For more information, call C.C.S.C., Inc. at 321-9596.

Memorial Day service — The Fort Mitchell National Cemetery Memorial Committee will host its annual Memorial Day Service at 2 p.m. May 30. The ceremony will take place at the Department of Veterans Affairs Fort Mitchell National Cemetery flagpole area in Fort Mitchell, Ala.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call the Fort Mitchell National Cemetery at (334) 855-4731.

Poker Run — In Country Vets I Corp invites everyone to the second annual House of Heroes Poker Run May 29.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. with the first bike out at 12:30 p.m. All bikes are welcome.

The Poker Run will be held at the Red Barn Game Room, Hwy 80 in Phenix City.

For more information, call Fred Lewis at (334) 291-5145.

Honeymoon sweepstakes — The St. Lucia Tourist Board and Delta Airlines are awarding honeymoon getaways to one military couple each month through December. The prize is a seven-day, six-night trip to the Caribbean island of St. Lucia, including accommodation and air transportation.

For full terms and conditions and how to enter, visit www.stlucia.org.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, Texas toast, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** hamburger steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, yeast roll, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** nachos, Spanish rice, sweet peas, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** chicken salad, mixed veggies, fresh fruit, milk, cookie
- **Friday:** baked ham, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, fruit, milk

PETS OF THE WEEK



Pfc. Chris Stephens

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No tan is a good tan

Dr. Jack Lesher
MCG Health system

A bronzed body is a healthy body, right? Wrong. Too much sun can lead to skin cancer and premature aging. Here are six myths about sun exposure:

Myth No. 1: It is OK to tan if you wear sunscreen.

Reality: No tan is healthy or safe. Use a sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB rays with an SPF of at least 15 (30 or higher if you have a history of skin cancer). Apply an hour before going out. Reapply every two hours (more often if you are swimming).

Myth No. 2: You only need to wear sunscreen if you are outside for several hours.

Reality: It's best to wear sunscreen every day. You should routinely use it if you will be exposed to the sun for more than 10 to 15 minutes. Driving, sitting in front of a window and walking outside all expose you to the sun.

Myth No. 3: You need sun to produce Vitamin D.

Reality: You only need 5 to 15 minutes of sun exposure two to three times a week on your face and hands to produce a sufficient supply of Vitamin D. Milk and other Vitamin D-rich foods and multivitamins are excellent sources of Vitamin D.

Myth No. 4: Don't worry about sun exposure in the wintertime or on cloudy days.

Reality: The sun may not feel hot during the winter or on cloudy days, but the UVA and UVB rays are still still being absorbed by your skin.

Myth No. 5: Tanning beds are safer than the sun.

Reality: Beds use ultraviolet light, similar to the UVA and UVB rays emitted by the sun. In fact, the effects of UV exposure are intensified in a tanning bed. An hour in a tanning bed is equivalent to several hours in the sun.

Myth No. 6: Exposure to sun helps skin look healthy.

Reality: Too much sun actually ages you prematurely. Compare skin on your face and hands with skin on a part of your body that is not regularly exposed to the sun and see the difference.

Cancer: Walking for good

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tiny to old to couples who are both survivors ... it's amazing."

It's the participants who make the event, Dowdy said.

"More than anything I want to thank the teams for being involved, for having such a wonderful outlook and attitude, and for bringing in the money," she said.

If you missed this year's event, never fear — there's always next year, and "it's never too late or too early to get started," Dowdy said.

If you would like to make a donation to ACS, send a check to:American Cancer Society
P.O. Box 1382
Columbus, GA 31902

For more information, call 324-4573 or visit www.cancer.org/relayonline.

GOH: The show goes on

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unexpected the next morning.

Scene 3: Then comes Diana, a British actress in California as an Oscar nominee, and her husband, Sidney. Slightly nervous about that Oscar nomination thing, Diana gets sloppy drunk, throws up, makes a fool of herself at the big event and doesn't take anything home but a hangover. Then she finds out her husband is gay.

Scene 4: Two couples, longtime friends, vacation together and make the mistake of sharing close quarters. Oddly enough, things don't quite work out as planned.

And that, my friends, is the tragic storyline that you can prepare to ... laugh at.

Shows are tonight, Saturday, May 28 and 29. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner is served at 7 and the show begins at 8. Tickets, including dinner and the show, are $19 for adults and $12 for children 12 and younger. Pick yours up at Omega World Travel at the Main Mall Post Exchange or at the Officers' Club.

Fort Benning Swimming Pool Schedule

Briant Wells Indoor Pool
Lap swimming: Monday through Friday 5:30 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
MEDDAC physical therapy: 8 to 9 a.m.
Aqua Aerobics: 9 to 10 a.m.
Senior swim: 10 to 11 a.m.
Recreational swim: Tuesday through Thursday, from 1 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Note: There is no recreational swimming Monday and Friday.
Military training is Monday and Friday from 1 to 8 p.m.

Carey Pool
Seasonal dates: May 28 through Sept. 6.
Lap swimming: Monday through Friday from 5:30 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Active-duty pregnancy physical training: Thursday from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m.
MEDDAC physical therapy: 8 to 9 a.m.
Senior swim: Monday through Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.
Recreational swim: Wednesday through Sunday and holidays from 1 to 8 p.m.
Note: There is no recreational swimming Monday and Tuesday.
Military training is Monday through Friday 5:30 to 8 a.m. (if scheduled) and Monday and Tuesday from 1 to 8 p.m. (if scheduled).

Custer Terrace Pool
Seasonal dates: May 28 through Sept. 6.
Recreational swim: Friday through Tuesday and holidays 1 to 8 p.m.
Note: The Custer Terrace pool is closed on Wednesday and Thursday.

Kelley Hill Pool
Seasonal dates: May 28 through Sep. 6.
Lap swimming: Monday through Friday from 5:30 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Senior swim: Monday through Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.
Recreational swim: Friday through Tuesday and holidays from 1 to 8 p.m.
Military Training: Monday through Friday 5:30 to 8 a.m. (if scheduled) and Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. (if scheduled).
Note: There is no recreational swimming on Wednesday and Thursday.

MWR Community Pool
Seasonal dates: May 22 and 23, and May 28 through Sep. 6.
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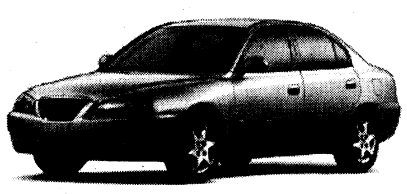

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Wilson students learn 'out of this world' lesson

Kids send small tokens to outer space

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Wilson Elementary School students enjoyed an out of this world experience recently when the school observed its very first Space Day.

Already an annual event at many schools around the country, the Wilson faculty had never heard of it until a parent relayed the idea, said Melanie Keating, the school's educational technologist. That got the ball rolling.

What caught the idea-bearing parent's attention was a program that allows children to send a little piece of themselves into outer space — their signatures.

"Not every school gets to do this — you have to (apply) and be chosen," Keating said, nodding to a poster signed by every student in the school. "We send that back to (them), they take a picture of it and the negative goes into space on the next space shuttle mission."

Wilson's kids' names are scheduled to go to space in spring 2005, she said. They'll join more than 3 million other children's names.

Once the negative reaches its destination, the shuttle crew take a picture with it, then later, sign the picture and send it back to the children with a certificate.

Despite the long wait, Keating said just the concept was exciting for the children and helped create a fun atmosphere for learning.

"The children just got so fired up about it," she said.

The students spent an entire week building up to the big event, learning about space through school broadcasts and Internet research. They also took time to recognize the crew of the Columbia, which exploded Feb. 1, 2003.

On the big day, kindergartners and first-graders journeyed to the "Star Lab," an inflatable canvas dome, completely dark inside, with a projector in the middle that puts stars up in the "sky."

Meanwhile, the older children hung out with scientists from Columbus' Coca Cola Space Center and checked out the sun with a solar telescope.

The hands-on opportunties got the children involved, fueling their enthusiasm, something Keating was glad to see.

"This grabbed the children more than anything else we've don't this year," she said.

"I'm probably dating myself, but I remember when we first walked on the moon," she said. "When I was a kid, space exploration was such a hot topic. These days, we take it for granted. So it's good to see the children still get excited."



Courtesy photo

Wilson Elementary School second-grader Shyhiem Hannah looks into a solar telescope during the school's Space Day celebration.

Leadership Academy students host leadership conference

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Some of Fort Benning's youngest leaders will take the helm today, guiding students from schools around post toward the path to excellence.

Nine students chosen to participate in Wilson Elementary School's Leadership Academy will host the school's first Leadership Conference this afternoon.

The conference — also the academy's culminating event — will give the students the opportunity to put into practice all that they've learned throughout the year, said Capt. Alfonzo Ford, the academy's instructor and a Soldier from the school's Partner in Education, the Basic Combat Training Brigade.

"It's part of what I call the 'three Es,'" Ford said. "Exposure, experience and execution."

Throughout the school year, the students have focused on the academy's foundation — leadership characteristics, he said.

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> **Capt. Alfonzo Ford**
> Leadership Academy instructor

Today, the students will relate those same lessons to their peers, 11 student representatives from Loyd, McBride, Stowers and White elementary schools.

They'll give a Powerpoint presentation overviewing the characteristics of a good leader, then lead discussion groups and a team-building exercise, said Margaret Koger, Wilson's talented and gifted teacher.

And who better for the job? The students were hand-picked for the academy at the beginning of the year.

"We wanted to pinpoint those children with good leadership skills," Koger said. "We wanted to build on their strengths."

And building these children will only serve to build others, Ford said.

"There's no lesson like peer leadership," he said. "The kids see what their peers are doing, and it encourages them to look at those aspects in their own lives."

The conference might even inspire other schools on post to follow suit and develop their own academies, he said.

In the meantime, Wilson's students are ready to impart their newly gained wisdom.

"They're just these balls of young leadership energy," Ford said.

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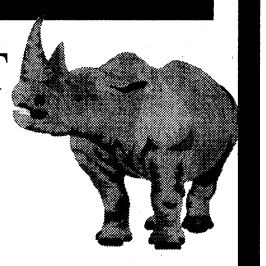





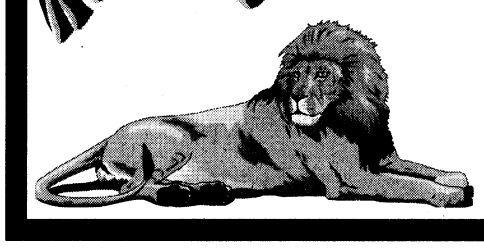

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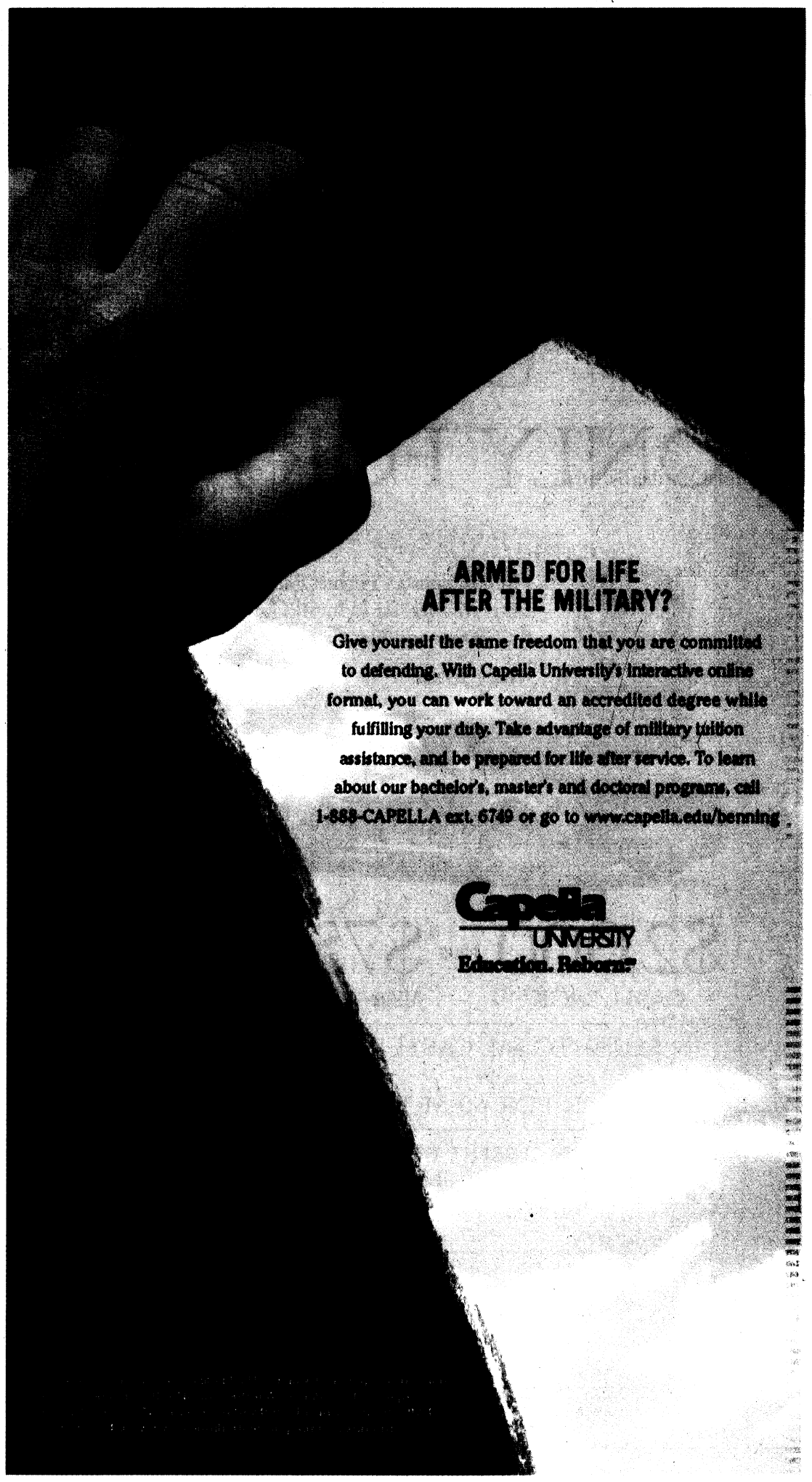

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REFLECTIONS

When I was a child, my parents read to me the stories of C.S. Lewis. His children's books are legendary; filled with wonder and truth. The seven books about the *Chronicles of Narnia* fed my imagination. I wanted to live in the mysterious land of Narnia, to have adventures alongside the heroes and heroines of the stories: to truly know the Great Lion Aslan.

As I grew to an adult I discovered the underlying themes, amid allegories (this is a spiritual parallel to the stories). One book that comes to mind is *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* and specifically the chapter recounting the adventures on Dragon Island. The gang is on a voyage (now I am not giving away the whole story because I want you to read the books yourself) and one of their number is rebellious. He wanders away on his own, when he was told to remain on the ship, and discovers a dragon's lair filled with treasure. He does not want to share his hoard. Oh, no, it is all for him! He falls asleep on the golden treasure dreaming thoughts of greed, selfishness and envy. This attitude will cost him his friends and imagined happiness he thinks this will provide him.

He dreams of how his friends will bow down before his greatness. When he awakens he finds he has become the dragon. He is fearsome. He can fly. He is in pain. He cannot continue the voyage because the ship can no longer support him. He will be left behind, alone with his treasure. His heart is changing as he begins to see the futility of life motivated by greed and glory. Distraught and contrite he stands alone by his cave when Aslan comes and tells him, "If you want to be free, you must shed your dragon skin."


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He tries and tries but only the outer layers shed off one after another, yet he is no closer to becoming completely free. Aslan says, "No, son of Adam, I must help you." Out come the long, sharp and fearsome claws of Aslan and deep they cut into the dragon flesh, ripping open the hide, releasing the boy.

The boy emerges with his skin raw and stinging and needing healing. Aslan has him wash in water to be healed. The healing touches his skin, soul and spirit.

So often we hear we need to change, act differently, be different. We try and try on our own and to a measure we are successful. We leave behind the shells of who we once were lying all around.

Yet, we can not break fully free from the dragon flesh which surrounds us. We want fulfillment, complete healing and freedom but we cannot do it on our own. We need God to intervene and set us free. Each time I read this story I see sin as the dragon flesh trapping the life inside and the compelling need for God's abiding grace to cut through to the freedom needed.

Romans chapter 8 verses 5-8 tells of the mind set on the flesh and its desires as death and the mind set on the spirit and his desires as life.

We all live in the world but where is your mind focused, where is your heart?

CHAPEL NOTE

Vacation Bible School — It's now time to sign up your children for Vacation Bible School, June 14-18, at White Elementary School.

Sign up is at the Religious Education Office, located in Room 122 of Meloy Hall.

The classes are for children in pre-school thorough sixth grade.

If you would like to help with this program, or for more information, call 545-4715.

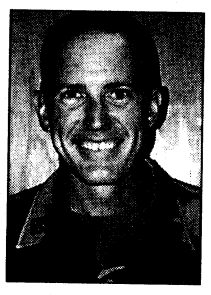
What's your purpose? What's your point? Are you a screwdriver or a scissor blade?

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Just today I was trying to open the back of a computer. The trouble was, I didn't have a screwdriver — I had the edge of a scissor blade. Ever tried to open the back of a computer with the edge of a scissor blade, or am I the only moron with that genius idea?

Well, much as you might have guessed, I didn't do very well trying to get the computer open. The scissor blade just wasn't made with that purpose in mind. Things always seem to get frustrating when we try and use something other than for its intended purpose, don't they?

Are you frustrated a lot in your life? Perhaps you've not discovered your purpose. Perhaps you're trying to be a scissor blade instead of a screwdriver. Things work best when we align ourselves with what we've been uniquely designed to do, i.e., when we discover our purpose.


Hawkins

It's said that the two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you discover *why* you were born. Do you know *why* you were born?

What burns deep within you — what do you most want to accomplish during your days on earth? What is your passion? What is in your heart and life that is larger than yourself? If you could accomplish any one thing before you die, what would that be? In short, *what is your dream*?

There's a difference between a dream and a scheme. Dreams come from God, schemes come from man. Dreams benefit others, scheme focus on you. Dreamers build the world, schemes erode it.

How exciting that the God who made you has placed a dream in your heart perfectly tailored for you and you alone!

What do you do best? What captures your interest the most?

Need help discovering exactly what your purpose in life is? Feel free to join me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at 11 a.m. on Sundays, or give us a call at the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760.

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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.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
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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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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

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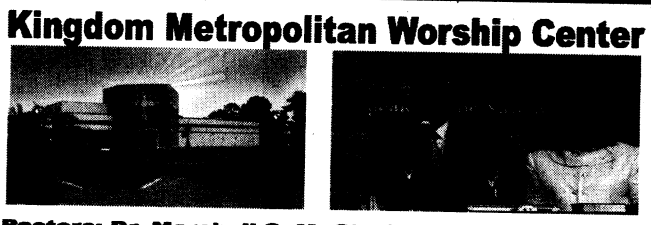
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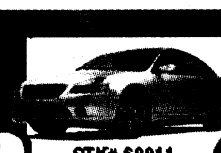

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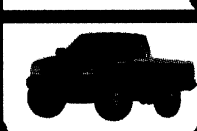

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Post basketball championship goes down to final shot, 36-33

Game ends on missed chance to tie score

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Bulldogs and the Raging Bulls battled it out for the post basketball championship May 13 at Audie Murphy Gym.

With the score 34-33 and nine seconds left on the clock, Raging Bulls guard Willie Hutchinson stepped to the free-throw line for two shots.

After making both of his shots, the B Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment Raging Bulls got back on defense for what would be a last-second shot by the opponents.

But the shot was not to be — the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity Bulldogs missed the three-point attempt as the clock ran out on the game and their season.

The game began with scrappy defense on both sides, but neither team established a large lead.

"In a game where both defenses were tough, any lead you can get is important," said Raging Bulls' guard Samuel Chance. "That's the kind of game where it is going to come down to the last shot to decide who the winner is."

Even with the score 17-10 in favor of the Raging Bulls at halftime, both teams were happy with their efforts, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

"Defense wins ballgames," Chance said. "If you take care of things on the defensive side of the ball, then the offense will comé to you. But, you can't slack off on defense or you'll find yourself way behind."

During halftime, both teams schemed new strategies to put the game in their favor.

Before reaching the championship game, the Bulldogs played in a semi-final game in which guard Greg Corbitt scored 27 points, including six three-pointers. The Raging Bulls noticed that and adjusted their defense before the game to keep him from taking any open shots.

"During the first half, they were covering me with two people," Corbitt said. "So at halftime, we adjusted our offense to find the open man, so they could take the open shot. We had to work the ball around so we could give our team a chance to win."

The Raging Bulls stretched their lead to 11 at the second half, but left an opening for the Bulldogs to crawl their way back into the game.

"Sometimes all you need is a few mistakes by the other team to get your team going," Corbitt said. "We gave ourselves a chance to win the game, because we never gave up. We continued to fight hard on every possession."

After the Bulldogs got within five points, the Raging Bulls were fouled every possession and sent to the free-throw line to earn their points.

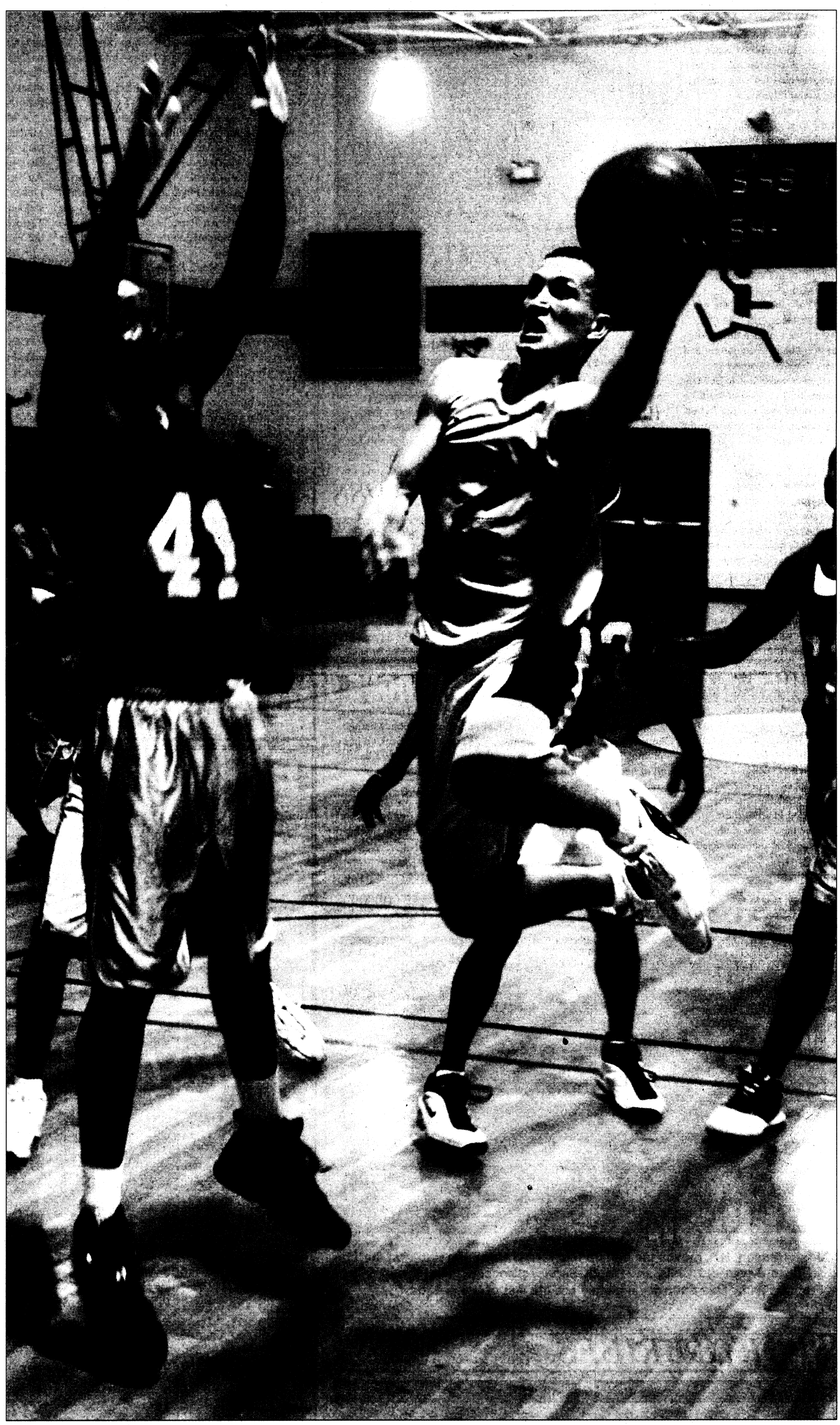
After missing three consecutive free throws the Raging Bulls hunkered down on defense to prevent the Bulldogs from closing the gap.

But persistence by Bulldogs' forward Tyree Swindel under the basket brought them within one point with nine seconds left.

After Hutchinson made his free throws, the Bulldogs got the ball across the half-court line and called a time-out to set up one last play, but ended with a miss.

"This team didn't give up," Corbitt said. "They continued to fight throughout the game and never gave in to them."

"It's an awesome feeling, knowing you're the post champions," Chance said. "It proves that all of the hard work and dedication we put into the season was worth it. To be called the best is what it's all about."



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Bulldogs' guard Greg Corbitt, right, puts a layup over the outstretched arms of Raging Bulls' forward Donavan Ford during the first half of the post championship at Audie Murphy Gym. The Raging Bulls won the game, 36-33.

After the game, both teams were congratulated by post commander, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley on their efforts in the game and throughout the season.

"This game was a good battle for both teams," Freakley said. "Both played hard and gave it their all."

The top four teams in the tournament were:

1st place — B Battery, 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt.

2nd place — U.S. Army Medical Department Activity

3rd place — 203rd Forward Support Battalion

4th place — Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt.

Benning student eyes Olympics ... again

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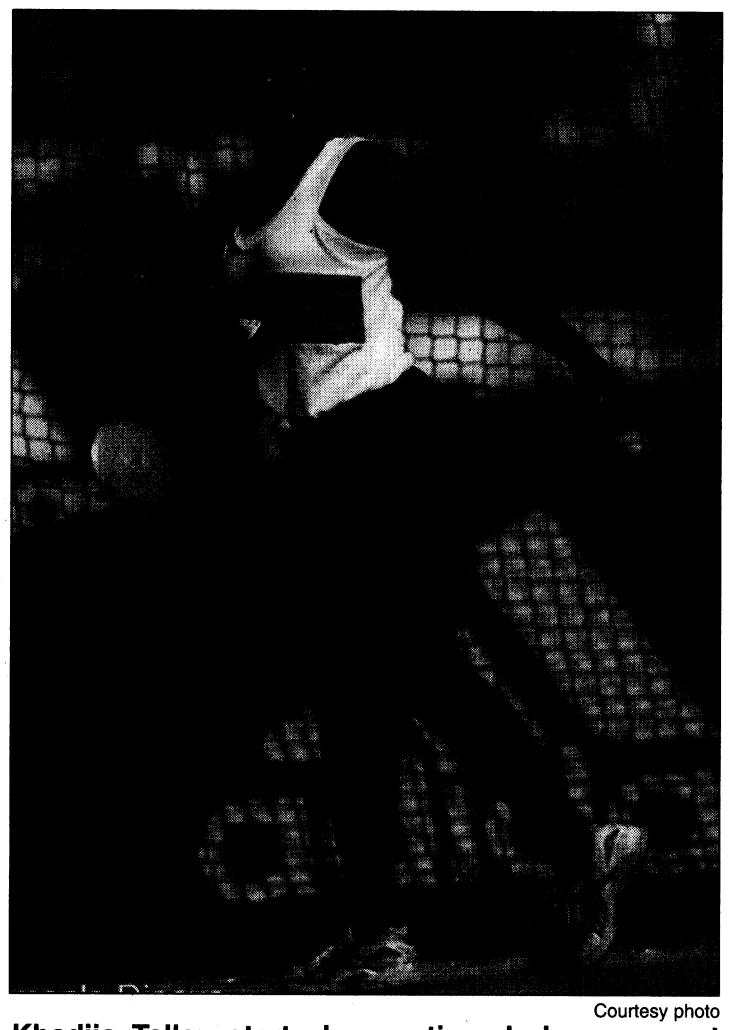

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Khadija Talley starts her motion during a recent meet. Talley competed for Columbus High School.

Khadija Talley has the opportunity to do what few track athletes at her age have the chance to do — earn a chance for a return trip to the Junior Olympics in track and field.

Talley, who is ranked sixth nationally in shot put and eighth nationally in discus, is preparing to compete in other meets to earn her way back to the Junior Olympics.

"It's pretty nice to know that I'm at the level I am for the second year in a row," said the Columbus High School senior. "I'm always striving to improve myself in all areas of my throws."

Talley's father, Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Talley, 13th Corps Support Battalion, said Khadija's biggest strength is her ability to make on-the-spot corrections.

"That's the reason she's been so successful," he said. "After she makes a throw, she knows what she did wrong and can immediately make the necessary corrections. She has an eye for that kind of stuff."

In order to get to the Junior Olympics, she has to win at the East Regional.

"I can see myself reaching that goal," Khadija said. "I hate to lose. I'm motivated to give it my all every time I step into the circle."

If Khadija reaches the Junior Olympics, she'll be competing against the best high school athletes in the country.

"This will be a great opportunity for me to watch their throws and improve my technique from what I see them doing," she said. "The Junior Olympics will be a stepping stone for me going into the college ranks."

Talley's coach at Columbus Randy Whitt said that Khadija has been a model for the rest of her teammates.

"A lot of them see her getting a scholarship and competing in all of these national meets," he said. "They look at that and say, 'hey I can do it to, if I put in the same amount of work.

"And that's what Khadija does. She motivates everyone else to put in the hard work, so they themselves can become better."

But she doesn't take all of the credit for how well she's performed.

"Most of the credit goes to my parents for all of the support they have given me throughout the years," Khadija said. "They've always been there to watch all of my meets and have been behind me in everything I've done.

"The one thing I've known my whole career is that they'll be at the meet," she said. "I've never looked around worrying if they were there."

But before she takes the steps to get to the Junior Olympics, Khadija will finish all of her final exams and graduate from high school.

"I'm proud of everything she's accomplished," Rickey said. "She's not only committed to her athletics, but she's also committed to her schoolwork. She always ensures that the latter takes precedence over the two."

This fall, Khadija will be throwing the shot put, discus, hammer and 20 lb. weight for the University of Miami (Fla.) Hurricanes.

Miami throws coach Renetta Seiler said when she saw her throw at the Junior Olympics last year in Miami, she noticed how explosive and quick she was, among other things.

"After watching her throw, I knew she would be a great fit for our program," Seiler said. "I was not only impressed with her athletic ability, but also her demeanor and the way she carries herself. That's the type of athlete we want at Miami."

When looking back on her track and field career, Khadija said she wants to know one thing.

"I want to know that I gave it my all every time I went out there. I don't want to say I could've done better."

Shooters prepare for final selection matches

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will host the final Olympic Selection Matches that will determine the entire 2004 U.S. Olympic Shooting Team. The matches, which will take place at Phillips and Pool Ranges.

Three USAMU Soldiers made the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team: Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson, made both the Men's Trap and Men's Double Trap Teams and Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Dulohery and Sgt. 1st Class James Graves made the Men's Skeet Team.

The Olympic Selection Match schedule is as follows:

• Today — Men's Air Rifle and Women's Sport Rifle Match and Final.

• Saturday — Men's Air Rifle and Women's Sport Rifle Match and Final.

• Sunday — Men's Air Rifle and Women's Sport Rifle Match, Final and Awards, at which time two male shooters will be named to the Men's Olympic Air Rifle Team and two female shooters will be named to the Women's Olympic Sport Rifle Team.

• Monday — Men's Prone Rifle and Women's Air Rifle Official Training Day.

• Tuesday — Men's Prone Rifle and Women's Air Rifle Match and Final.

• Wednesday — Men's Prone Rifle and Women's Air Rifle Match and Final; Rapid Fire Pistol and Running Target Official Training Day.

• Thursday — Men's Prone Rifle and Women's Air Rifle Match and Final and Awards, at which time two male shooters will be named to the Men's Olympic Prone Rifle Team and two female shooters will be named to the Women's Olympic Air Rifle Team; Rapid Fire Pistol Match; and Running Target Official Training Day.

• May 28 — Running Target Match and Final; Men's Three Position Rifle Official Training Day; and Rapid Fire Pistol Match, Finals and Awards.

• May 29 — Men's Three Position Rifle Match and Final; Running Target Match and Final; and Men's Air Pistol and Women's Sport Pistol Official Training Day.

• May 30 — Running Target Match, Finals and Awards, at which time two male shooters will be named to the Olympic Running Target Team; Men's Three Position Rifle Match and Final; and Men's Air Pistol and Women's Sport Pistol Matches.

• May 31 — Men's Three Position Rifle Match, Final and Awards, at which time two male shooters will be named to the Men's Olympic Three Position Rifle Team; and Men's Air Pistol and Women's Sport Pistol Matches, Finals and Awards, at which time two male shooters will be named to the Men's Air Pistol Team and two female shooters will be named to the Women's Sport Pistol Team.

• June 1 — Men's Free Pistol and Women's Air Pistol Official Training Day.

• June 2 — Men's Free Pistol and Women's Air Pistol Matches.

• June 3 – Men's Free Pistol and Women's Air Pistol Matches, Finals and Awards.

Competitors' scores from this match will be added to their scores from the second selection match and the top shooters will make the 2004 Olympic Pistol Team. In the first Olympic Pistol Team Selection Match, USAMU international pistol shooter Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski tied for first place in the Air Pistol Match and took second place in the Free Pistol Match.

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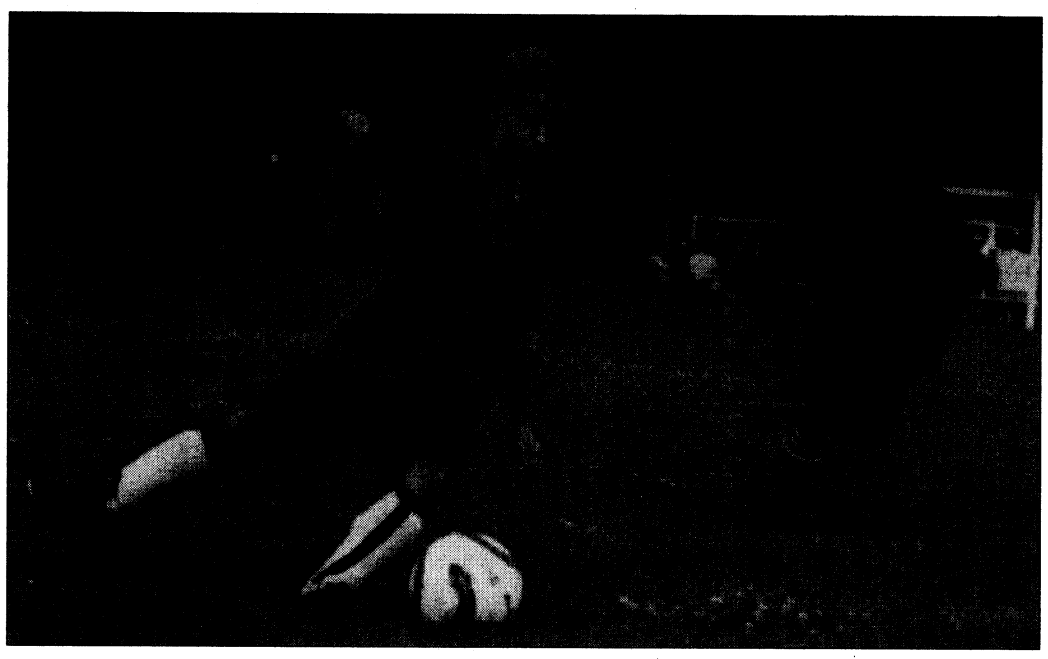

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Race date is June 19. The race will begin at 7 a.m. in front of the Santiago Fitness Center, and is open to all active-duty military.

Registration will begin at 6 a.m. on race morning. For more information, call 544-9486.

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Military Appreciation Night — The Columbus Wardogs will have a Military Appreciation Night May 29 at the Columbus Civic Center. All active-duty Soldiers and their families will get into the game free by picking up tickets at the Civic Center Box Office. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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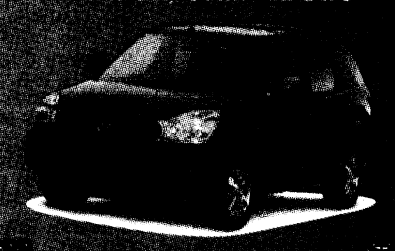
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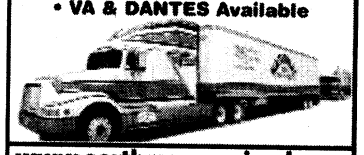
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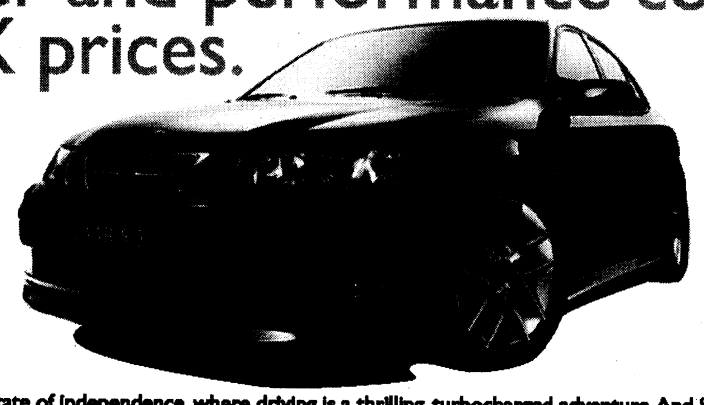

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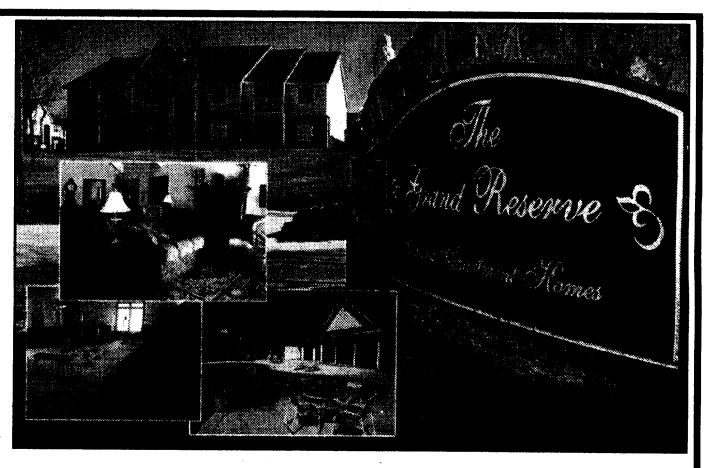

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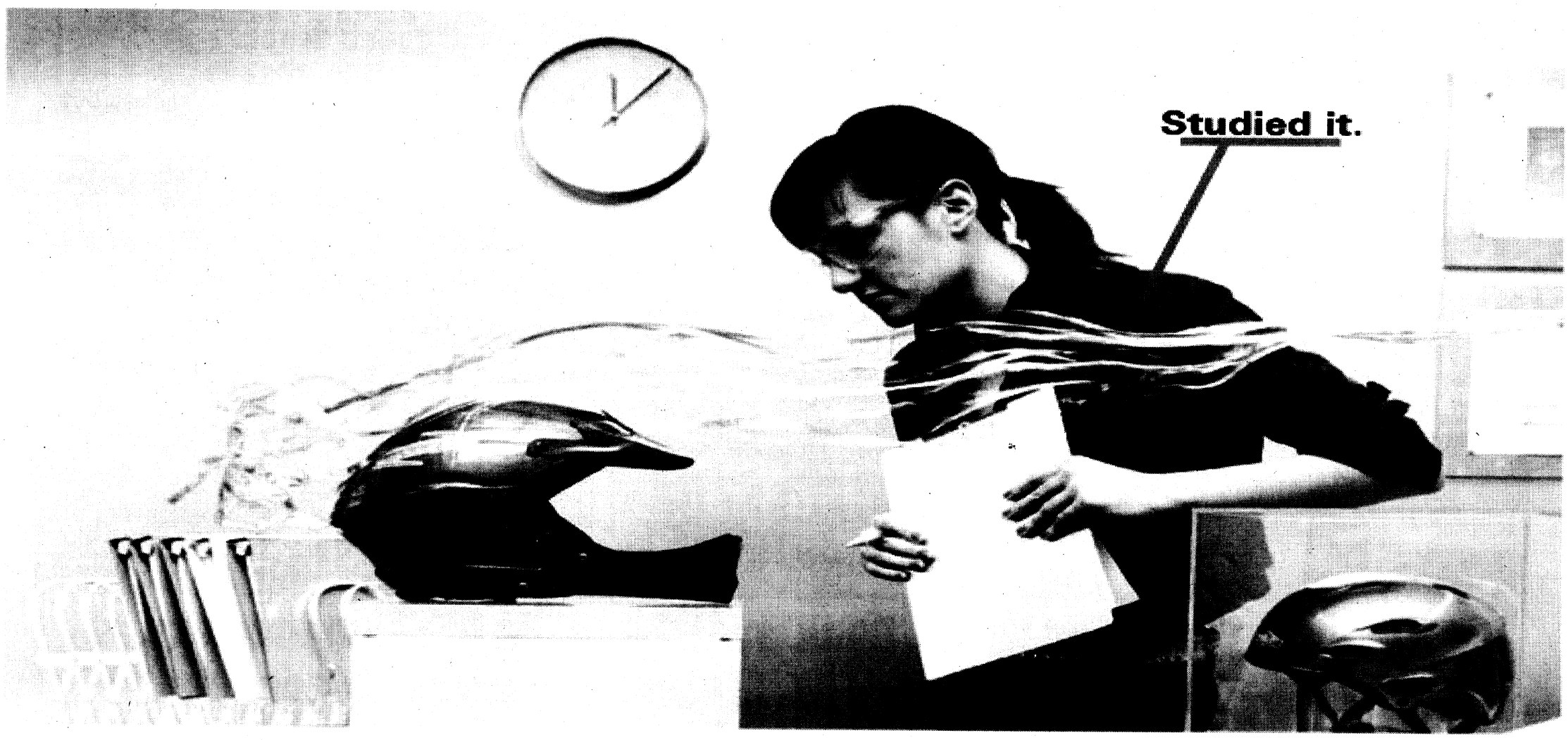

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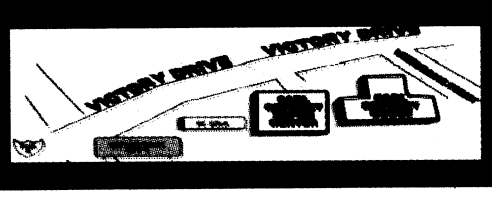

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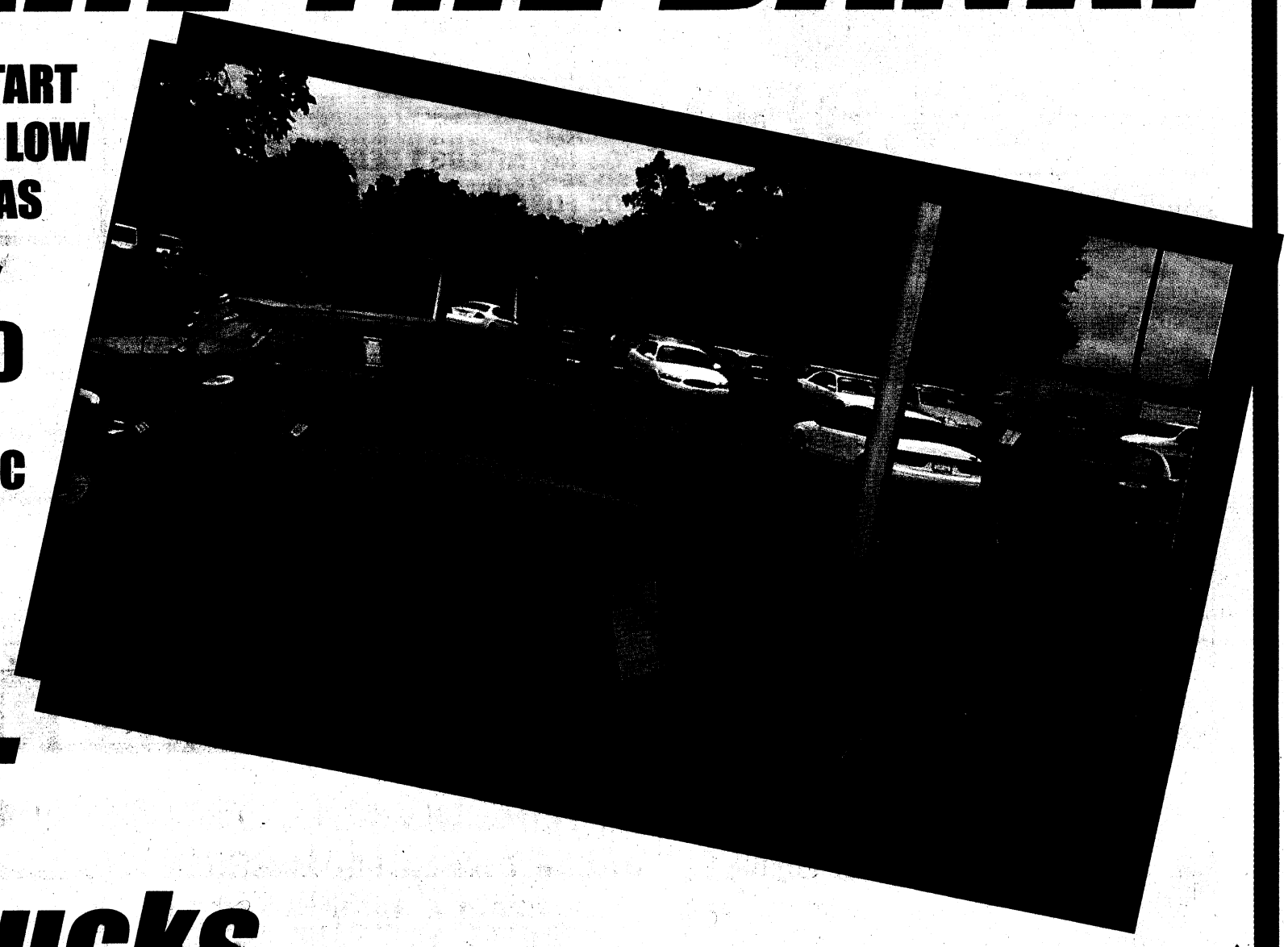

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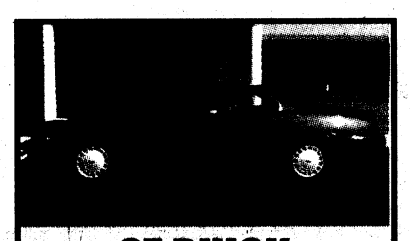

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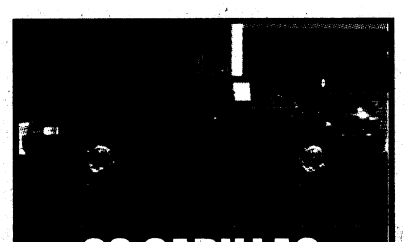

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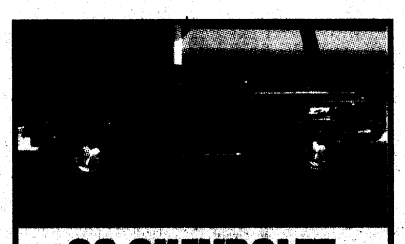

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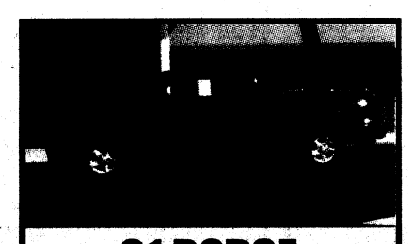

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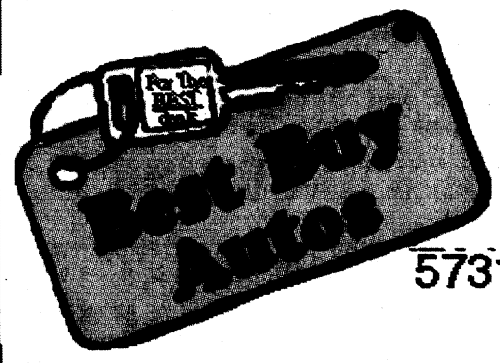

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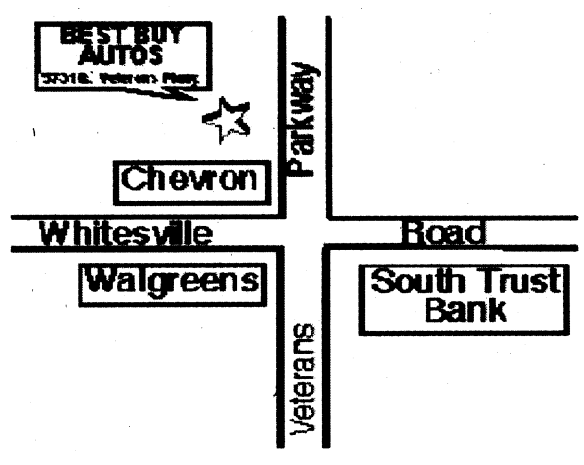

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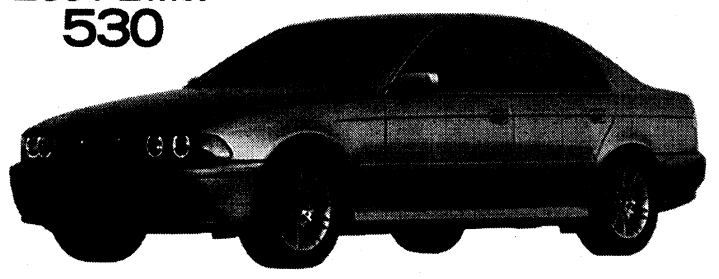

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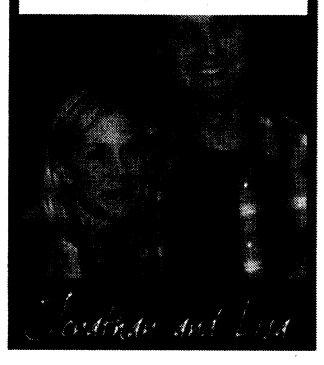

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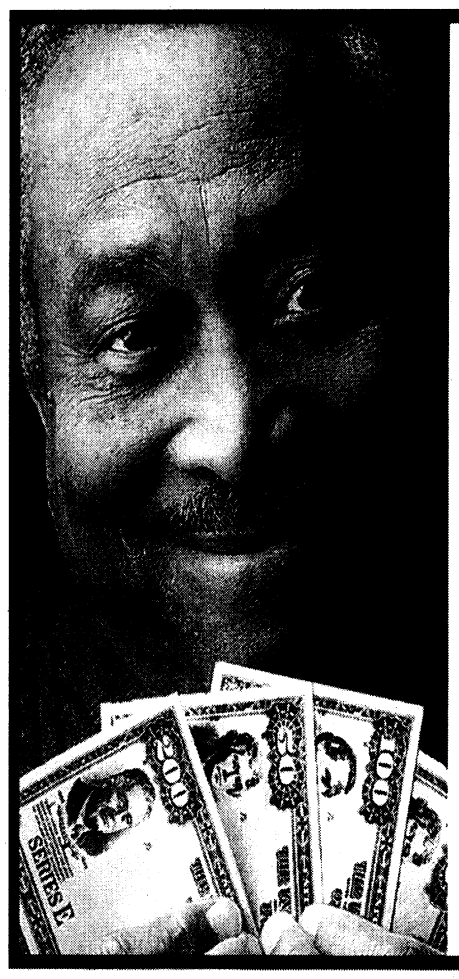

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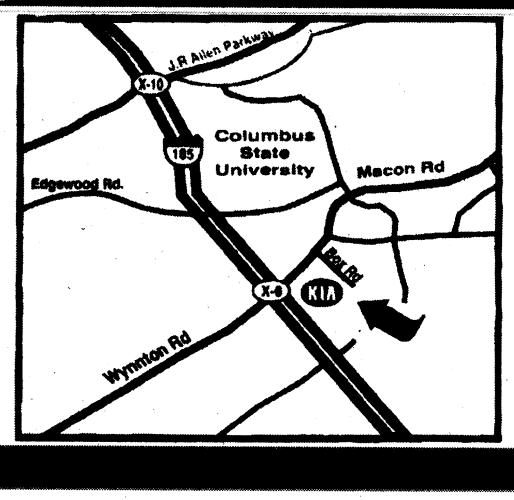

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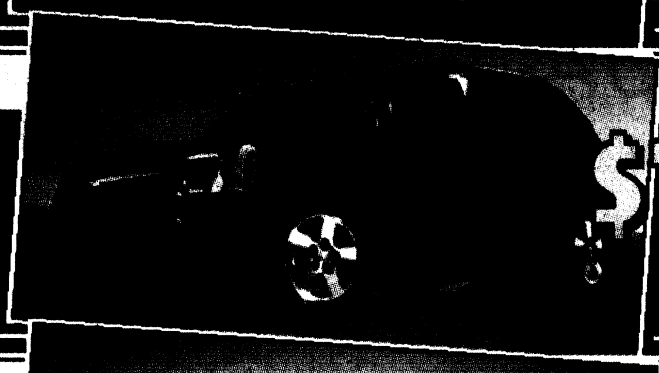

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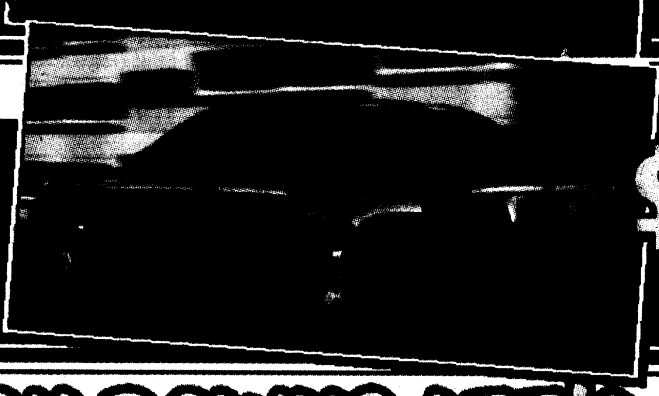

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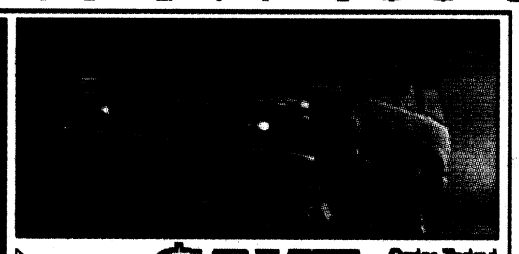

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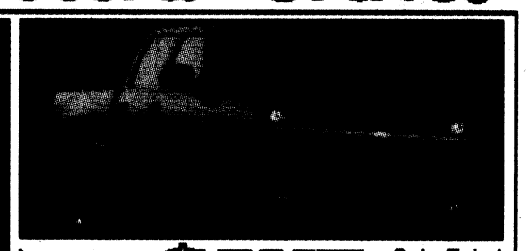

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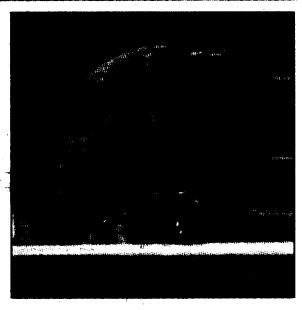

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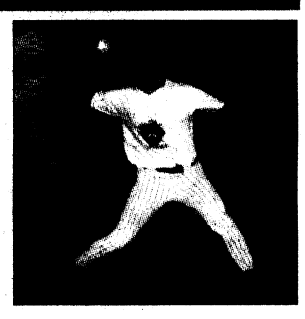

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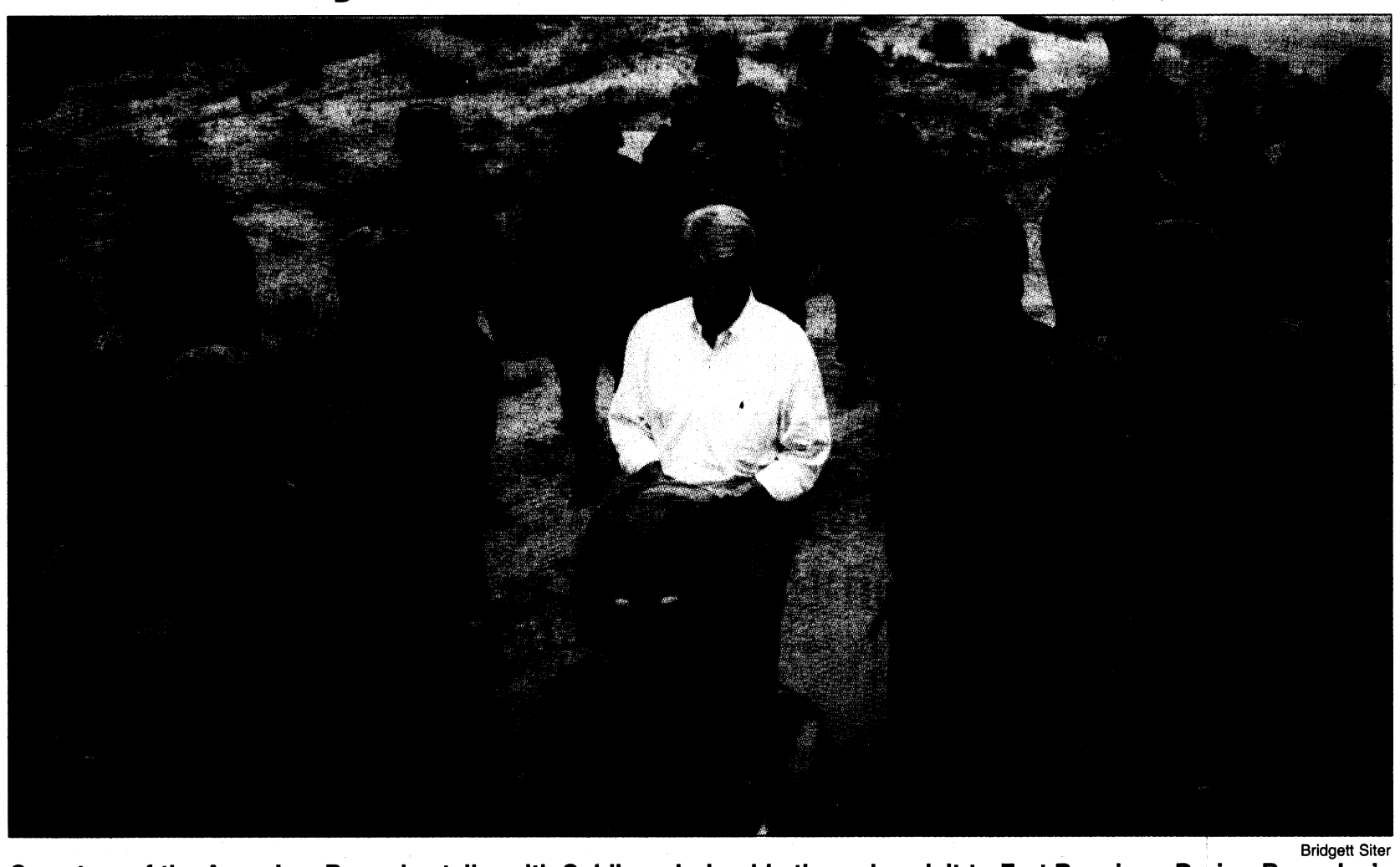

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Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee talks with Soldiers during his three-day visit to Fort Benning. During Brownlee's visit he was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame.

Army secretary visits post

Official seeks Soldiers' opinions on hot topics

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"But what do you think?"

That was the question the secretary of the Army, Les Brownlee, asked Fort Benning Soldiers last week.

Brownlee toured the post with Fort Benning's commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, May 21 and Saturday and met with commanders from every major unit, including the 3rd Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade, the Infantry Training Brigade, the Ranger Training Brigade and the Basic Combat Training Brigade. They discussed everything from retention and rapid fielding to the birth of BOLC, the Basic Officer Leader's Course.

But it was "the man on the street," the war veterans and trainees, who provided the feedback Brownlee coveted most.

Friday, he rode along with troops from Kelley Hill's 203rd Support Battalion during a field training exercise on Hastings Range, a simulated convoy ambush. He asked the Soldiers about their experiences in Iraq and their level of confidence in their equipment.

"The American people support what you're doing, because you're the only thing that stands between them and terrorism," he told them. "You've got to continue to train hard to fight hard."

Saturday morning, he dined with Sand Hill Soldiers.

"I'm trying to learn better what you're doing here," he said. He asked about their reasons for joining the Army, their expectations and their preparedness for combat, specifically their marksmanship capabilities.

The measure of successful marksmanship "is now being seen on the battlefield, where more and more, we're hearing about incidents where Soldiers are hitting snipers or suicide bombers. You read it every day in the newspapers," he said. "That is so important, because first and foremost, no matter what your specialty, you are a warrior, and you

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Secretary inducted into Ranger Hall of Fame

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When Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame last summer, he couldn't attend the ceremony because he was visiting troops in Iraq.

Ranger Training Brigade officials surprised Brownlee during his visit to Fort Benning last week, presenting him with a medallion and citation honoring his service to the country.

In what might be called an abbreviated Hall of Fame induction ceremony, attended by Fort Benning's commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, and members of the brigade, Brownlee was lauded for 22 years of Army service, which included two tours in Vietnam. He retired as a colonel in 1984 as the military executive to the undersecretary of the Army.

His awards include the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.

"I can only accept this award with the greatest of humility, because there are so many who've given so much more," Brownlee said during the May 21 ceremony.

He recalled feeling inadequate and frustrated when his attempts to attend Ranger School were circumvented by circumstance — like the war — beyond his control. Finally, in 1965, three years after receiving his commission through the University of Wyoming ROTC program, Brownlee attended and was named honor graduate of his class. Then he was shipped off to Vietnam.

"What I went through here — what I learned — prepared me for what I went through over there," he said. "Never doubt what you do here is vitally important to our mission."

McKenna in high demand as deployment nears

Site unmatched in training capabilities

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Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's premier MOUT site is hopping these days as more and more units are looking to hone their skills in urban warfare.

The McKenna MOUT (military operations in urban terrain) site hosted six Fort Benning units last week, a contingent of Canadian soldiers, customs agents from the Department of Homeland Defense and a visit from the Secretary of the Army.

"That's not unusual these days," said Maj. Roy Manauis, McKenna's officer in charge. "It's in high demand right now because our instrumentation and capabilities are unmatched anywhere else."

McKenna MOUT site features an urban village, built by Army engineers more than 20 years ago. It belongs to Fort Benning's Soldier Battlelab and is primarily used for live, virtual and constructive experimentation on Soldier systems, weapons and equipment.

The site boasts fiber optics, simulations and the ability to track movement in and around the village in three dimensions. It's this feature that makes the site ideal for training Soldiers.

"The bottom line is commanders can use what they see for after-action reviews," Manauis said. "They can see Soldiers move through buildings, in and out of rooms ... they can see what happened, who fired, who got shot."

Units typically establish a number of scenarios, or "lanes," and rotate squads through, evaluating their performance on tasks such as checkpoint security, questioning prisoners and villagers, ferreting out insurgents and encountering civilians on the battlefield, to name a few.

These days, there's a lot of emphasis on IEDs — improvised explosive devices, like car bombs or booby-trapped coffee cans — the types of explosives being used by Iraqi insurgents.

Three Kelley Hill units swarmed the site at once May 19, including the 317th Engineer Battalion, which will be reconfigured June 1, its Soldiers going to 2nd Battalion, 69th

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A 317th Engineer Battalion Soldier practices the proper technique for searching for explosives in a desk at the McKenna village last week. The 317th is preparing to reconfigure and deploy with other units.

MEMORIAL DAY

Grandpa always got his way

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Bayonet staff



My husband's grandfather was a veteran of World War II. He was 17 when he joined the Navy, and except for an old photograph of him as a boxer ("Canvas-back Batey," they called him) I know absolutely nothing about his time in service. Only once did he broach the subject with my husband.

"Those are bad memories," Grandpa said. "I just don't like to dwell on them."

We never pushed the subject.

But if there's one thing Grandpa liked to talk about, it was Tom, my husband, Grandpa's first grandson. After raising two daughters, Grandpa was thrilled to have a boy, and he kept Tommy close by his side.

After Tom and I married and he joined the Army, Grandpa couldn't have been prouder. He lived vicariously through Tom. He ran up crazy phone bills, till Grandma put her foot down. Then the phone calls were restricted to the nights Grandma played bingo at church, and she quit fussing. Grandpa always got his way.

He was especially proud of Tom's career as a Soldier. He bragged to the small circle of friends he met each day down by the lake, mostly retirees like himself. They liked to while away the hot Florida evenings talking about the good ol' days. Except for Grandpa. He just talked about Tom.

It always troubled me that Grandpa was so proud of his grandson's service, yet dismissive of his own.

So when Grandpa began to talk about his death and the kind of service he'd like — virtually none — I balked. What, no military funeral? No flag?

"Grandpa," I said, "you served, you fought, you have to have a military funeral."

To which he replied, "Nope."

And that was the end of that. No use arguing, Grandpa always got his way.

His health took a turn for the worse in the spring of 2001, and Grandpa died, with Tom by his side, three years ago today.

True to his wishes, Grandma planned a quiet memorial service with just the family. Aunt Linda couldn't get a flight out of New York till the weekend, so the service was scheduled for Monday, which happened to be Memorial Day. Appropriate, I thought, though Grandpa would've scoffed.

Monday morning, the family drove to Grandpa's favorite spot at the lake, where much to our chagrin, we found a Memorial Day Service in progress. I could practically hear Grandpa snickering as we devised a hasty Plan B — the other side of the lake.

There, with the strains of *God Bless America* wafting across the water, we shared our memories of Grandpa. His oldest daughter sang the chorus of his favorite hymn, just the way he planned it. And then, as my father-in-law opened his Bible to read the scripture Grandpa had chosen, the sweetest thing happened.

From across the lake, loud and lonesome, came the sound of a solitary bugle playing *Taps*, followed by three volleys.

And that's the only time — ever — I can recall that Grandpa didn't get his way.

On horse sense, humor and losing a friend

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor



Statistically, more than 1,000 World War II veterans die daily. And on May 19, my friend Lenis Ingram died.

But Mr. Ingram, 81, wasn't just a Soldier in World War II; he also served in Korea and did two tours in Vietnam.

Although he was born in Texas, the retired sergeant first class called Columbus home since 1956.

Right after he and his wife, Johanna, bought their home in the Oakland Park area of Columbus, the Army sent the family to Hawaii. But Columbus and Fort Benning were still home.

After he retired with 30 years of service, he worked at the Fort Benning Golf Course for 10 years.

But golf wasn't how I came to know Mr. Ingram. It was horses. He loved horses and shared his love and respect for the animals with any who shared his interest, including a 10-year-old who had the horse bug really badly.

For three years, while her father was a drill sergeant, Mikki Johansen walked from her home in Bouton Heights to the Hunt Club on Marne Road. There, Mr. Ingram would let the little girl ride his horse.

Twenty-five years later, when Johansen became a member at the Hunt Club, Mr. Ingram was still a club member and still initiating novices into the world of horses.

My daughter, Jessica, is as horsey as Johansen was 25 years ago, and I was lucky to get the stall next to the Ingram's horses for my daughter's horse, Misty.

I peppered Mr. and Mrs. Ingram with horse questions about feeding, health issues, grooming and riding. Mr. Ingram's response was "Well, this is the way I ..."

He always let me know that other people had different ideas about how to care for horses. He learned by watching others, and what worked for him didn't necessarily mean it was the only way to care for the animals.

I liked that about him ... he taught me to care about horses without being pedantic about it.

He taught me how to currycomb a horse, that a crowbar is required barn equipment, and posthole diggers aren't for sissies.

But I'll remember Mr. Ingram most for his sly sense of humor.

One rainy morning, after what seemed like 40 days of rain, I was slopping around in Misty's stall cleaning out the manure. Mr. Ingram, wearing rain gear and irrigation boots, was doing the same. He looked over at me and said, "Isn't this a beautiful day?

I looked over at him, rain dripping into my eyes as he finished his sentence: "For a duck."

Mr. Ingram knew a lot about horses, people, the history of the Hunt Club and Fort Benning.

He will be missed.

STAY SAFE

Follow me safely



On Monday, we will remember those who have given their lives for this great nation.

The weekend also marks the beginning of summer outdoor activities. Although many of these pastimes are fun, everyone should be prepared to overcome the inherent hazards of outdoor activities.

Commanders and directors should remind Soldiers and employees concerning the following off-duty activities:

- Swim only where a lifeguard is on duty. Always wear a personal flotation device while boating.
- Wear proper protective gear while biking or skating.
- Limit activity during high heat and humidity periods. Drink adequate water.
- Always drive sober and alert with your seat belt buckled.
- Avoid snakes.
- Use insect repellent when appropriate.
- Attend the Motorcycle Safety Course (545-5043) before you buy a motorcycle.
- Develop plans of action for storms, floods, lightning, etc. Watch for dead tree limbs.

Protect yourself and your family this summer. Let's have a great and safe Memorial Day. Follow me, safely!

— Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley
Commanding General

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Is safety gear really needed to skate?

I was elated when I first heard that the youth center's unusable outdoor pool was to be converted into a skate park. If you haven't seen it, be sure to have a look. The whole colorful setup was put together faster than getting down a double kickflip — and equally impressive. My two boys, 11 and 14, both into skateboarding, are fairly beginner-ish but fun to watch.

Still, I can't help but wonder why the skate park looks so empty during the times allotted for the older age group.

Should we in any way be surprised that so many of our older skaters would rather take to the streets than dress like pad monsters at the youth center? Their age-related perspective of things already makes pad wearing an unattractive idea. Add just an ounce of skating skill to the mix and it makes pads virtually unfeasible, like water wings on a tall 12-year-old in the shallow end of a swimming pool being closely monitored. Helmets, I understand. Helmets and pads on the younger group (ages 6-10), I wholeheartedly agree with.

The solution for the older kids is not so clear. We don't want to see young people bloodying themselves more than necessary, yet what a shame if they never showed up at the park in the first place. The truth is, most skate parks only require helmets and "strongly suggest" the use of pads.

The Refuge Skate Park of Columbus requires helmets only, as does Bentwood in Warner Robins. The SPoT (Skate Park of Tampa) in Florida even goes so far as to require nothing of its skateboarders beyond a signed waiver.

I do not wish to come across as an extremist by any means. I understand the reasons for pad and helmet safety policies and the enforcement thereof, but my opinion is that the Fort Benning Skate Park needs a more balanced approach regarding pads for the older kids.

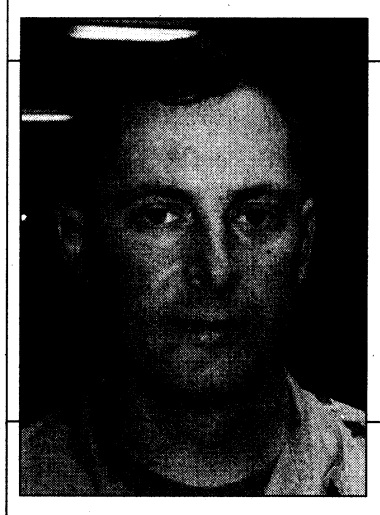
As a parent, I am slowly realizing that it's better to take a step back once in a while — and let my 6-foot tall "boy" have fun doing his own thing — than to suggest he have his fun my way.

There's no denying what a great park we have and how it shows the community cares. But are the kids feeling it? Remember, it's their park. They petitioned for it. They should be allowed to enjoy it.

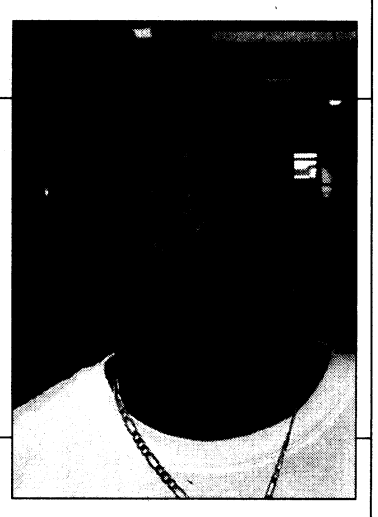
— Lisa Gregory
Fort Benning

VARIOUS VOICES

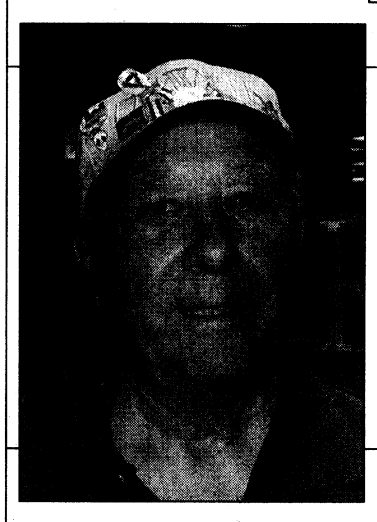
Does Memorial Day have a new significance to you in light of the war?



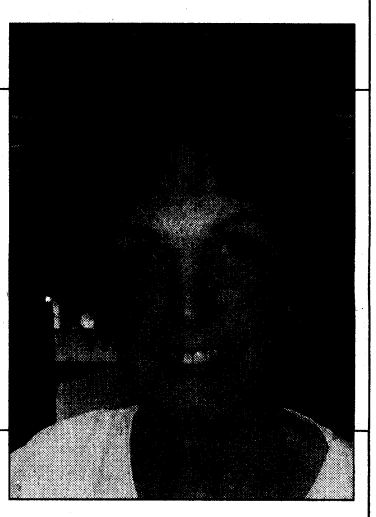
Sgt. Robert Brown, 214th Military Police Company, Alexander City, Ala. — "Most definitely. Today's military families are seeing firsthand the same sacrifices our parents and grandparents had to make during a time of war."



Sgt. Vincent Austin, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment — "Yes, because I've been over there and I know what those troops are going through. It's a day we can honor and remember the sacrifices of all the troops."



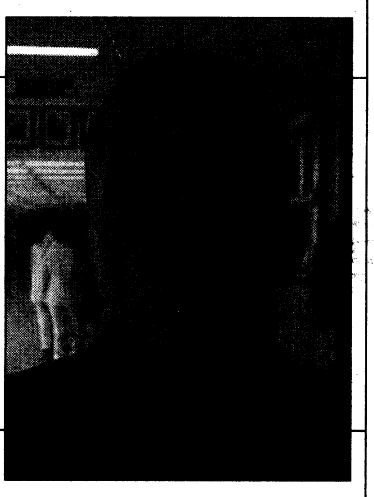
Charles Noble, family member — "With the World War II monument about to go up in D.C., it brings back memories of what life was like back then. During that time, the American people showed their appreciation to the Soldiers, and I think that the same should be done for today's Soldiers."



Betty McQuagge, family member — "Absolutely ... my grandson is currently serving in Iraq, and it's during a time of war that we really remember the sacrifices our servicemen and women have made."



Julieen Mitchum, family member — "Yes, it really makes you think what our Soldiers are doing over there. The war gives Memorial Day a new meaning."



Pfc. Joshua Abston, HHC USAIC — "Yes, because we have so many Soldiers serving overseas and it's nice to take time to remember what they do."

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Georgia governor visits Benning

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
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"America is getting its money's worth at Fort Benning," said Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue after spending Monday afternoon visiting Soldiers at Fort Benning.

Perdue visited Soldiers in their fifth week of training at the Basic Combat Training Brigade, as well as 3rd Brigade and 36th Engineer Group Soldiers.

Perdue watched Soldiers practice basic rifle marksmanship at Malone 16 and lunched with 3rd Brigade Soldiers.

He also caught up on issues near and dear to Soldiers' hearts.

"I had the opportunity to visit Georgia native Soldiers and saw their engagement in significant policy issues regarding quality of life for the military in Georgia," Perdue said.

Some of the issues Soldiers discussed with Perdue included the the preservation of the HOPE Scholarship, retirement issues and the Georgia non-resident procedures for automobile registration.

Fort Benning was just one of Georgia's military installations Perdue visited Monday. He also went to Fort Gordon, the Marine Corps Logistics Base and the Navy Supply Corps School.

His goal was to see what the current needs of the state's installations are and what can be done to improve them.

"We want to be the partners that we need to be from the state's perspective to enhance the military mission of our installations," he said. "The Department of Defense recognizes that Georgia is a patriotic state, and we're going to do more than our share to make their assets in Georgia worth more than they are in the other states.



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Gov. Sonny Purdue steps in to say hello to the 36th Engineer Group troops during his visit to Fort Benning Monday after lunching with 3rd Brigade Soldiers.

"I've seen a broad scope of the military vision here and the quality of military leaders and public policy," Perdue said. "The decision makers in Washington are so proud of this facility, as are we, because this really is on the front lines of defending freedom and expanding freedom across the world."

Perdue said he was fascinated by the leadership and values displayed by post Soldiers.

"Seeing today's young men and women in today's society and then seeing them molded into a fighting force of a team that has the capability to be the best fighting force in the world's history is absolutely phenomenal. The metamorphosis that takes place here is just like doing leadership by IV," he said.

During a press conference before Perdue's departure from Lawson Army Air Field, local media questioned Perdue about Base Realignment and Closure.

He said BRAC is inevitable, and the state is looking at the possibility of closing some of its installations, but Perdue reassured reporters that the state is working hard to show the value of every installation in Georgia.

> "America is getting its money's worth at Fort Benning."
> **Sonny Perdue**
> Georgia governor

Perdue said he will also be talking to military and political leaders in Washington about giving Fort Benning a modular brigade unit.

He said Fort Benning has done well for decades in training the world's infantrymen, and the new Infantry Museum is going to be a great celebration for what those Soldiers have done for the freedom of the world.

"The mission here is obviously being carried out in an exemplary fashion," Perdue said. "I look forward to telling the story of Fort Benning from the halls of the capitol in Atlanta to the halls and walls of the United States capitol in Washington and the Oval Office."

Officials plan Memorial Day observances

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

Pool parties and barbecues aside, this weekend offers plenty of activities to observe Memorial Day, both locally and nationally.

Andersonville, the largest Civil War prisoner of war camp in the South, will kick off Memorial Day ceremonies at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the National Cemetery with a patriotic music concert by the Infantry Center Band and a ceremony at 2 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Congressman Jim Marshall, who is currently serving Georgia's 3rd Congressional District in the U.S. Congress. Honored guests include Gov. Sonny Perdue and his wife, Mary.

This year's program will honor the 140th anniversary of the Andersonville prison, which held more than 45,000 prisoners of war during its 14-month operation.

Andersonville is located 21 miles northeast of Plains on Highway 49. For more information, call (229) 924-2558 or visit andersonvillega.freeservers.com.

The Fort Mitchell National Cemetery Memorial Committee will host its annual Memorial Day service at 2 p.m. Sunday. The ceremony, supported by the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System, local Boy and Girl Scouts, the U.S. Army Infantry Center and School, The Chattahoochee Valley Veterans Council and other veterans organizations, will be held at the the flagpole at the Department of Veterans Affairs Fort Mitchell National Cemetery in Fort Mitchell, Ala.

The public is invited to attend the service. For more information, call (334) 855-4731.

Fort Benning will honor veterans at 9 a.m. Monday at the Main Post Cemetery. Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general, will be the keynote speaker.

Port Columbus Civil War Naval Museum will salute the military with modern day demonstrations and displays from local National Guard and Reserve units this weekend.

All active-duty military and their families will be admitted free for the entire weekend. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 327-9798.

Nationally, President George W. Bush will dedicate the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The dedication will air live on the History Channel and C-SPAN.

The annual Memorial Day Concert on the Mall in Washington, D.C., will feature Tom Hanks and be simulcast at 8 p.m. Sunday on PBS stations.

Finally, the White House Commission on Remembrance wants all Americans to pause at 3 p.m. Monday to remember all those who fought and died for the U.S.

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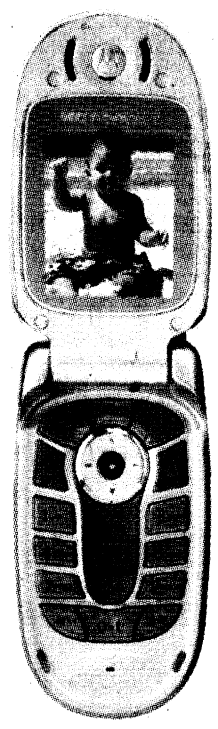

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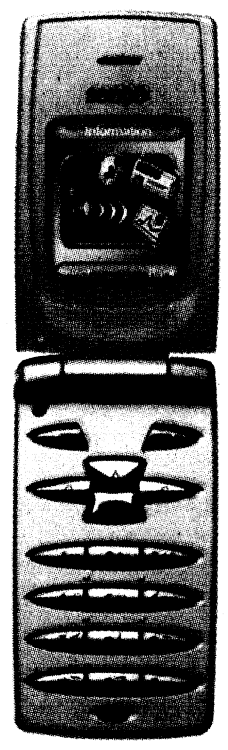

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War journalist speaks to troops

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Joe Galloway is like a lot of Vietnam vets. He wears the look of experience, knowing. He remembers those jungles vividly — and the men who died there.

There's just one difference — he wasn't a Soldier. Well, not on paper, anyway.

Galloway was a front lines journalist looking for action, for a scoop. He found both when he hitched a helicopter ride into Landing Zone X-Ray in the Ia Drang Valley in November 1965. He landed in the middle of the first major battle of the Vietnam War, a place where no one — not even a wet-behind-the-ears war correspondent from Refugio, Texas — could hide from the harsh realities of combat. "Embedded" with Fort Benning's 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, commanded by then Lt. Col. Hal Moore, Galloway found himself every bit as much at war as the men he'd come to write about.

But his mission remained the same — to tell the Soldier's story. He did that and still does.

And in 40 years of covering the Army at war from the front lines and from the home front, Galloway has learned a thing or two about war, things he plans to share with those who will need them most — the Soldiers headed for the battlefield.

Monday, those Soldiers were the lieutenants of the Infantry Officer Basic Course. Galloway spoke to them as part of the Combat Leader Speakers Program, covering everything from the importance of being good leaders to positive examples to follow.

Galloway's stance on the war these men will join is no secret — he writes about it in his weekly column for Knight Ridder Newspapers, where he is the senior military correspondent. We need more troops, more media and a better grip on the information war, he said.

"We did not send in enough troops in the beginning," he said before his speech. "We did not have enough troops on the ground when we toppled Saddam Hussein. We didn't have enough security to prevent the looting and the burning and the revenge killings and these sort of things. And I think it could be fairly argued that we don't have enough now ...

"We had planned that by now there would only be 100,000 Soldiers (in Iraq) ... but these things have not come to pass, because the enemy gets a vote ..."

A vote that has led Army officials to a few unexpected measures — deploying a brigade from Korea, pulling Soldiers who thought they were "home free" back from the Individual Ready Reserve, and planning to shut down the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., and ship its renowned opposing force, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, off to war.

"For the individual Soldier, it's war time," Galloway said. "You've got to know, if you stay, you're going to go do this time and time again until this thing is sorted out, especially if you're an infantryman.

"Every single one of the 10 (active) Army divisions has people deployed right now or on their way," he said.



Steve Northup
Joe Galloway in Da Nang, Vietnam, in the summer of 1965.

And while the Soldiers are living up to all that is asked of them and "we are winning this war militarily," Galloway said he is distressed by how the war is being conducted "on the civilian side."

"We have an insurgency, and we can't win by military action alone," he said. "You have to have a grip on the political reasons why these people are coming after your Soldiers and why they're fighting and why they're rebelling. You've got to attack the root causes of that ..."

Part of that, he said, is getting in the fight — the information fight, that is.

"We have lost the information war, because we haven't yet begun to fight it," he said. "I would argue that within 30 days of taking Baghdad, we should have stood up a satellite broadcast TV station that would compete with Al Jazerah for the viewing public in Iraq.

"I have flown over Iraq in a helicopter, and I have seen even mud huts with satellite TV dishes, and they're all tuned in to Al Jazerah," he said.

The military's only effort to reach the people of Iraq through information channels is a "dreadful" broadcast television station, he said. The broadcasts? An Army officer reading a press release with a translator standing next to him.

Meanwhile, the media frenzy over the Abu Ghraib scandal continues to thwart the American and Iraqi publics.

"This has confirmed the worst anti-American sentiments in the Arab world," Galloway said. "It's confirmed for them what they believe, that we talk a good game, but we're as brutal as anybody else. And I don't believe that's true. But that's part of the information warfare, and this is a terrible setback."

It's also a setback in the United States. But Galloway is confident that the Soldiers on the ground will not feel the sting.

"The thing that is different and the thing that is good in all of this is that there has been steady support for the Soldiers throughout this whole thing," he said. "Even though people may tell you they disagree with the policy, that things are going bad in Iraq and bad decisions have been made, they don't blame the Soldier.

"What was done after Vietnam was appalling. And I think, honestly, the American public is still ashamed of that, as they should be, because certainly my brothers have never forgotten it. But everyone seems determined to support the Soldier to the maximum."

AER beats goal

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Readers Digest listed the Army Emergency Relief as one of the best charities around today in its November 2003 issue. AER is a private, nonprofit organization incorporated to provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers.

Since its inception in 1942, AER has helped more than 2.9 million members of the Army family with more than $882 million.

The 2004 AER campaign ended on Fort Benning May 14, raising a total of $291,950 and surpassing the post's first and second campaign goals by almost $92,000.

This year, the AER campaign kicked off April 1 with an initial goal of $175,000.

But with the constant deployment and redeployment of units, Fort Benning decided to up the AER goal halfway through the two-month campaign to $200,000.

"The campaign is very important. This is the means we have to get the funds we need to assist Soldiers," said Al Deane, installation AER officer. "We ask individuals to contribute within their means. To come up with the goal, we take the population of Fort Benning and multiply it by 12. That's just $1 for 12 months."

AER headquarters eliminates the National Guard and Reserve contributions from the final figure of $291,950. Once that process is complete, AER will produce a solid figure, he said.

Only active and retired Army Soldiers are allowed to donate money to AER through the allotment system.

"Because of the uncertainty in their active-duty tenure, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers are only allowed to donate money through check, cash or money orders," Deane said.

The money Fort Benning and other installations contribute to AER is funneled into a central bank, and from there, all contributions are consolidated and made available worldwide.

"Campaigning is not a competition between installations. All the money goes into one central location. As installations require assistance, we draw money from the AER pocket," Deane said.

Ninety-five percent of the money Soldiers receive from AER is given to them through interest-free loans, which are paid back to AER through allotments over the course of a year.

In special cases, money may be given to Soldiers through grants they are not required to pay back.

As of April 30, Fort Benning has already given $170,156.48 in AER loans and grants.

By the end of 2004, Benning will put to use close to the amount raised for this year's campaign, Deane said.

"This year, the main campaign contributions were for the Soldiers from the Soldiers," he said.

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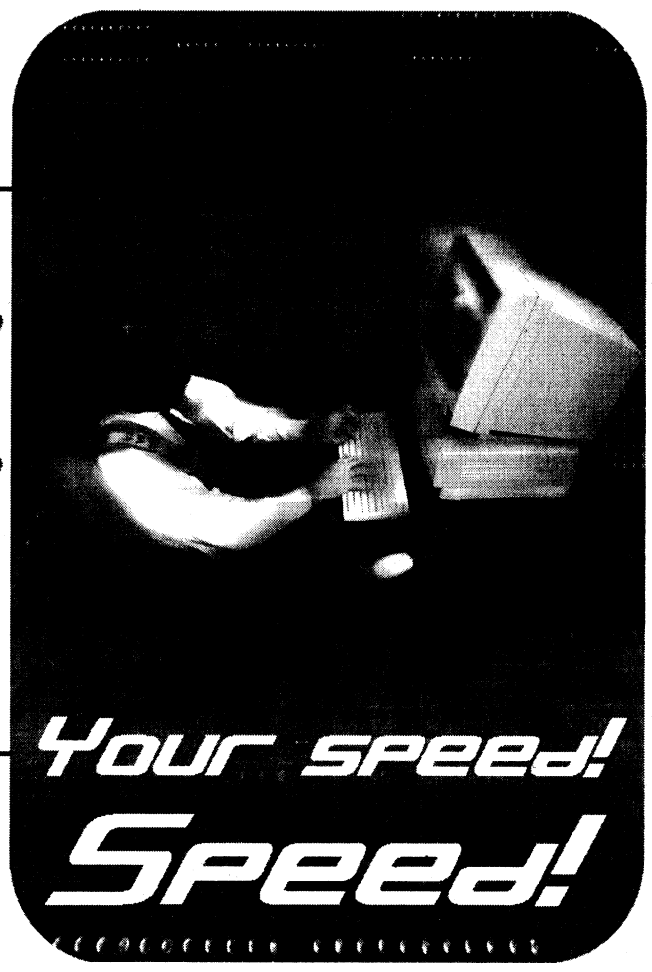

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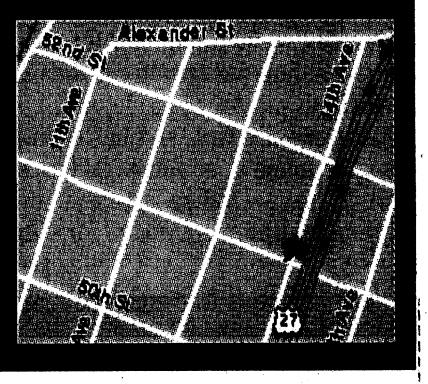

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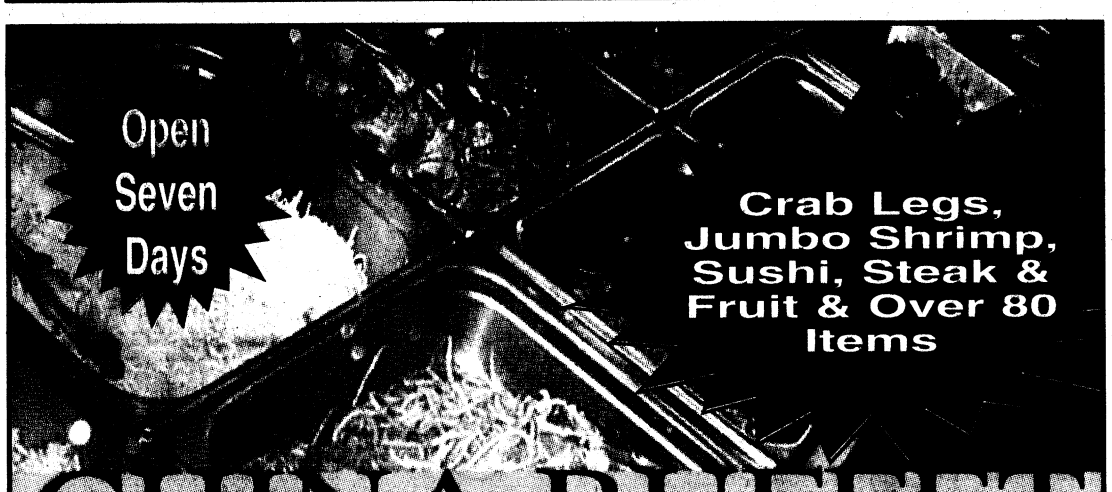

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POVs remain number-one killer of troops

Alcohol is leading cause of fatal car accidents

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

As the Fort Benning community gears up for a much-anticipated four-day weekend, there are a few things to keep in mind — chiefly, safety.

Privately owned vehicle accidents are the number one killer of Soldiers, followed by water accidents, said Regis Beighley, post safety manager.

But Soldiers aren't the only ones falling victim to roadway hazards. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 2 to 33, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

And 41 percent of all fatal accidents involve the use of alcohol.

"A lot of people go out (drinking), but don't think about how they're going to get home at the end of the night," Beighley said. "And if you fail to plan, you plan to fail."

Anyone who plans to drink should also plan for a safe way home.

"The easiest thing is to bring along a designated driver," Beighley said. "When you go out with your friends, take turns being the designated driver; it's not very difficult."

And if that doesn't work out, he said, most commanders have a back-up plan in place to keep their Soldiers off the road after they've been drinking.

Some units encourage Soldiers to call their NCOs when they need a ride, others offer to help pay taxi fees and still others allow Soldiers to call the CQ for a lift.

Although alcohol is the leading factor in vehicle accident fatalities, other factors — falling asleep at the wheel, speeding, aggressive driving and inattention — create dangerous situations, as well.

Recently, a Fort Benning Soldier coming back to post after the holidays fell asleep and drove off the road, flipping his car. The Soldier was killed.

"When you go home (for holidays), there may have been some late nights and partying," Beighley said. "But you should make sure you are well rested before you get on the road."

Drivers should stop every two hours on a long road trip, he said, even if it's only to walk around a few times and "shake the cobwebs from your brain."

"The buddy system works for road trips, too," he added, encouraging drivers to bring along a friend to share the driving and break up the monotony.

And just because it's summer doesn't mean that weather conditions aren't a hazard, Beighley warned.

"In the summer, we get what some people call 'white ice,'" he said.

White ice is actually the mix of water and oil that slicks the surface of the road when it rains in the summer.

"When it first starts to rain is when you need to be the most careful," Beighley said. "Slow down, but don't brake. If you don't slow down, you could lose control (of the car)."

Beighley also advised using headlights. In fact, he said, state law requires your headlights be turned on any time you use your windshield wipers.

No matter what conditions you are driving in, always wear your seat belt.

The Army requires Soldiers to wear seat belts at all times in a motor vehicle no matter where they are, but many states, including Georgia and Alabama, require all vehicle occupants to wear seat belts — Soldier or not.

And contrary to popular belief, you can be pulled over strictly for failing to wear a seat belt.

According to the NHTSA, both Georgia and Alabama seat belt laws are subject to primary enforcement — in other words, a law enforcement officer is allowed to stop a vehicle and issue a citation when he or she observes an unbelted driver or passenger.

Meanwhile, motorcyclists face even higher risks than vehicle occupants.

"The fatality rates for motorcycle accidents are seven times higher than that of four-wheeled vehicles," Beighley said.

"It doesn't matter who's at fault," he said. "The motorcyclist is the one who pays the price, because he doesn't have much protection."

Still, what little protection motorcyclists do have can mean the difference between life and death.

In 2002, 3,244 motorcyclists died and about 65,000 were injured in highway crashes in the U.S., according to an NHTSA fact sheet. Head injury is the leading cause of death in those accidents.

"An unhelmeted motorcyclist is 40 percent more likely to suffer a fatal head injury and 15 percent more likely to suffer a nonfatal injury than a helmeted motorcyclist when involved in a crash," the fact sheet states.

Georgia and Alabama laws require motorcyclists and their passengers to wear helmets whenever they're on the road, as do Army regulations for Soldiers and civilians riding on military installations.

No matter what you're driving, it's important to stay alert, Beighley said.

"The thing about accidents is that you just can't foresee what's going to happen," he said. "Five or six different things all happen at once ... and you're completely at the mercy of fate.

"One serious mistake now, when you're young, can ruin your life, end your live or leave you paralyzed for life."

For more information about road safety, visit the NHSTA Web site at www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

CLOSER LOOK

Privately owned vehicle accidents are the number one killer of Soldiers. To avoid a traffic accident, heed the following driving safety tips from www.nbc4.tv/news:

■ **Slow down.** Motorists should drive slowly, particularly through puddles. Hitting several inches of water at high speeds can cause a driver to lose control of the car. Fast driving through puddles may also push or splash water into the engine and cause it to stall. Driving at slower speeds helps drivers be prepared for sudden stops due to disabled cars, debris and other hazards associated with wet-weather driving.

■ **Keep your distance.** A car needs two to three times more stopping distance on wet pavement, so allow extra following distance between cars. If the car skids and control is lost, do not slam on the brakes. Instead, apply the brakes with a steady, light but firm pressure. Remember to steer in the direction the car is sliding. When traction is regained, steering control will return. For cars equipped with anti-lock brakes, drivers should apply heavy, steady pressure, but not pump the brakes.

■ **Use the center lanes.** When driving during heavy rain, use center lanes of the road (without straddling the yellow line). Avoid outside lanes where water collects curbside.

■ **Avoid distractions.** Motorists are advised to minimize eating, drinking, cellular phone use, stereo tuning or applying makeup while driving, particularly in the rain. If it's necessary to engage in these activities, pull over and stop in a safe place.

■ **Stay informed.** Tune into radio and television weather reports to know where flood warning areas or traffic congestion might be located. If possible, avoid these areas.

■ **Car maintenance during wet weather.** Motorists should check their brakes periodically, use headlights and a windshield defroster, check their tires regularly and ensure that windshield wiper blades are in good working condition.

■ **Driving in the rain.** Be sure to use headlights and turn signals, keep a space cushion between vehicles, reduce your speed and be patient.

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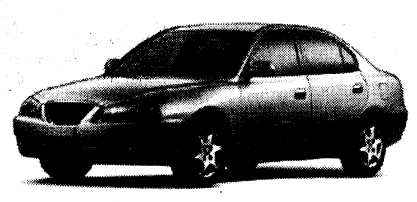

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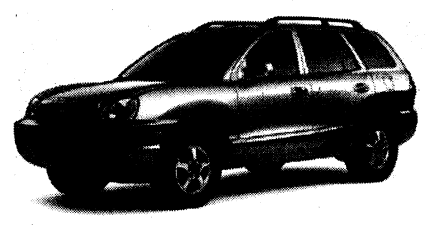

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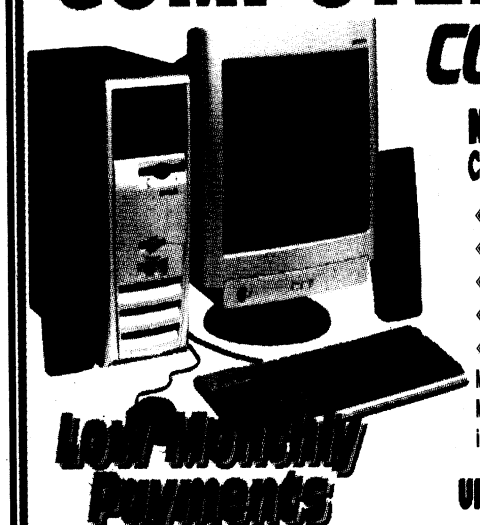

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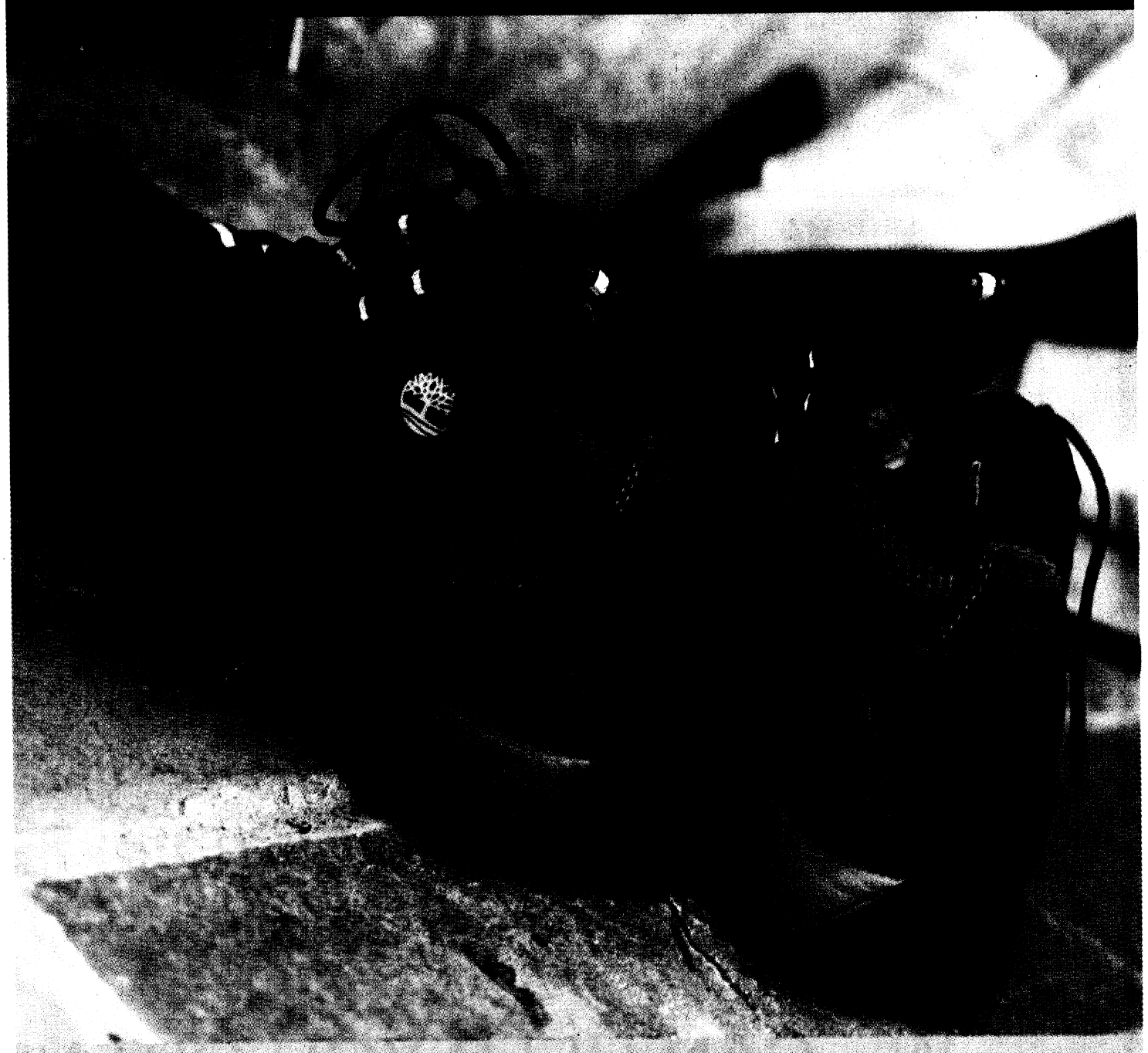

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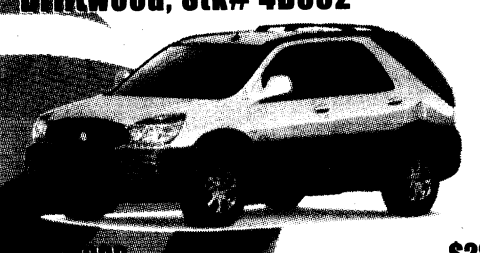

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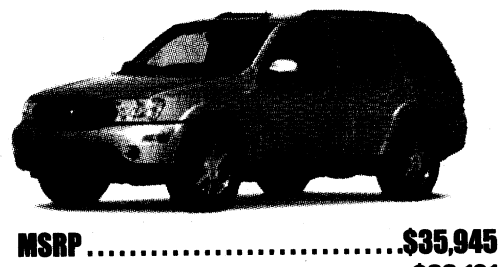

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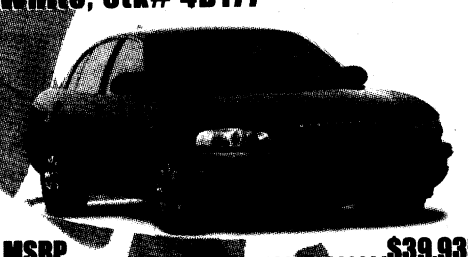

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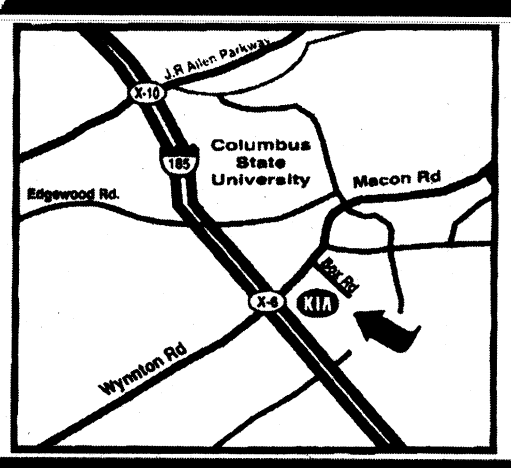

Kelley Hill battalion changes hands

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Lt. Col. Gary Brito, right, salutes the outgoing commander during the 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt., change of command.

Veterans of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, filled the stands at Essenbagger Field May 20 as Lt. Col. John Charlton relinquished command to Lt. Col. Gary Brito.

Charlton expressed his great thanks to the "Can Do" Soldiers.

"They are my credentials," Charlton said. "Their achievements, incredible."

Charlton and his Soldiers led the fight at An Nasiriah — one of eight major engagements of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 32 Soldiers who were wounded, Charlton said, were a testament to the intense fighting and the sacrifices the Soldiers endured.

"The Soldiers did amazing things," Charlton said. "They literally made history and added another chapter in the long history of the regiment."

The regiment's history dates back to its initial organization in 1798 and participation in the War of 1812, and the Mexican, Civil, Indian and Spanish-American Wars. The more than 35 campaign streamers on the battalion colors show its continued service in World War II through OIF. The battalion is also known for its 26 years spent in China in the early 1900s.

Col. Steven Salazar, 3rd Brigade commander, said the change of command ceremony represented a special day in an already rich history.

"We're recognizing the accomplishments of the Soldiers under the 'Can Do' colors," he said. "There's a new 1-15 standing before you, reorganized and ready, and the key to success was the performance of the command team, who had "quite a ride during the past two years."

That ride, Salazar said, took Charlton and the battalion from Operation Desert Spring in Kuwait to OIF.

"From the berm to Baghdad and back, from reconstitution to reorganization, they've demonstrated their motto. There is no doubt this battalion Can Do."

Charlton said the Soldiers would continue to meet the challenges and said he would continue to work with them in his next assignment as the assistant chief of staff for operations of the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga..

"I'm truly honored to stand in their presence," Charlton said. "I leave with a heavy heart, but consoled by the fact that the Brito's are taking over."

Before releasing the battalion from the field, Brito said he and his wife, Michelle, look forward to being part of the Can Do team.

Brito's previous assignment was as the chief of the Office of Infantry Proponency and served with the 4th Inf. Division during OIF.

As part of the ceremony, the unit activated two companies, D and F; and reflagged C Company as A Company; B Company, 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., as C Company; and C Company, 317th Engineer Bn., as E Company.

The reflaggings and activations are part of 3rd Brigade's reorganization into a unit of action.

Scout troop cases colors, deactivates again

Soldiers to be reassigned to Kelley Hill units

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The 3rd Brigade and D Troop, 10th U.S. Cavalry Regt., command teams case the troop's colors after deactivating the unit Tuesday.

D Troop, 10th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, Soldiers stood in formation for the last time Tuesday.

The unit was deactivated as part of the reorganization of 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division into a unit of action.

Originally activated in 1866 at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., the 10th was one of six regiments of black troops sent to protect settlers and aid in expansion westward.

They earned their name as "Buffalo Soldiers" after defeating the Comanche in 1784.

D Troop, under command of then Lt. John J. Pershing, was sent to Cuba and fought with Teddy Roosevelt's "Rough Riders." Pershing earned the Silver Star during the campaign and D Troop's call sign, "Blackjack," honors its famous former commander.

3rd Brigade Commander Col. Steven Salazar said the deactivation represented a special day in the history of the unit.

At the beginning of the ceremony, Salazar, and 3rd Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Baker joined D Troop's commander, Capt. Steven Fairless, and its first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Michael Thompson, to furl the guidon.

"Change is what we're all about," Salazar said. "The Army changes and adapts to meet the needs of the nation."

Through its history, D Troop has been deactivated and reactivated several times, most recently in June 2000, when it was assigned to 3rd Brigade.

"The troop has fought to secure prosperity and peace," Salazar said, helping the nation grow and develop.

Salazar said with the end of the Cold War, the Army has had to adapt to face a new enemy, an enemy without borders, an enemy that "fights asymmetrically."

"That enemy is driving us to adapt and change again," he said.

In the past, Salazar said, brigade reconnaissance teams, like D Troop, were used to go out and gain intelligence for commanders before the fight. Now, he said things have shifted and units have to go out and fight in order to get the intelligence.

"We lose great colors," Salazar said, "but we will have the ability to fight at the lowest level. We're not losing talent or combat experience."

The D Troop Soldiers will be reassigned and will join the ranks of other units within the brigade.

Salazar praised the Soldiers, telling them the loss of the troop colors was not what was important — they would be remembered by their integrity, commitment to service and dedication to excellence.

As part of the reorganization, Salazar said 4th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry would activate.

"That's an entire squadron to do the job of one troop," he said.

Fairless described the deactivation as bittersweet.

"We're here to acknowledge (the troop's) accomplishments over the past five years," Fairless said.

D Troop had several deployments and participated in several combined training center rotations during that time.

"And in 21 days of combat operations, led by Capt. Robert Schultz, D Troop earned its place in history," Fairless said, "always accomplished its mission and brought everyone home."

Fairless thanked Thompson and the Soldiers for their hard work and told them it was tough to say goodbye.

But both Salazar and Fairless expressed a firm belief that the Army has not seen the last of D Troop.

"While the brigade loses the troop, the task force scout platoons gain great Soldiers," Fairless said.

"You will always remain a Buffalo Soldier, ready and forward."

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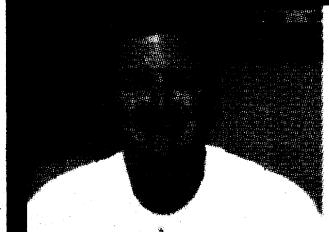

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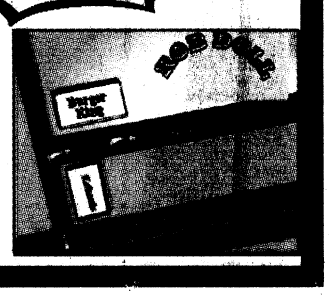

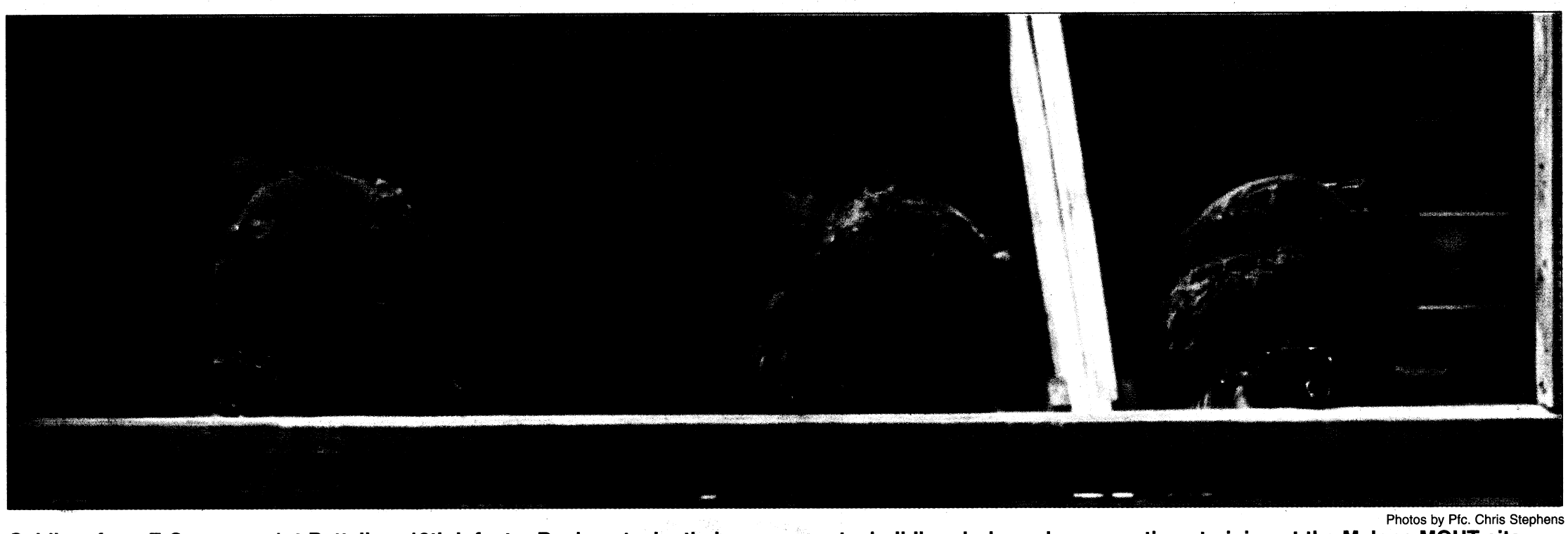

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Soldiers from E Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, aim their weapons at a building during urban operations training at the Malone MOUT site.

Soldiers train on urban terrain

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Four months ago, Pvt. Jerry Toups, E Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, was sitting on his couch at home in Lafayette, La., watching Soldiers fighting insurgents in the urban terrain environment in Iraq and Afghanistan on television.

At the time, he didn't realize how important urban training was to the American Soldier, but now that he's one of them, he's learning just what he'll do should he ever be in that situation.

"Training in an urban environment situation is important," he said. "That's where most of the battles are being fought in today's modern battles. You have to be prepared for whatever you might encounter around the next corner."

Toups, along with the other Soldiers from his company, trained at the Malone MOUT site May 21 to prepare themselves for possible future situations.

The training entailed learning how to move from building to building safely as a unit, how to search enemy prisoners or war while adhering to the Geneva Convention, and how to enter and clear a room.

"This training is very important for all Soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Dennis Barry, drill sergeant.

"Many of these Soldiers will deploy to the Middle East region with units in the near future, and they need to know how to handle all of these situations. Because all will be presented to them at one time or another," he said.

As part of the training, teams encountered an enemy soldier and were required to search him and his equipment.

Soldiers must be careful when searching POWs to make sure the prisoners' weapon are out of reach, said Pfc. Alvin Rivera, E Co., 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt.

"Also, you need to make sure you adhere to the rules and regulations of searching them so you don't get in trouble," he said.

The drill sergeants stressed the proper techniques and procedures for searching an enemy POW.

"The Geneva Convention is very important for these Soldiers to learn," Barry said.

"They need to know what they can and can't do under the Geneva Convention, so they can take care of the job quickly and efficiently without breaking any laws."

Throughout the day, squad after squad entered buildings to hone their room-clearing skills. First, squads did walk-throughs; then went through at combat speed.

The drill sergeants required the Soldiers to communicate with the rest of their team.

"Communication and working as a team is very important in this training," Barry said. "The better you communicate and work with each other, the better off your squad will be and the better your chances are for survival."

Many of the Soldiers also started to realize how real the world situation is when they started the MOUT training.

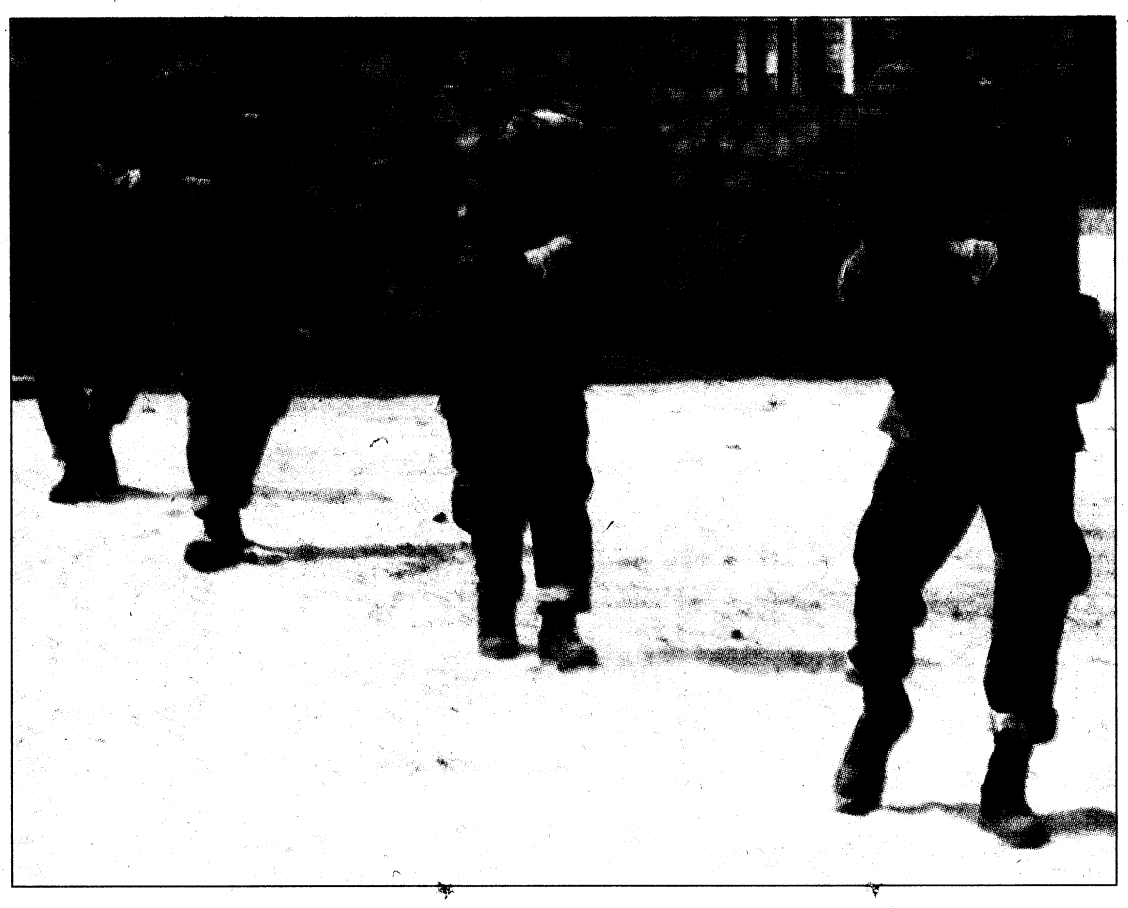
"Many of us took things for granted and didn't realize how real everything out there is," Toups said. "When you have that rifle in your hands and you're performing all of the tasks, then reality hits you. It brings everything full circle."



Pvt. Mike Reyes, top, searches Pvt. Jerry Toups. Part of the team's training included searching an enemy prisoner of war. With Heat Category 5 conditions, the Soldiers were allowed to unblouse their boots and roll up their sleeves.



Pfc. Ryan Murray enters the front door during his team's assault on a two-story building.



A team of Soldiers moves in the open during their assault at the Malone MOUT site May 21. Soldiers were required to perform an assault on a two-story building to standard to learn what situations they would be facing should they deploy to the Middle East.

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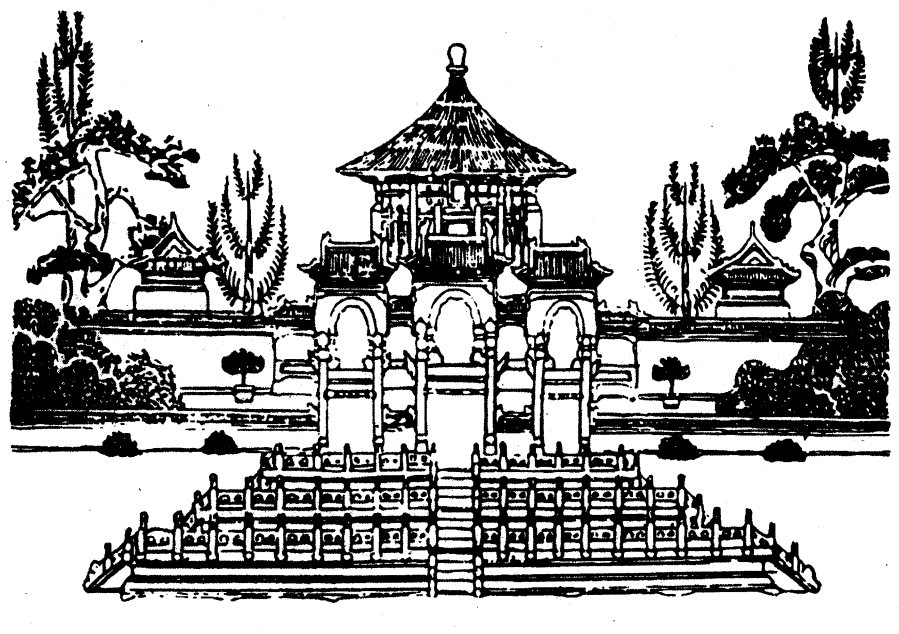

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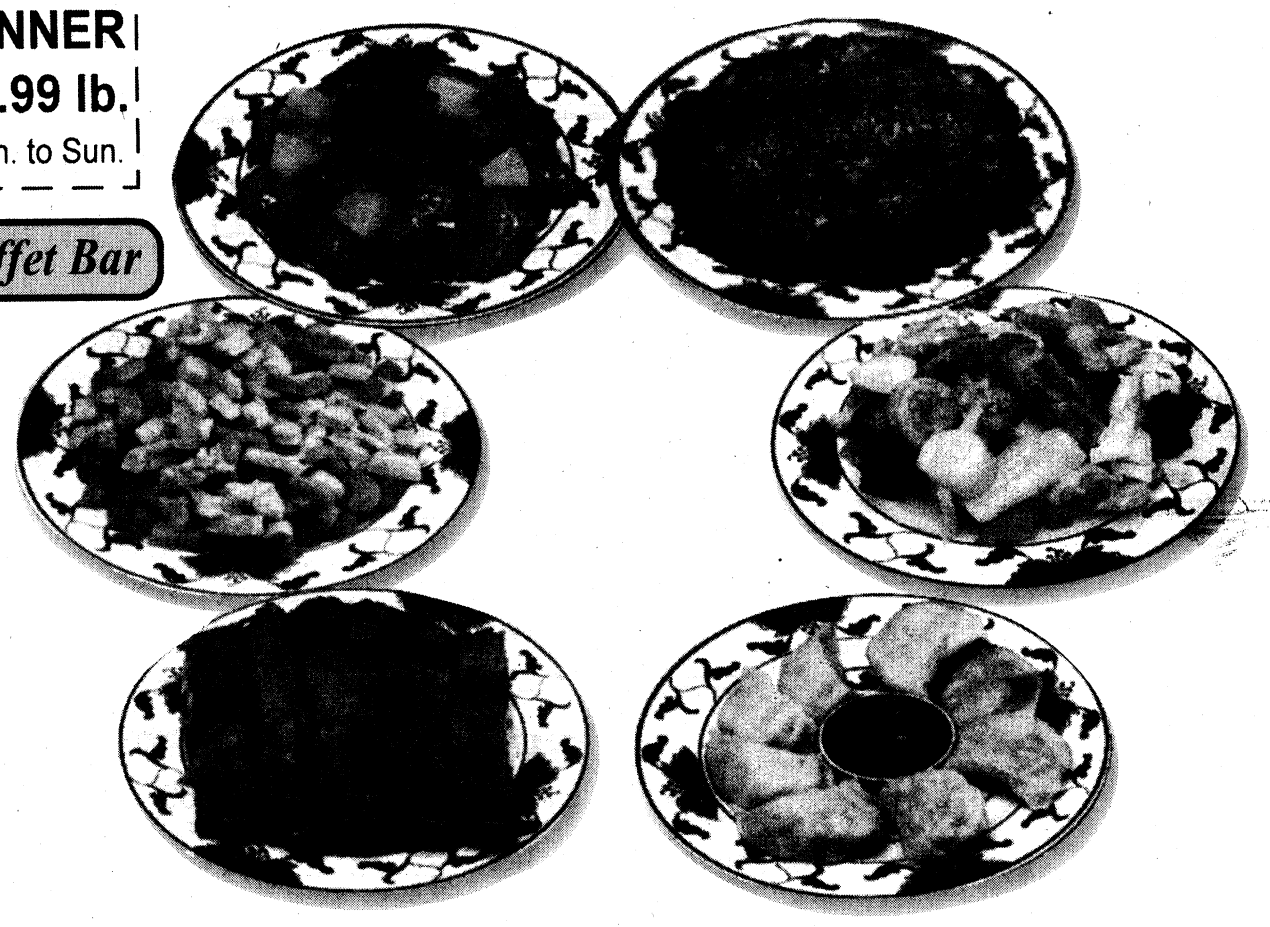

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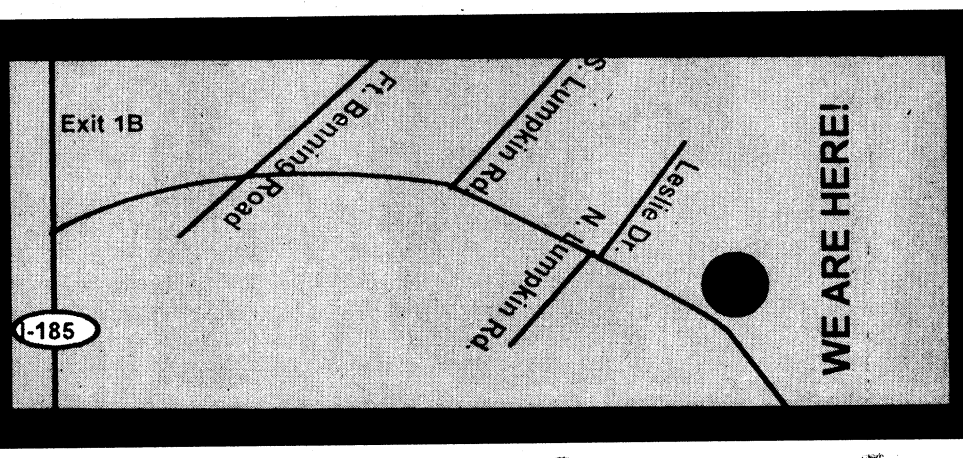



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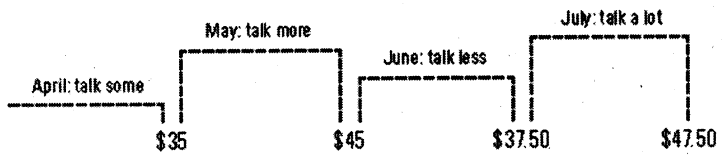

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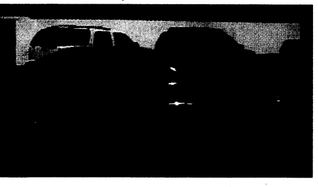

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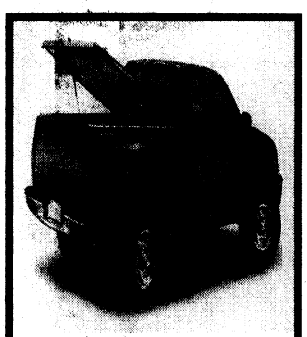

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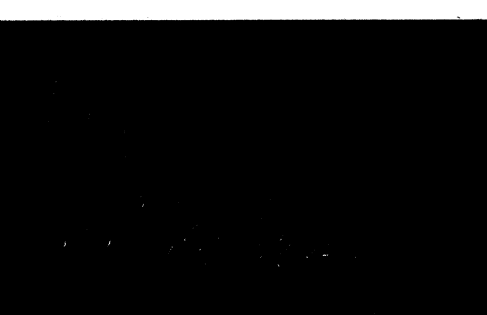

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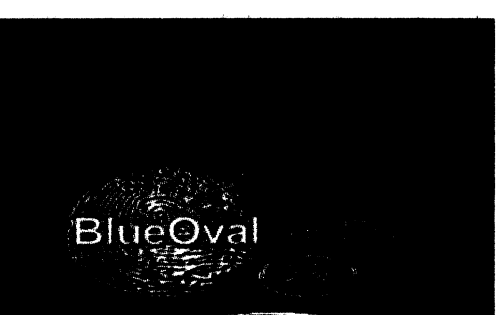

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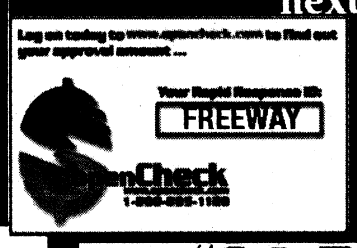

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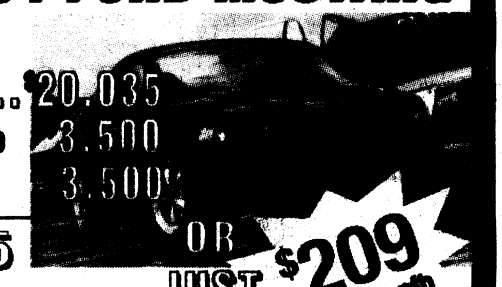

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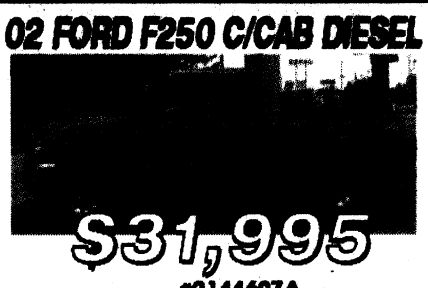

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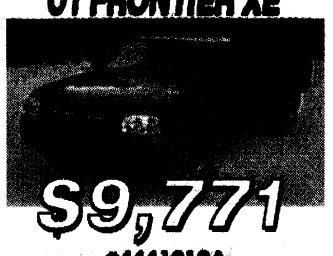

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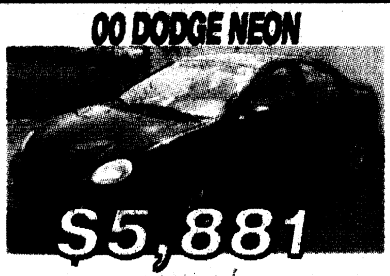

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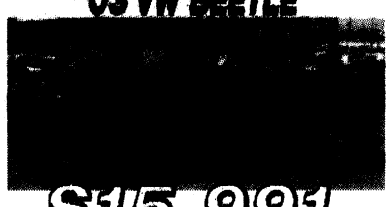

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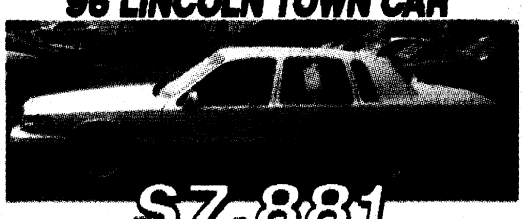

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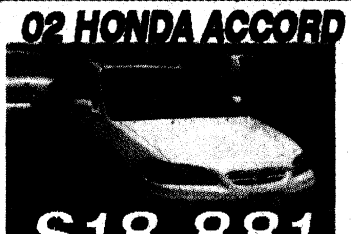

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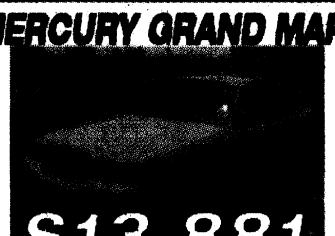

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have to be able to handle your weapon."

Brownlee, a retired Army colonel who coined the phrase "the next greatest generation," who is reputedly a Soldier's Soldier, dedicated to ensuring the safety and lethality of every man and woman on the battlefield. He's heavily critical of initiatives that might lower the standard for the infantryman.

"It's no secret I'm not a fan of BOLC," he said, noting that the course, which will likely begin next year, includes lieutenants from every occupational specialty.

"My concern is we've set a standard for everyone," Brownlee said. "If everyone can pass it, it's simply not going to be tough enough for the infantry Soldier who wants to be a hard-driven leader. An infantryman should never be satisfied with the standard."

But he was equally profuse with praise for the Army's "leader trainers."

"What you do here is special. If I tried to tell you just how important it is, I couldn't," he told the men of the Ranger Training Brigade during a Friday afternoon celebration of his induction into the Ranger Hall of Fame.



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Using a sand table, Lt. Col. Chuck Salvo explains the 203rd Forward Support Battalion's training exercise to Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley.

Brownlee, who attended Ranger School in 1965 before two tours in Vietnam, became an official member of the Hall of Fame last summer but could not attend the annual ceremony because he was visiting Soldiers in Iraq.

"Let me tell you this: Nothing I could've done could have prepared me better for (Vietnam)," he said. "No insurance policy could've given me a greater guarantee of success. What you do here is critically important."

Brownlee also observed a Ranger mobile training team instructing National Guard troops on urban warfare at McKenna MOUT (military operations in urban terrain) site.

The secretary is an avid proponent of modularity, based on the "plug-in" premise that Army units should be more mobile and adaptable and ready to serve where they're needed.

Training to standard, he said, is the key to success in the war on terrorism.

Freakley agreed, noting that Fort Benning's two greatest priorities at this time are to train to standard and support modularity.

"Everything else is secondary," he said. "Here at Fort Benning, training is our centerpiece and ... we believe we produce a leader and Soldier who is confident and competent.

"That piece we do fairly well," he said. "But the piece about flexibility and adaptability — that's what we're working on. That's where we're headed with (modularity)."

Brownlee, who's known to conduct frequent "ground-level conversations" with enlisted Soldiers and company-grade officers, listened intently as Freakley and unit commanders briefed him on the various training initiatives being conducted around post — training frequently "passed along" by mobile trainers who carry their skills to other units here and abroad.

But in the end, it was always the "man on the street" who had the last word, as again and again, Brownlee stopped a Soldier in training to ask, "But what do you think?"

MOUT: Training in high demand

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Armor Regiment, and 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment.

That means the Soldiers, who are slated to return to Iraq later this year, will likely find themselves in more urban operations.

And there's no better place to sharpen their urban warfare skills than the McKenna village, said Sgt. Chris Matthews, who role-played a village shopkeeper during the training.

"This is the best MOUT site I've seen," said Matthews, who has trained at urban warfare sites in Kuwait, Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Though McKenna is designed to look more like a European village than a Middle Eastern, "it'll get the job done," said Matthews who has twice deployed to Kuwait and once to Iraq.

> "I believe this is some of the most important training we can do."
>
> **Sgt. Chris Matthews**
> 317th Engineer Battalion

"An Iraqi village would have narrower streets and taller buildings, so this isn't an exact match," Matthews said. "But tactics and techniques are the same for clearing buildings. This has enough of a feel of it to give these guys an idea of what they'll get over there.

"I believe this is some of the most important training we can do," he said.

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Recreational swim: Tuesday through Thursday, from 1 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Note: There is no recreational swimming Monday and Friday. Military training is Monday and Friday from 1 to 8 p.m.

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MEDDAC physical therapy: 8 to 9 a.m.
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Recreational swim: Wednesday through Sunday and holidays from 1 to 8 p.m.
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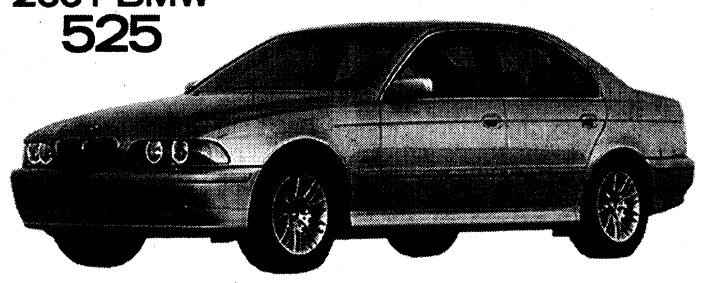

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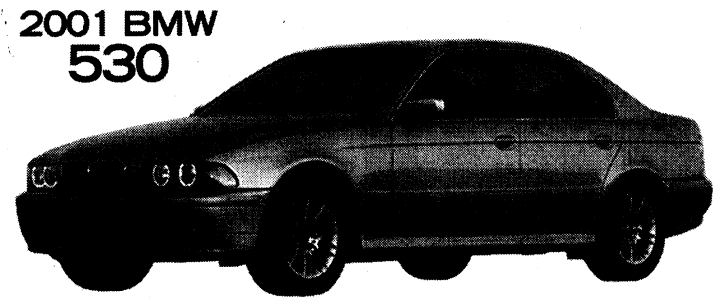

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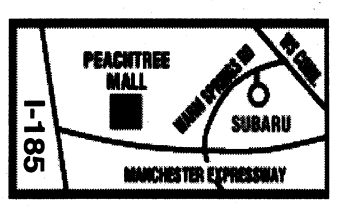

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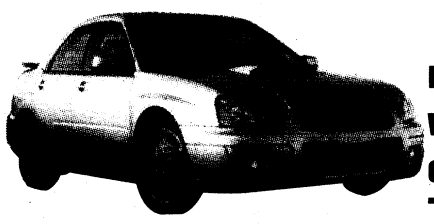

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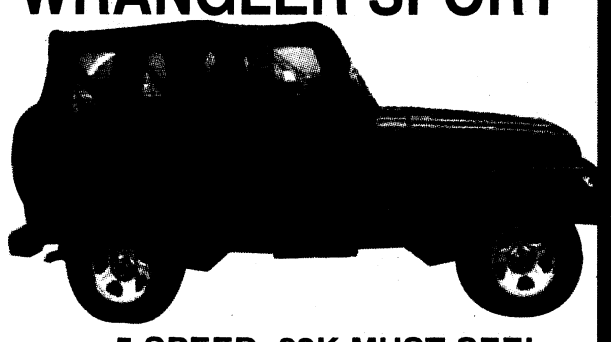

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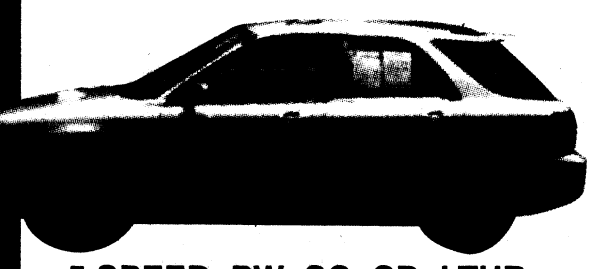

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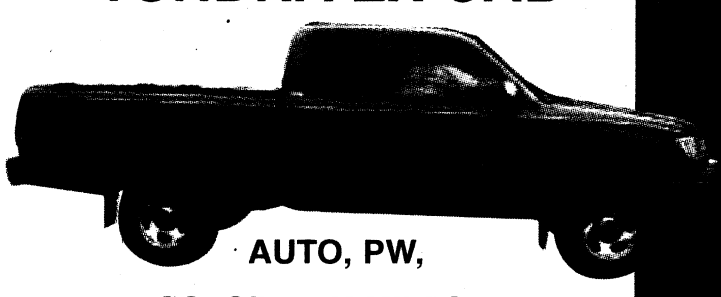

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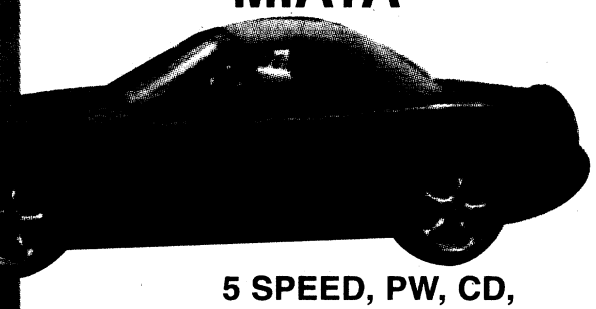

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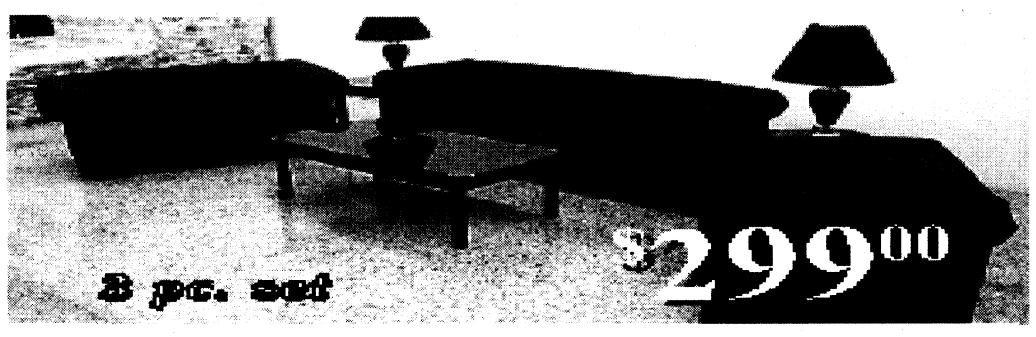

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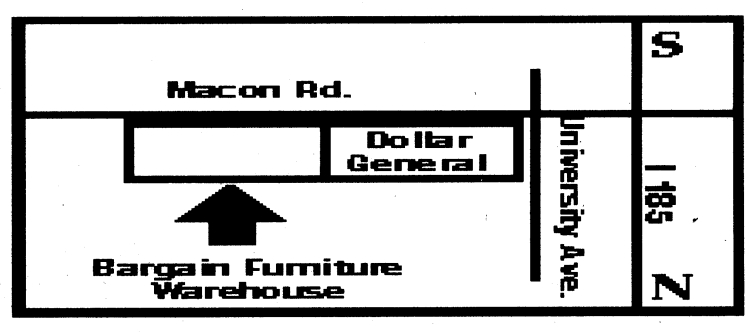

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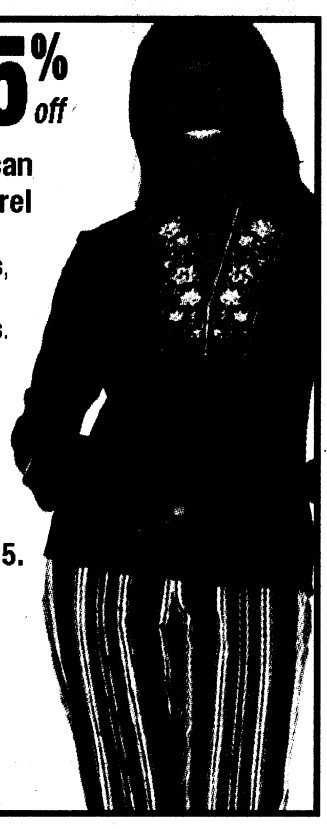

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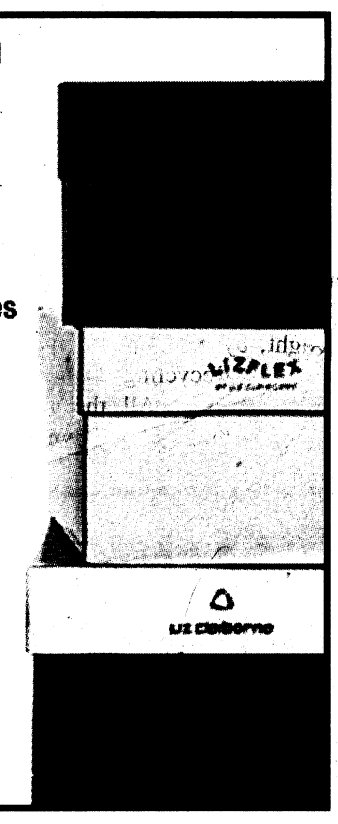

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COMMUNITY

Benning holds town-hall meeting

Post residents bring variety of issues to table

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning residents presented their issues to post officials Monday at a televised town-hall meeting.

Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley began the meeting by inducting the three new volunteer mayors for East Main Post, Upatoi Terrace and Custer Terrace.

Freakley then gave the audience a quick recap of the Secretary of the Army's visit to post last week.

"The secretary said his visit reminded him how lucky the Army is to have Fort Benning and he recognized the efforts of all stationed here," Freakley said. "Fort Benning is making a personal contribution to the war on terrorism."

Freakley encouraged everyone to take advantage of the summer programs, facilities and Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities the post has to offer.

He said the post has developed several process action teams working on the quality of life for residents, especially family housing, the hospital and the emergency room.

Before turning the program over to the garrison commander, Col. Rick Riera, Freakley reminded residents that living on post "is a privilege, not a right" and that all should make the neighborhoods a source of pride.

> "Fort Benning is only as good as we are ... It should be a place where we can raise our kids without any threat of danger, and your input only makes us better."
>
> **Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley**
> Commanding General

He touched on hot issues — loud music and profanity — saying Soldiers and family members should "live out the Army value of respect."

Col. Don Bradshaw, the Martin Army Community Hospital commander, acknowledged the three main problem areas at the hospital — the ER, school and camp physicals and Tricare.

Bradshaw identified an increased workload and a decrease in ER staff as contributing factors. The short-term solution, Bradshaw said, is to have a health-care provider available in the ER to see non-emergency patients in the afternoons when the ER volume is the greatest.

Patients can also use the urgent-care clinic downtown, he said, as well as make afterhours appointments and Saturday appointments.

Bradshaw asked parents to plan ahead for physicals and reassured everyone that the Aug. 1 change in the Tricare contract would not affect patient benefits, only Tricare business practices.

Provost Marshal Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan addressed residents' concerns about speed bumps and MP presence in the neighborhoods.

Finnegan said that the 154 Vance Federal Security Services personnel will take over access control on June 3, putting more patrols in the neighborhoods for the summer. MPs will patrol on bikes, golf carts and

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Illegal dumping takes toll

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

It's that time of year again — moving time. As families prepare to leave Fort Benning, they may find themselves with a sofa past its prime or a barbecue that's seen better days.

So what to do with these items? In an increasing problem on post, many household items, along with items from units, are being dumped illegally.

"It's the easy wrong thing versus the easy right thing," said Command Sgt. Maj. John Schwamberger, CONUS Replacement Center command sergeant major. "We all need to be good citizens and make Fort Benning the best-looking post."

Schwamberger was recently biking on post when he noticed an area behind the CRC that was filled with unwanted fences, posts and wood skids.

"I couldn't believe it," he said. "We just policed up that area during spring clean-up a few weeks back."

Dorinda Morpeth, Solid Waste Program manager, Directorate of Public Works, said illegal dumping causes a lot of problems.

"Fort Benning gets cited by the state for the dumping. Also, to clean up the trash, Soldiers or units are assigned the detail — which is not always feasible. People think, 'What harm can it do?' Refrigerators, contain freon, which is a hazardous material that can be released into the ozone. Other appliances contain hazardous materials. The metal on these appliances can also be recycled."

Morpeth recommended people think before they dump.

"Ninety-nine percent of it's reusable or good for somebody else. If it's in good condition, give it to a charity, or bring it to the Thrift Shop."

All large items, including appliances, safes, wall lockers, furniture, washers and dryers and all metal items can and should be brought, by any unit or individual, to the Materials Recycling Facility, located on Cusseta Road. All the funds from the recycling stay at Fort Benning and benefit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation program.

For more information, call 545-6142.

Battle of the Books

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

White Elementary students took a stand early in the Battle of the Books.

Literally.

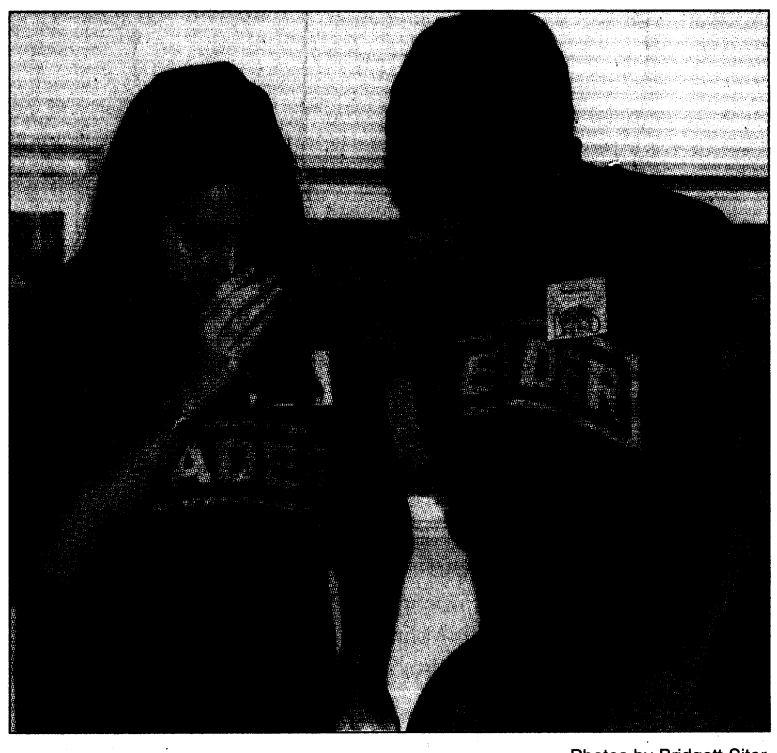
The five students on White's team stood throughout the competition May 19, surrounded by teams from four other schools, whose members chose to remain seated.

"That's the way we practiced, so we decided not to change it," Laura Becker, who led White's team to solid win with 293 points.

The Battle of the Books is a brain bowl of sorts, pitting nine teams from five Fort Benning elementary schools.

Susan Freakley, the wife of Fort Benning's commanding general, served as mediator, quizzing the teams about the 30 books they were tasked to read throughout the year. The teams were awarded points for correct answers.

White's team was the only team from the school. The other Fort Benning schools fielded two teams apiece, one from the fourth grade and one from the fifth.



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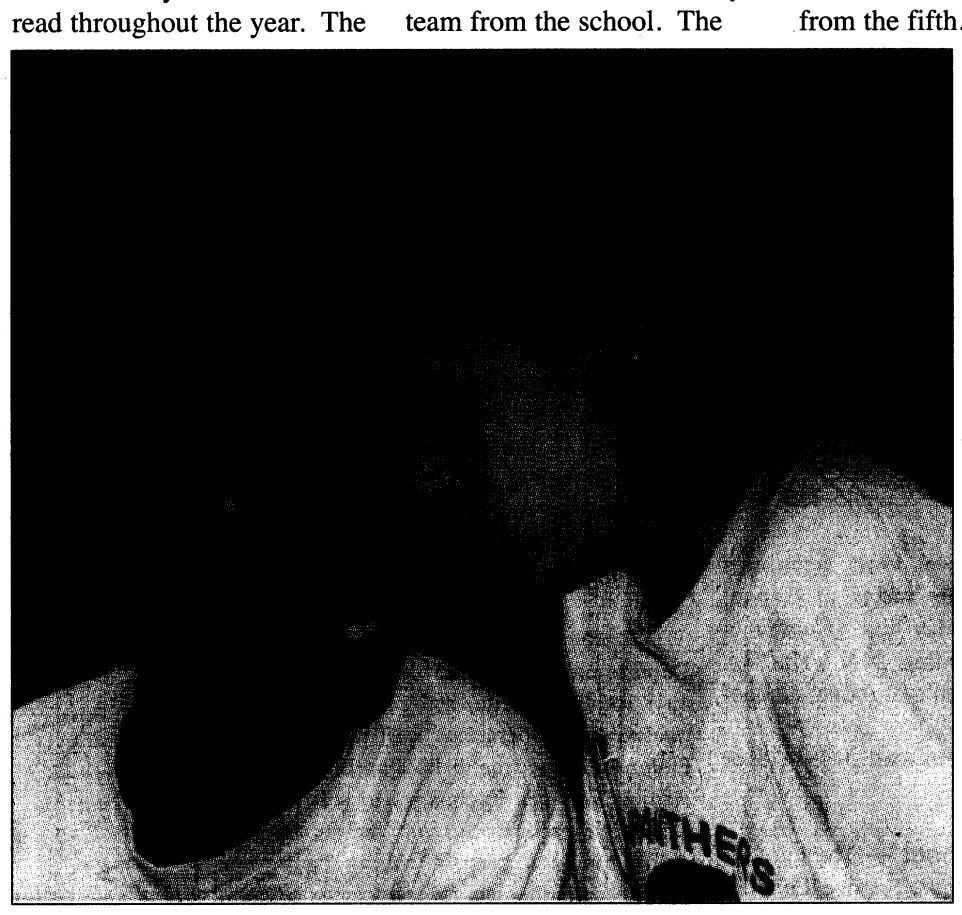
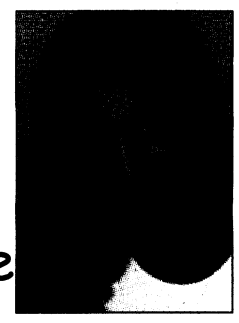
Laura Becker and Donald Smith, White Elementary School fifth-graders, try to recall the names and authors of the 30 books they read in preparation for the Battle of the Books.



Andre Baptiste looks to Brooklynn DiMaggio for answers May 19 during Fort Benning Schools' second annual Battle of the Books. Baptiste and DiMaggio were members of the Loyd Elementary School fifth-grade team.

Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Sick of sitting around in that barracks room looking at the walls? Need to get the family out of the house or just take a break? We've got the answer for you. 'Get Outta Here' will appear in The Bayonet *each week to highlight recreation and leisure venues right here in the tricommunity. If you would like to suggest a hot spot for the column, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367.*

I don't know about you, but I like water sports. Granted, I've never swum without the aid of those little floatie things on my arms (unless you count a fierce doggy paddle). And the last time I actually went "out on the water," I was all of 8 and it was a canoe (word to the wise — don't lean!).

But I make a great shoreline supporter!

And this weekend, we all have the chance to cheer on a few world-class aquatic athletes, attempting feats we probably wouldn't even dream of.

Callaway Gardens is holding the Master's Water Ski Championship this weekend, where you can man the beach of Robin Lake and bear witness to some impressive water-ski tricks, all while working on your tan (or if you're like me, your burn).

Now I know what you're thinking — watching people water ski? Honestly, how many tricks can there be? *Boring*.

But you don't know what you're missing. This weekend's event isn't for local amateurs. This is for "the world's greatest water skiers," locked in ruthless competition for more than $160,000 in prize money and the title of best male and female water skier.

So to get the cash and all that prestige, you know they've got to pull out all the stops.

If you're just looking for something to do, head out to Callaway any day this weekend — junior elimination rounds are today, and the junior finals are Saturday, followed by masters elimination rounds. Events start around

See **GOH,** B-3

Dexter student takes second place in essay contest

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

"When I open a funny book, one of the characters just pulls me in and says, 'Come on, Jasmine.'"

— Jasmine Sterling

Writing about her reading experience to the Armed Services YMCA earned Jasmine Sterling a $100 savings bond recently. The Dexter Elementary School third-grader won second place in the recent Armed Service YMCA essay contest.

Every year, the YMCA hosts a competition in which children of service members compete in various types of activities. This year's essay competition's topic was "Why I Love to Read."

This competition is only one of the many activities Dexter students from Kris Holcombe's third-grade class have participated in.



Sterling

After another of Holcombe's students, Courtney Moore, won a competition for Letters to the Front, she had her students participate in several other writing contests to encourage them to enjoy writing.

"At the beginning of third grade, the kids don't really like to write any more than a sentence," Holcombe said. "Now they're writing essays where they put their thoughts on paper."

"I knew I was going to win, but I was still surprised," Sterling said about her award. "Usually, I don't know what to write. I only like to write about myself and not about other people or animals."

This time, writing about herself won her the second place title and surprised everyone.

Holcombe admits she was surprised, as were Sterling's parents.

"We were caught off guard," said Capt. Raymond Sterling, Jasmine's father.

"Usually, my oldest daughter gets recognitions," he said. " I didn't even know Jasmine had entered the contest."

He said Jasmine is a very helpful kid who's always received straight As in school.

This year's topic really got Jasmine writing. In her essay Jasmine wrote about an incident in second grade when she and her friend, Abigail, were having trouble learning their spelling words, so they made up funny stories with the words in them to help them remember them.

"She's a very wide open girl with a lot of energy," Holcombe said.

Jasmine wasn't the only Dexter student in the winner's circle this time around. Amber Britt, also in Holcombe's class, was an Honorable Mention. For her essay, Britt received a $100 saving bond.

"Jasmine didn't have confidence in her writing," Holcombe said. "But we teach them that 'can't never could,' and they know to keep trying."

"I like it when my teacher is happy about what I write," Jasmine said.

"With all the kids coming and going, it's good to do things like this for them," Holcombe said.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Better Business Bureau

The Better Business Bureau of East Alabama, West and Southwest Georgia is receiving a high level of calls from victims of foreign sweepstakes and lottery scams.

Individuals from the region have been conned out of thousands of dollars.

The Bureau is warning against transferring any monies to recover winnings.

The victims are receiving phone calls from persons claiming to be U.S. customs agents requesting funds for taxes and other related fees. The victims are being told to immediately pay by credit card or to transfer funds via Western Union to locations in Canada or Puerto Rico.

The calls are very convincing and appeal to an individual's desire to be a winner.

Additionally, the caller is insisting that the victims keep all information confidential in order to protect the guards who will be delivering the winning check.

Citizens are encouraged to call the BBB for information and to report any information regarding these calls.

Under no circumstances should citizens respond to these calls by sending money. If they do, they have wasted their money as these funds are almost always not recovered!

BBB Reliability Reports are now online at www.columbus-ga.bbb.org.

Also search for any BBB report on any business in the U.S. by visiting www.bbb.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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California Suite — Benning's Backstage will present a dinner theater production of *California Suite*, a comedy by Neil Simon, today and Saturday.

The dinner show will be held at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner and opening entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $19 for adults and $12 for children 12 and younger and include dinner and the show. Tickets are available at the Officers' Club and Omega World Travel Center. Dinner includes chicken fettuccine, sliced roast beef, vegetable medley, Caesar salad, dessert and a glass of wine, tea or coffee.

The show is open to the public. For information, call 682-1120.

Refuse, recycle schedule — There will be no yard waste picked up in family housing Monday. The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be June 7.

There will be no refuse or recycle pickups in family housing Monday. Areas normally scheduled for pickup on Monday will be picked up Tuesday. Refuse and recycle collection for Tuesday through Thursday will occur as normally scheduled.

For more information, call Directorate of Public Works at 545-4749.

MACH blood drive — Martin Army Community Hospital will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 4 in the Baugh Conference Room.

This blood will go to support the Army Blood Program and eligible DoD beneficiaries worldwide. The blood will also be sent overseas to support Soldiers in need who are currently serving abroad.

For more information, call 544-3375 or 544-2221.

Camp Courage — Camp Courage School Age Services' Summer Camp will begin June 7, with registration going on now.

Camp spaces are reserved only if they are paid for in advance. Advanced registration is recommended.

For more information, call 513-2079 or 513-3605.

Baseball camp — CYS Sports and Fitness will hold registration for baseball camp from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 7-18, Monday through Friday, at Building 359. The camp is for children ages 5 to 15.

Camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 21-22 at the CYS Baseball Complex, located across from Faith Middle School. The camp is free of charge and lunch will be available.

For more information, call 545-2079 or 545-3582.

ESC meeting — The Enlisted Spouses' Club will meet at 7 p.m. June 9 at the FUN Center, Building 359, to make crafts for Father's Day.

All enlisted spouses, active duty and retired, and enlisted female Soldiers are invited. Refreshments and child care will be provided. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month.

For more information, call the ESC voicemail at (334) 373-0347.

Benning Buddies — Child and Youth Services will begin a "Benning Buddies" program at Tot Town CDC beginning June 14.

The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., including lunch, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The program will offer beginning gymnastics, beginning sports and fitness and music and movement within the regular developmental program. Children from 2 years old until they qualify for preK are eligible.

Fees will be based on total family income, and may range from $82 to $170 per month. Fourteen slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. A $50 nonrefundable placement fee will be required to hold a slot.

For more information, call the CYS registration office at 545-2079.

MACH classes — The U.S. Army Medical Activity announces the following classes:

- Weight loss classes are offered every Tuesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Call for an appointment.
- A pregnancy nutrition class is offered every Tuesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
- A diabetes education series is offered through the Nutrition Clinic every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a series of three classes.
- Active-duty weight management classes are offered every Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.
- A hypertension class featuring the DASH diet is offered every Wednesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.
- A cholesterol nutrition class is offered every Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m.
- A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic.

Most clinics will be closed today and Monday for the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

EFMP volunteers needed — The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program needs volunteers. The Child and Youth Services Program is planning to offer a special needs summer camp.

Both CYS and the ACS EFMP is recruiting volunteers for this program who have an interest in becoming camp assistants and to program participants.

If you have an interest or would like more information, call the ACS EFMP manager at 545-7517 or 545-5521.

Home providers needed — Fort Benning Family Child Care wants you to be a home provider. Training is free.

Are you interested in a profitable business, one that provides care services in the comfort of your own home? If you enjoy working with children between the ages of 4 weeks and 12 years and are willing to become certified, family child care may be of interest to you.

The program is designed to offer quality child care in an in-home environment. FCC offers military families hourly, full-time, part-time, extended hours and long-term care so as to be flexible.

For more information, call 545-4368.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The AA meetings support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

ACS Lending Closet — The purpose of the Army Community Service Lending Closet is to lend household goods to soldiers and their families who are awaiting receipt of their household goods or preparing to PCS. For more information, call 545-4485.

Student rewards — Students in sixth through eighth grades wishing to participate in the "You Made the Grade" program can bring B-average or better report cards into the Main Mall Post Exchange for a coupon book with savings of more than $50 on items such as shoes, fragrances or fast food. Entry forms for U.S. savings bonds drawings are included.

AAFES awards savings bonds totaling $10,000 to three students each quarter.

For more information, call the PX at 682-0826.

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Summer tutorial program — Combined Communities of Southeast Columbus is planning its annual Volunteer Summer Tutorial Program. Classes begin Monday and end June 25. Lunch is provided daily by the Columbus Parks and Recreation.

Tutors and volunteers are asked to come for the orientation session at 11 a.m. today. Orientation sessions should last less than 30 minutes.

Tutoring will take place at Eastway Elementary School, located on Buena Vista Road in Columbus.

For more information, call C.C.S.C., Inc. at 321-9596.

Poker Run — In Country Vets I Corp invites everyone to the second annual House of Heroes Poker Run Saturday.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. with the first bike out at 12:30 p.m. All bikes are welcome.

The Poker Run will be held at the Red Barn Game Room, Hwy 80 in Phenix City.

For more information, call Fred Lewis at (334) 291-5145.

Memorial Day service — The Fort Mitchell National Cemetery Memorial Committee will host its annual Memorial Day Service at 2 p.m. Sunday. The ceremony will take place near the flag pole at the Department of Veterans Affairs Fort Mitchell National Cemetery in Fort Mitchell, Ala.

For more information, call the Fort Mitchell National Cemetery at (334) 855-4731.

Muscogee County town hall meetings — Muscogee County residents are needed to attend town hall meetings. More than 20 organizations have partnered with the Carl Vinson Institute and are launching an extensive study of the community to make it better. Residents are needed to voice opinions on what's right and what's wrong, what's working and what's not.

Meetings will be held: Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Shirley Winston Super Center, 5025 Steam Mill Road; June 15, 6 to 8 p.m. at Baker Middle School, 1544 Benning Road and June 29, 6 to 8 p.m., Northside High School, 2002 American Way.

There will be drinks, snacks and door prizes.

For more information, call 317-1863.

Honeymoon sweepstakes — The St. Lucia Tourist Board and Delta Airlines are awarding honeymoon getaways to one military couple each month through December. The prize is a seven-day, six-night trip to the Caribbean island of St. Lucia, including accommodation and air transportation.

For full terms and conditions and how to enter, visit www.stlucia.org.

Phone cards for troops — The Department of Defense has announced that any American can now help troops in contingency operations call home. The Defense Department has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards for troops who are deployed.

To donate a prepaid calling card to a military member go to www.aafes.com or www.navy-nex.com.

3rd Armored Division reunion — The 3rd Armored Division (Spearhead) will hold its fourth annual reunion July 14-18 in Columbus, Ohio.

This will be the first joint reunion of World War II 3rd Armored Div. veterans.

For more information, call Carl Erickson at (301) 520-3275 or visit www.3AD.org.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

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- **Tuesday:** deli sandwich, bean salad, veggie sticks, fruit, milk
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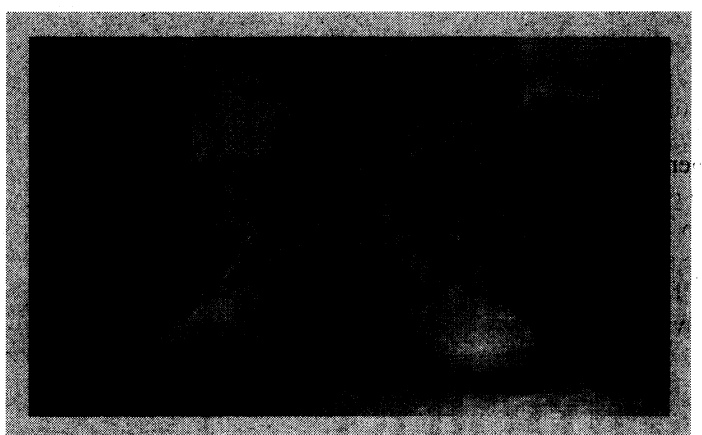

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The situation usually means more than just a repair bill. It can involve towing charges, lodging and possibly a rental car. Add that to the cost of extra phone calls, meals and general inconvenience and the ordeal becomes expensive.

So, if spiraling gas prices have not discouraged you from hitting the road this Memorial Day weekend, take heed before you take off.

The Car Doctor at Precision Tune Auto Care has 10 tips for saving money on gas and for ensuring a trouble-free trip.

No. 1 — Inspect your tires closely. At highway speeds, a blow out with the vehicle fully loaded with family could spell disaster. Check for balding, bumps, nails and proper inflation. Don't forget your spare tire. Is it inflated? Do you have a jack and all tools needed for changing a tire? Check tires when cool. Tire pressure will change after extended highway speeds.

No. 2 — Have brakes and brake fluid inspected. If fluid is low, do not just top it off. There's a reason it is low. Check brake pads and shoes for wear.

No. 3 — Check all brake lights, turn signals and head lamps — including high beams — to ensure they are working properly and focused.

No. 4 — Have the cooling system examined by a trained professional for the following: leaks, sound hoses, coolant level and mixture ratio, radiator cap, cooling fan and coolant pH level.

No. 5 — Make sure your technician checks your air-conditioning system for proper freon level and condition of belts. To help conserve gasoline, use your air conditioner on the road rather than keeping windows down. Open windows create wind drag, straining the engine.

No. 6 — Change engine oil and filters if you haven't done that in the last three months or 3,000 miles.

No. 7 — Check the condition of the windshield wiper blades and have them changed if they do not provide adequate visibility, and top off the windshield wiper solution (do not use plain water).

No. 8 — Use cruise control to maintain a steady speed and save gas.

No. 9 — Use only the fuel octane recommended for your car. Higher octane gas, which produces less energy, not only costs more, it also yields lower miles per gallon.

No. 10 — Every time you stop for gas, check oil level and inspect tires and clean the windshield. Do not check coolant level when engine is hot, except to visually inspect the overflow bottle. If you are just making a quick pit stop, do not cut the engine; let the car idle for a few minutes.

Meeting: Addresses resident issues

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ATVs.

He said speed bump locations would continue to be looked at. Under the initial plan, only two-thirds were installed with the expectation that some would need to be moved and others added.

Finnegan's PAT is involved in the rewrite of the garrison regulation, which covers noise, nuisance pets, parking, curfews, unattended children and misconduct.

"We're working to develop something that is clear, understandable and enforcable and develop a comprehensive adjudication process," he said.

Master Sgt. Edmond Hackett, a Community Life NCO, addressed parking on grass, trampoline and pool policies, an issue submitted to the panel via e-mail.

Hackett said the current policies prohibiting parking on grass except for loading and unloading, and requiring manufactured safety nets for trampolines and permanent fencing around swimming pools are in effect and being enforced. Residents who receive written violation notices have 30 days to comply with the policies.

Riera told the audience he would publish a "due out" list letting them know the status of issues, Freakley closed the meeting saying he appreciated those who attended and sent in their concerns.

"Fort Benning is only as good as we are citizens," Freakley said. "It should be a place where we can raise our kids without any threat of danger, and your input only makes us better."

GOH: Water skiers vie for top honor

Continued from B-1

8 a.m. both days, and you probably want to get there early on to grab a good spot on the beach.

If you're in it for the grand finale, head up Sunday. The championship finals begin at about 11:30 a.m.

Now I'm not offering any guarantees here — it may turn out that water skiing really isn't your spectator sport of choice.

But even if you decide 20 minutes into it that you'd rather be folding your laundry, you're not completely stuck.

Callaway is full of other things to do and see. Check out the Birds of Prey exhibit, the Butterfly Center, the Azalea Bowl or any number of nature trails.

Wander around and make a mental note to come back with wheels to explore the bike trails or a camera to capture the great photo ops.

Either way, there's bound to be a good crowd, lots of entertainment and something semi-interesting for even the most skeptical event-goers.

To get to Callaway, hop on Interstate 185 (going north, of course), drive for about 30 minutes and look for the brown signs that will take you the rest of the way.

The water ski championship isn't free, so if you want advance tickets, call (888) 806-2783.

Get Ready to Register for School Year 2004-2005

Registration for new students will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. June 7-11, 2004. Please go to your assigned school to register. Verification for returning students will take place during the month of May; look for information from your school for dates for verification. It will be necessary for parents to register at each school if they have children in more than one of the Fort Benning Schools. The following documents are required for registration or verification:

Returning Students

- Parents of all returning students must provide military ID and proof of housing.
- Sixth grade students must show proof of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or *proof of immunity.

Returning Students Transferring to another Fort Benning School

- From McBride to White – Students attending McBride School and promoted from third to fourth grade will need to verify registration at McBride up to the end of the school year. Beginning June 7, verification will be at White.
- From Fifth to Faith – Students promoted from fifth grade to Faith Middle School's sixth grade will need to verify registration at their neighborhood school. Beginning June 7, verification will take place at Faith Middle School, 1375 Ingersoll.

Transfer Students (New to Fort Benning)

Parents should bring previous school records if available, **verification of housing, military ID, and child's social security card. Prekindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade require a legal birth certificate. A Georgia Certificate of Immunization is also required. These certificates are available through Martin Army Community Hospital. Immunization information will be available at registration.

Students Entering School for the First Time

(Preschool, Prekindergarten, or Kindergarten)

- Parents must provide a legal birth certificate, **verification of housing, military ID, and child's social security card. Georgia Certificates of Immunization and Eye, Ear, and Dental Examinations are also required. These certificates are available through Martin Army Hospital. Immunization information will be available at registration.

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Dexter students take on bridge building



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Sydney Walters, a Dexter fourth-grader, puts the finishing touches on Broadway Bridge's project.

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It was a tough mission with a tight schedule: Design and build a bridge to hold the maximum weight load possible in less than six weeks.

But Dexter Elementary School students weren't backing down from the challenge. The children, fourth- and fifth-grade students, formed "companies," complete with an accountant, architect, carpenter and even a transportation officer.

"Each person in the company had a job to do, and they had to do their job or the company wouldn't do well," said Marjorie Brasfield, the teacher overseeing the project. "To me, that's real life."

But that's not the only reality check the project offered.

The students were provided a grand total of $1,550,000 to complete the project, as well as a cost list for everything they would need — land, lumber, welding materials, planning supplies, audit services, checks and balance sheets.

Using Microsoft Excel, each company's accountant was responsible for approving and keeping track of every dollar spent.

"We had to keep the books on the computer," said Jimmy Risberg, a fourth-grader and the accountant for Broadway Bridges. "Every time we spent money, we had to put in the check number, date, who we paid it to and the amount."

And although the children may have thought they'd "struck it rich" in the beginning, Brasfield said, they learned just how quickly expenses can add up.

With land priced at $500,000, nearly a third of their budget was gone before they even began. Add to that lumber (toothpicks) priced at $10,000 per stick and welding materials (carpenter's glue) at about $850 per day.

Transportation officers were responsible for delivering the checks to the Lumber Store — a booth manned by parent volunteers — and transporting the needed materials back to their companies.

Meanwhile, the architects were responsible for designing a bridge wide enough for a "car" to drive through, tall enough for a "boat" to pass under and sturdy enough to bear the weight of a pail filled with sand.

Once the plans were laid out, the company carpenters got to work building.

"We had to figure out what designs would support weight better," said Desireé Sterling, a fifth-grade carpenter for Briasheé Bridges. "We tried to find the design that would be the strongest, with a lot of support in the middle and (crossing planks) to help support more weight."

Sterling, who participated in the bridge-building exercise last year as a fourth-grader, said she's confident her company's bridge will hold up under pressure.

And with a little help from Soldiers of the 36th Engineer Group, Sterling and her fellow students will find out how their work stacks up during the school's annual Bridge Off today, Brasfield said.

"A pail of sand is hung from a (supporter) on the bridge, and we just keep adding sand until the bridge breaks," she said. "Once it breaks, we weigh the sand to see whose bridge held the most weight."

But that's not all the students are judged on, she said.

They also receive or lose points for how original their designs are, how closely they stick to their plans, how well their bridges are put together, how well they work together as a company and how well they adhere to safety and clean-up guidelines.

"This exercise teaches them to plan, budget and organize," Brasfield said. "But the main benefit is that they're learning to work together cooperatively.

"And they're so proud," she said. "This is something they've accomplished on their own."

Dexter breaks ground on track

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Dexter Elementary School broke ground on its new, quarter-mile track Thursday morning.

Construction for the project, which has been in the works for nearly 10 years, will begin after school lets out Wednesday and will continue through the summer, said Kelli Acord, the school's parent/teacher organization president.

The school's families have raised more than $8,000 this year for the project, she said.

"What's special about this track is that it will wrap around the playground," Acord said. "This is great for mothers with small children, because they can use the track while their children (play)."

The track will be used by Dexter students for their morning runs with their Partners in Education, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, and Presidential Fitness Day activities, as well as for the school's before-school fitness club, the Feeling Good Mileage Club.

But the school doesn't plan to keep the track to itself.

"This track will be for anyone's use," Acord said. "The community can come use it after school hours or on the weekends."

She said the school anticipates about 500 families in the local area will be able to take advantage of the track, which is scheduled to be completed by August.

"It's very exciting to think that when we come back to school in August, we will have a real track right around this playground for our walking and jogging program," said Dexter principal Vicki Rogers during the groundbreaking ceremony.



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Dexter Elementary School students Tirece Chesire, left, and Maggie LaCamera help break the ground for the school's new track with Fort Benning's commanding general, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, and Dexter's parent/teacher organization president Kelli Acord.

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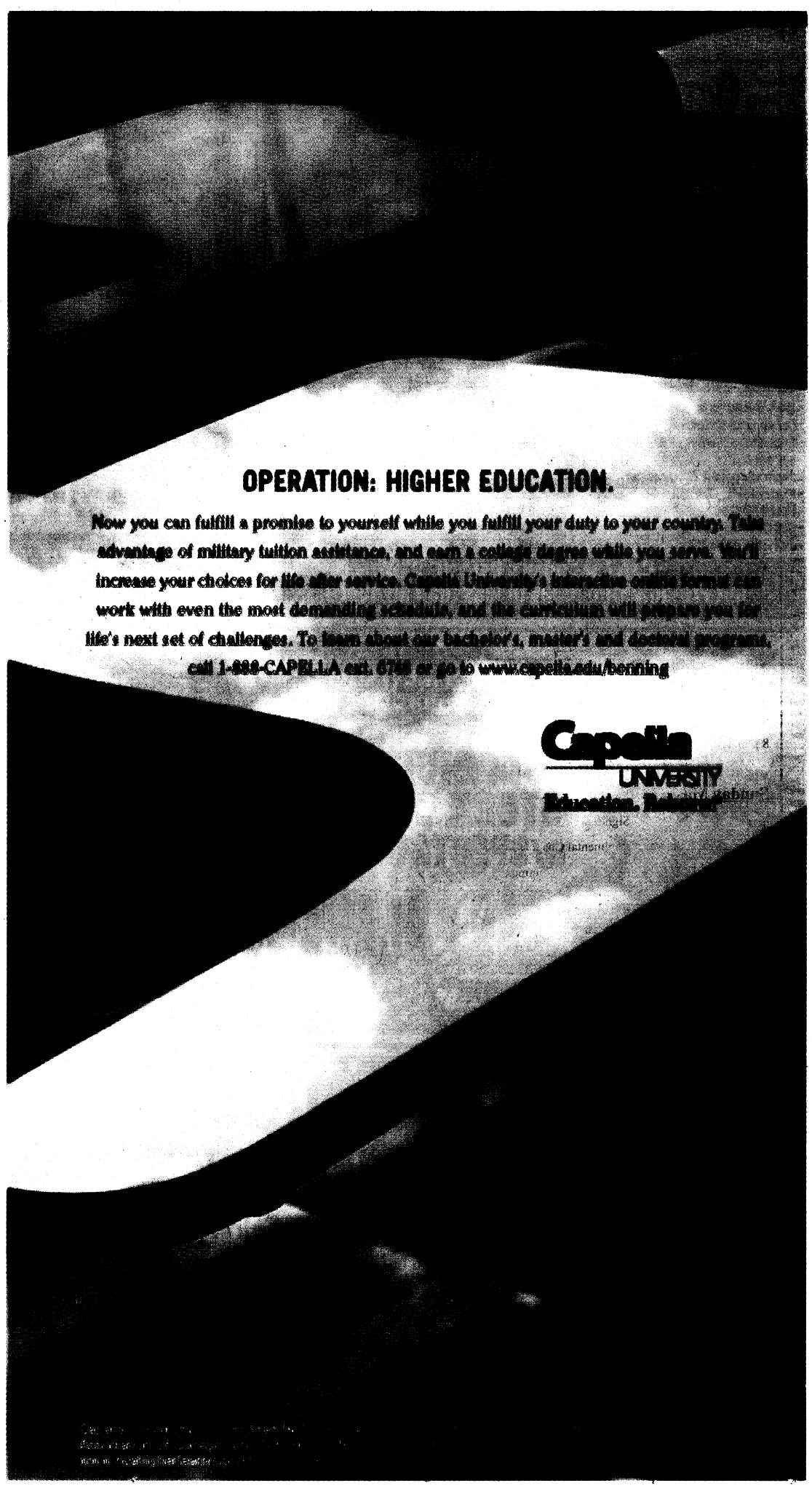


Focusing on Jesus way true happiness

Chaplain (Capt.) Ralph F. Glaser
2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment

REFLECTIONS

What is your "guilty pleasure" food? Is it candy or ice cream? Is it popcorn or chips? Do you indulge in it every day?

I have to admit that I am hooked on Starbucks coffee and chocolate in pretty much any form (although I'm partial to Hershey's Kisses and M&Ms).

I indulge in these almost every day, and they are two "foods" that I never get tired of. As much as I enjoy these, however, I could never imagine what it would be like if I had nothing but coffee and chocolate to live on every day; could you with your favorite "food"?

Now consider the Israelites in the Sinai wilderness. The Lord miraculously gave them food called manna every day and after a year they were sick of it. They said, "We have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!" (Numbers 11:6)

Although at first we might sympathize with the Israelites, reflect on the fact that their complaint was directed at God. Remember that it was a miracle every day that they had any food at all.

Every morning they had fresh manna all around them. It was a gift from God, yet they complained.

When we really think about it, are we any different? Do we ever get tired of what God gives us day after day? Do we get sick of the same job? The same home? The same income? The same circumstances?

While it's OK to dream and to work hard for a "better" life, do we sometimes actually get to the point where we even resent our circumstances and what we have? We need to be reminded daily that not only does God supply all that we need (Philippians 4:19), but true happiness, contentment and success can only come from focusing fully on Jesus.

As Paul stated in Philippians 4:12-13, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

CHAPEL NOTES

Vacation Bible School — It's now time to sign up your children for Vacation Bible School, June 14-18, at White Elementary School.

Sign up is at the Religious Education Office, located in Room 122 of Meloy Hall.

The classes are for children in pre-school thorough sixth grade.

If you would like to help with this program, or for more information, call 545-4715.

Protestant Sunday School — Protestant Sunday School will meet at Custer Terrace Chapel at 9 a.m. starting June 6.

For more information, call 545-4715.

CFLC seminars — The Chaplain Family Life Center offers the following seminars:

• Making Love Last Forever — A couples seminar, meets the first Friday of each month.

• Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours — Parenting seminar, held the third Friday of each month.

For more information, call the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760.

CHURCH NOTES

Special service — Recognizing the importance of honoring our freedom and those who serve in our armed forces, the senior pastor, officers and members of Antioch African Methodist Church, in Stone Mountain, Ga., extend to all Soldiers and family members an invitation to join them in worship at 11 a.m. Sunday.

At this service, the church will honor all military persons.

For more information, call James A. Simon at (404) 299-3388.

Youth Day — The Youth Department of Forest Park Baptist Church in Columbus will hold their annual Youth Day at 3 p.m. June 27.

The day will offer food, fun and fellowship unity.

Call Wanda Coar at 322-6385 by June 5 to R.S.V.P.

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.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
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- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, Classroom 1, Building 3305

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Weaponeer Building 3954
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Find your true calling, fight burnout

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

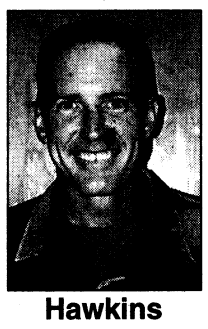
In some ways, it was a typical breakfast meeting. The waitress was pleasant, the eggs were average and the restaurant was full of busy people. We shared a cup of black, coffee-like liquid — the first few times he took a sip, he managed to spill quite a bit of it. His trembling hand was just one of the symptoms of his burnout. That's why we were meeting. He wanted to know if I could help him.

I picked up a fork and explained that as long as I used it for eating, the fork would last indefinitely. However, if I began to use it to drive nails or dig trenches, it would soon break. The key was to use it for what it was designed to do.

The look in his eyes told me he got it, but I still went on to say that people are like the fork. When they do what they are not designed to do, they eventually break.

Sure enough, I had him take his career assessment and it showed that he was designed to work on projects where there was definitely a goal.

He derived immense satisfaction from reaching goals. He also needed to work by himself about half the time. He was a scientist and enjoyed lab time, doing calculations and interpreting test results.


Hawkins

What his job required on a day-to-day basis was another story. His primary task was to supervise a dozen people and maintain operations. No goals. No projects. No time alone. Consequently, his job was sucking the life out of him.

Much credit for his recovery goes to his boss, who was a smart enough leader to change the job content to fit the design of a valuable employee.

So how do you know if you, a loved one or someone who reports to you is suffering from burnout? Here are some early warning signs:

• Chronic fatigue — exhaustion, tiredness, a sense of being physically run down

• Anger at those making demands

• Self-criticism for putting up with the demands

• Cynicism, negativity and irritability

• A sense of being besieged

• Exploding easily at seemingly inconsequential things

• Frequent headaches and gastrointestinal disturbances

• Weight loss or gain

• Sleeplessness and depression

• Shortness of breath

• Suspiciousness

• Feelings of helplessness

• Increased degree of risk taking

Fight burnout. Do what you were designed to do.

If you know someone who fits this description, have him or her take a career assessment and get on azimuth with the way God "wired them to work."

Need help discovering how to "take this job and love it?"

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Or give us a call at the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760.

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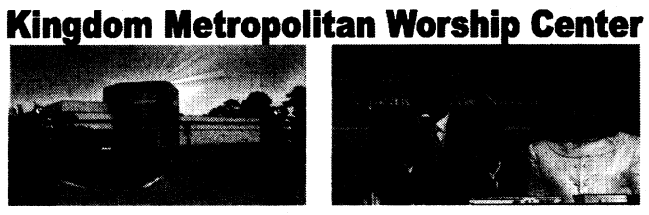
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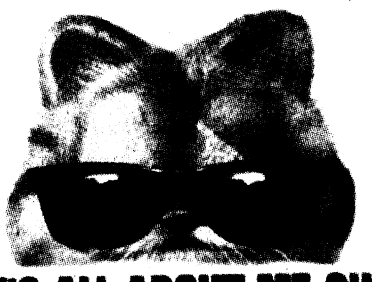

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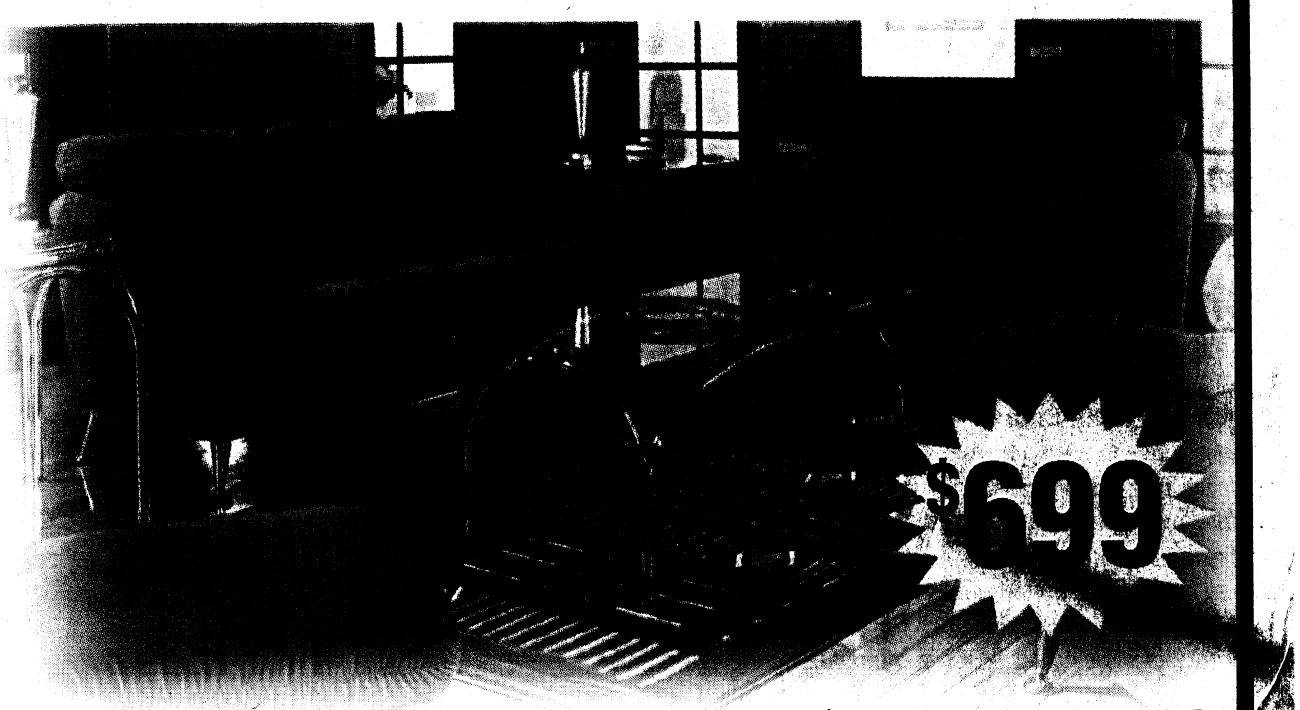

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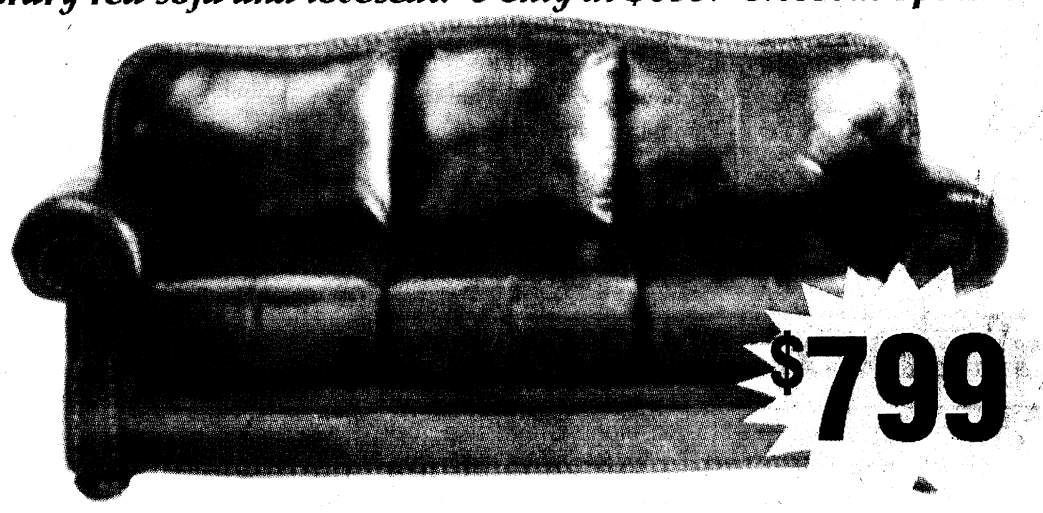

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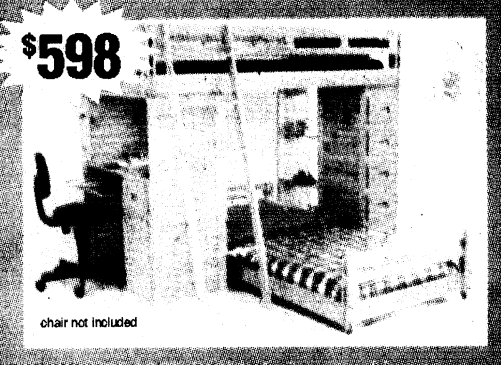

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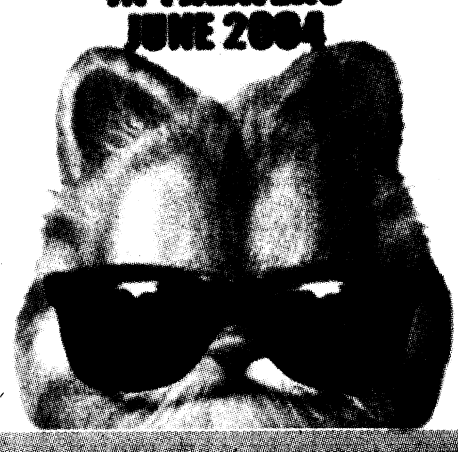

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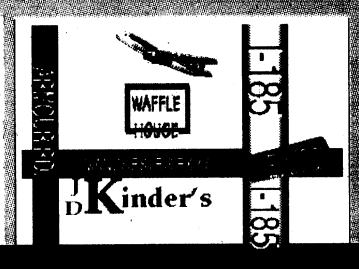

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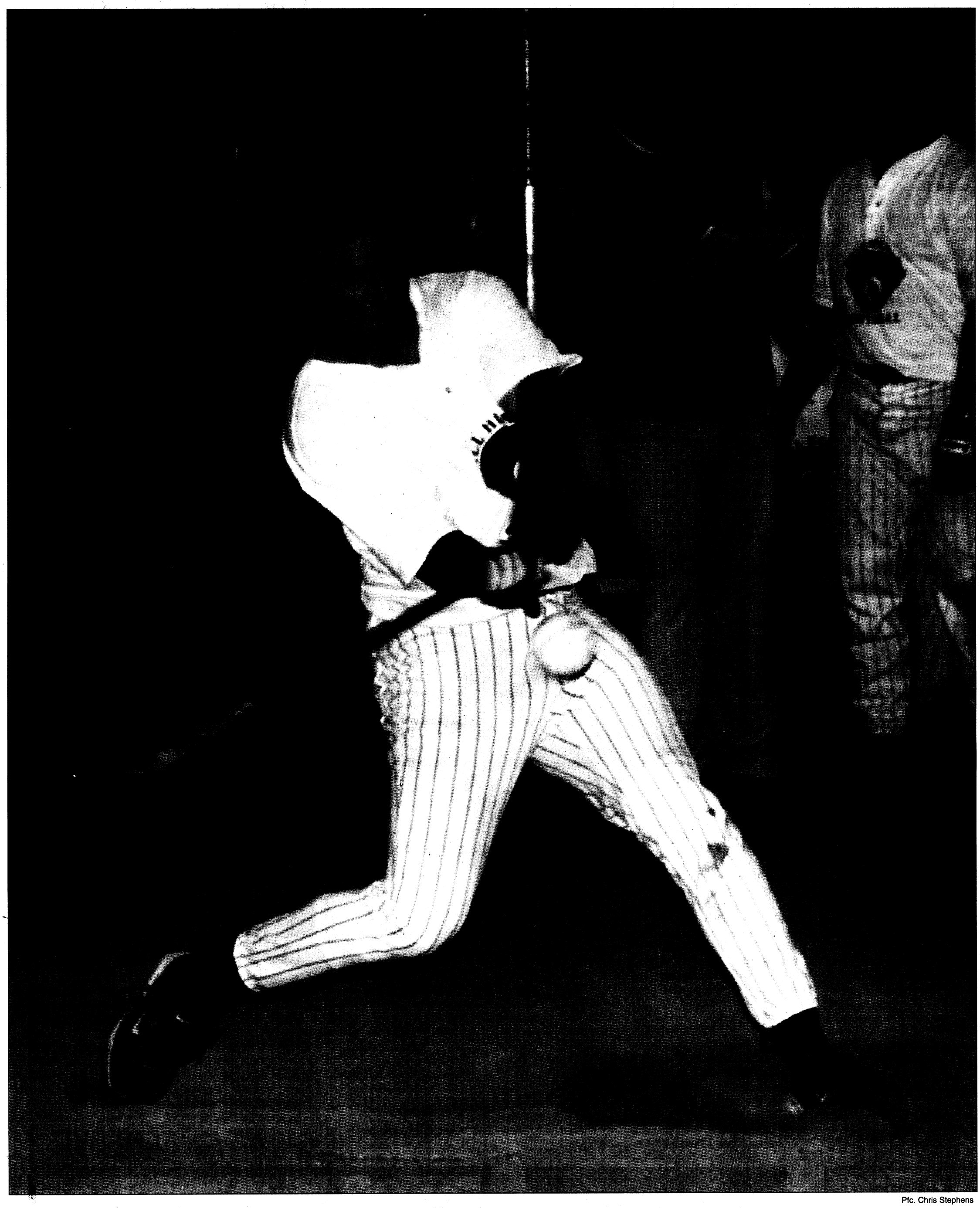

Pfc. Chris Stephens

Tim Demeeza, Bill Heard thirdbaseman, swings at the ball during the fifth inning.

Bill Heard clobbers Window Works, 38-11

Hitting, base running key to big victory for prior league champs

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Bill Heard intramural softball team upped its record to 9-0 after manhandling Columbus Window Works 38-11 Monday at the South Commons softball fields in Columbus.

The team got off to a slow start, not being able to generate runs in the early innings, but their bats came alive in the middle innings to give them a big win.

"We're used to getting off to a slow start," said pitcher Chris Egan. "It's been that way the whole season. For some reason, we don't hit the ball as well at the beginning of the game as we do at the end."

The Bill Heard team, which is comprised of mostly Fort Benning Soldiers, jumped out to a 3-0 lead after the top of third inning, but fell behind after Window Works strung together five hits to go up 4-3.

"We knew our bats would come alive," Egan said. "We just had to be patient and wait on our pitches. As long as we did that, we knew we would pour it on."

In the top of the fourth inning, the Bill Heard team started pounding Window Works with well-placed hits and smart base-running.

A few of the well-placed hits found their way over the fence.

"That's all it takes — stringing a few hits together, to have a big inning," said left fielder Derrick Tolliver. "Once you have the momentum on your side, then it's pretty tough for the other team to stop it."

Bill Heard stretched their lead to 11-4, with more hits, but they still wanted more. They continued to pile on the runs and didn't give Window Works a chance to breathe.

In the sixth inning, the team hit their seventh and eighth home runs to max out the long ball. (In the City Softball League, teams can hit a maximum of eight home runs. Every home run hit after that is counted as an out.)

"A lot of people say we are a stacked team," Tolliver said.

"But, if we were a stacked team, we wouldn't be allowing other teams to score 11 runs, and we wouldn't stop scoring at 38 runs. Plus, we would max out our home runs by the third inning every game, and we haven't done that," he said.

"We are in the same division as the other top teams in Columbus. We just happen to play as a team and that's the reason we win games."

Tolliver credits the teams success to the fact that most of them are in the military, or have been in the military and know what it takes to be a team player.

"This is just like any other thing you do in life," he said. "The more you work together, the better off the team is going to be."

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> **Chris Egan**
> Bill Heard pitcher

The Bill Heard team plays games on Monday and Wednesday nights at South Commons.

For more information, or to get a copy of the schedule for the rest of the season, call Jimmy Armstrong at 566-2015.

New hunting, fishing law gives new opportunities

License not required for Soldiers on leave

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Alabama Govenor Bob Riley recently signed a bill that allows active-duty military Alabama residents on leave, to hunt or fish without a hunting or fishing license.

The new law also allows non-resident Soldiers stationed in Alabama to purchase hunting and fishing licenses at the same price as Alabama residents.

"No other state respects, supports and appreciates the sacrifices made by our military more than Alabama," Riley said in a press release. "This new law is another way for us to thank our men and women in the military for their brave service."

Before, service members who weren't residents of Alabama paid full price for licenses, which range from $30 to $250 for hunting and $10 to $89 for fishing.

Alabama residents pay $7.50 to $58.50 for hunting and $5 to $23.50 for fishing.

"Whether they hunt or not, Soldiers like this kind of support because it reassures them that their hard work and service to the nation is appreciated," said Col. Mike Beasock, chief, Training and Doctrine Command, Systems Manager Close Combat Missile Systems, and avid hunter.

Currently, Fort Benning has a cooperative agreement with Georgia and Alabama that provides an exception for active-duty personnel assigned to Fort Benning who have either a Georgia or Alabama hunting license to hunt on either the Georgia or Alabama side of the installation.

Beasock said the new law will make a big difference for hunters he knows.

"(I know an) Alabama resident living on Fort Benning," Beasock said, "and over the past four years, he had to buy either a Georgia or Alabama hunting license to hunt on Fort Benning."

Under the new law, Beasock's friend will get his Alabama hunting license at no cost and he'll be able to hunt on both sides of the installation.

Kim Nicks, public information officer for the Alabama Department of Conservation, said this law will make hunting and fishing easier and more accessible for Soldiers in Alabama.

"We want them to enjoy the outdoors," she said. "Hopefully, this will encourage more people to hunt and fish, which will in turn, help the state."

Nicks also said she hopes other states will take a look at what Alabama is doing and do something similar.

"This is a great way we can show our appreciation to the military," she said. "They sacrifice so much for this country, and this is the least the state of Alabama can do for them."

The law will go into effect Aug. 1. Licenses can be purchased online at www.outdoor alabama.com.

Anyone interested in buying a license must prove they are on active duty.

For more information on the new law, call the Alabama Department of Conservation Branch at (334) 242-3157.



Courtesy photo

Col. Mike Beasock shows off an 8-point buck he killed on the Georgia side of Fort Benning. The new Alabama law allows for Soldiers to get hunting and fishing licenses cheaper.

Soldier qualifies for Olympics

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public affairs Office

At the conclusion of Sunday's matches, the first group of shooters were named to the 2004 Olympic Rifle Team at Fort Benning's Pool Range. Staff Sgt. Jason Parker (Omaha, Neb.) won a spot on his second Olympic Team.

After coming in fifth after the first day of competition in men's air, Parker knew he just needed to calm down and shoot the scores he knew he could shoot.

Parker, the world record holder in this event, settled into his own and soared past the competition for a first-place score of 1989.0 and the chance to go after that medal that had eluded him four years ago at the 2000 Olympics, where he placed only fractions of a point off of making the medal stand.

"That has been my motivation for the last four years," Parker said. "That kind of disappointment just doesn't go away.

"I mean someday, I'm sure I will look back and realize fifth place was a pretty good finish for my first Olympics, but not today, and not while I am still training for Athens. I really don't want to go home empty handed again."

Joining Parker in the fight for an Olympic medal will be his U.S. teammate Matt Emmons. Emmons was able to clinch an Olympic berth in this first men's event by remaining consistent through all three days of competition and finishing with a score of 1,985.0.

USAMU Soldiers win shooting matches

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Soldiers of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit have scored some major victories recently. Here are some of their results:

• Southern Nationals, Cummings, Ga., May 13 to 23 — USAMU service rifle shooter Staff Sgt. Norman L. Anderson won the overall championship followed by Sgt. 1st Class Lance S. Hopper in second place. Anderson won the Palma Category in the Long-Range Championships. Staff Sgt. Kyle A. Ward won the Service Division of the Long-Range Championships, followed by Sgt. 1st Class Grant L. Singley in third.

• Bray's Island Sporting Clays Competition, Bray's Island, S.C., May 22 — Shotgun shooter Master Sgt. Rodney G. Pinkston won the match.

• Big Ed's Memorial Match, Oak Ridge, Tenn., April 28 to May 3 — Service rifle shooter Staff Sgt. Kyle A. Ward won the Director's Match, followed by Staff Sgt. Tobie L. Tomlinson in second place and Staff Sgt. Timothy R. Manges in third.

Staff Sgt. Norman L. Anderson won the Individual Match, in which Sgt. 1st Class Lance S. Hopper took second place and Sgt. 1st Class Grant L. Singley third.

• International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup, Athens, Greece, April 25 and 26 — International rifle shooter Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas won the Silver Medal in the Prone Rifle competition.

• Asheville 4800 Metric Prone, Asheville, N.C., April 24 and 25 — International rifle shooter Spc. Shane M. Barnhart won the match, followed by Spc. Trevor D. Gathman in second place; they both set nine new National Records in the Service-Rifle and Open Categories.

• Zone 4 Trap Championships, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 16 to 18 — Hadden won the Zone 4 Trap Championship.

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Army 10-Miler pre-qualifier — Fort Benning will hold a pre-qualifier race for the post's Army 10-Miler team. Racers with the top times will earn spots on the team.

The race is June 19. The race will begin at 7 a.m. in front of the Santiago Fitness Center, and is open to all active-duty military.

Registration will begin at 6 a.m. Call 544-9486.

Hunters' Harvest Cards — Hunters must turn in their Fort Benning Harvest Cards by Tuesday. Harvest Cards may be returned to the Outdoor Recreation Office (building 1707, Gillespie St.) or by mail (Outdoor Recreation, P.O. Box 53323, Fort Benning, GA 31905). Hunters who elect to mail in their Harvest Card and desire a receipt, should mail the Harvest Card by certified mail with return receipt requested. Failure to return the card will result in revocation/suspension of hunting privileges for one year.

For more information, call 545-7978 or 544-7319.

Aerobics classes — The Briant Wells Fitness Center Aerobics Program offers box aerobics, aeromix, step combo, core crunch, yoga and aqua aerobics. The cost is $25 per month or $3 per class.

For more information, call Briant Wells at 545-4388.

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Military Appreciation Night — The Columbus Wardogs will host Military Appreciation Night Saturday at the Columbus Civic Center. All active-duty Soldiers and their families will get into the game free by picking up tickets at the Civic Center Box Office.

For more information, call 653-7789.

Operation Appreciation — Lowe's Motor Speedway is offering a special ticket price to military personnel this weekend. Tickets for the Sunday race in the Diamond Tower regularly priced will be $30 for military personnel.

Before the Coca-Cola 600, there will be a salute to the U.S. Army, which will include a helicopter fly-by and demonstration by the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, a parachute demonstration by the U.S. Army Parachute Team The Golden Knights and more.

To reserve tickets, call (800) 455-FANS, code word Operation Appreciation.

Army Hooah Race — Soldiers and civilians are invited to participate in the Third Annual Army Hooah Race at 7:30 a.m. June 5 in Atlanta.

Race events include a 5K, a 10K race and a 100-yard Tot Trot. Cost of the race is $12 for online registration before Sunday at www.Army HooahRace.army.mil. Registration is $15 at the expo June 3-4 at the Georgia Convention Center.

For more information, call Maj. Laurian Cuffy at (404) 464-8017.

Golf tournament — The community is invited to participate in the Kenneth Walker Memorial Golf Tournament, a regional event to promote unity and raise scholarship funds for children whose mothers or fathers have passed away.

The tournament will be Sept. 2 at the Bull Creek Golf Course, 7333 Lynch Road in Midland, Ga., just off Highway 80 (the North Bypass).

For more information, call Jim O'Donnell at 644-2066 or 569-5057.

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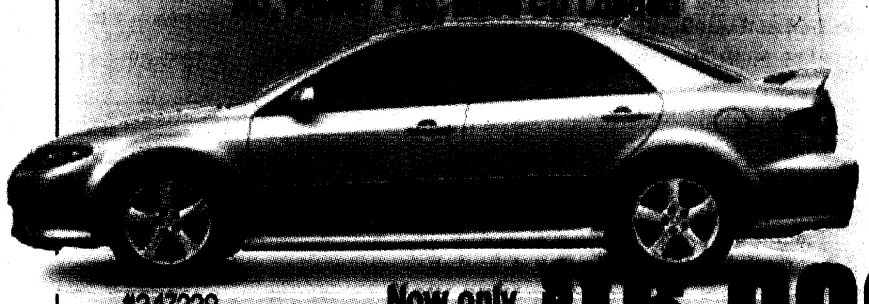

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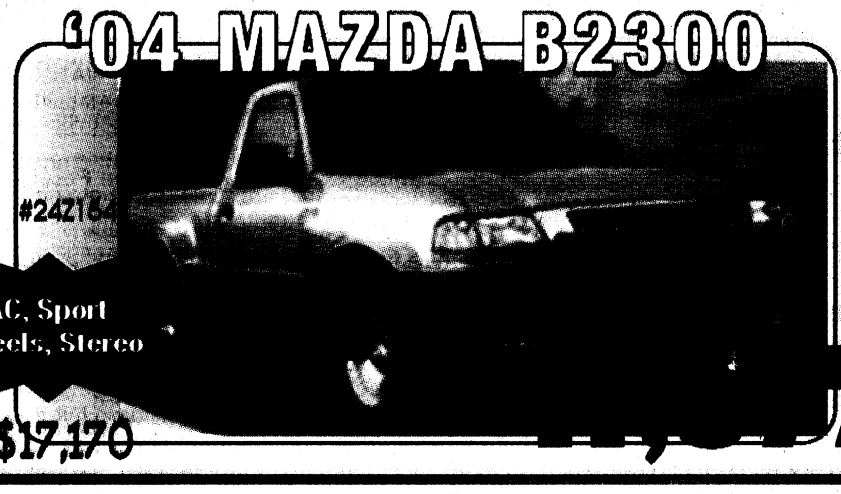

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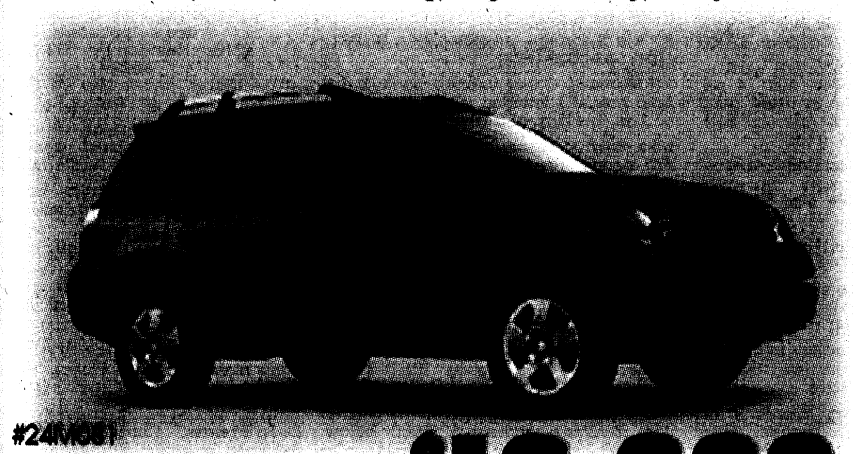

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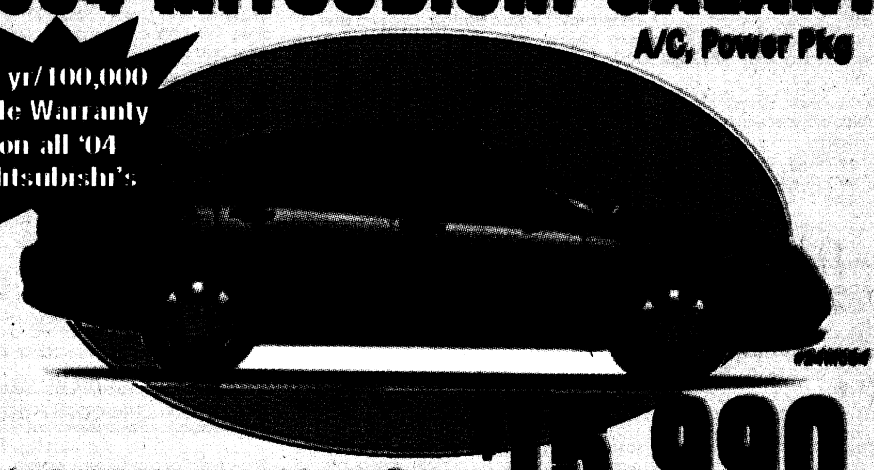

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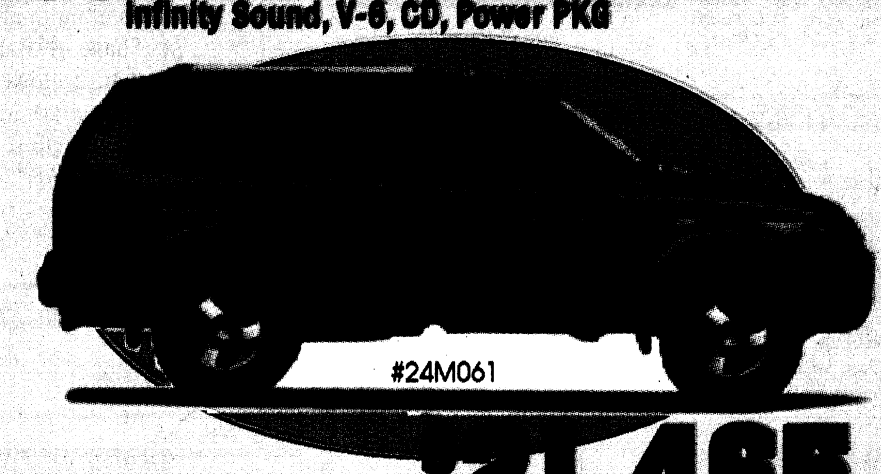

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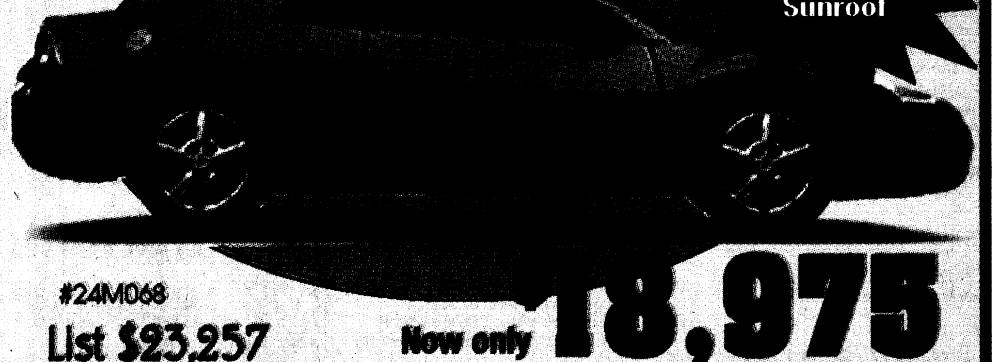

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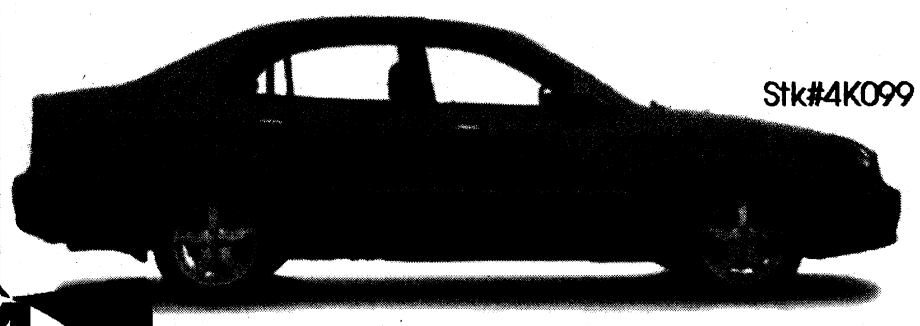

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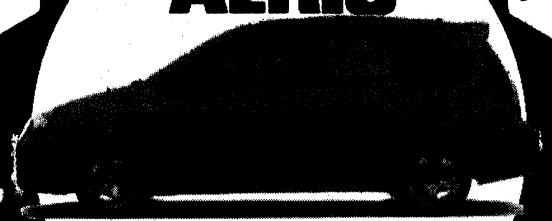

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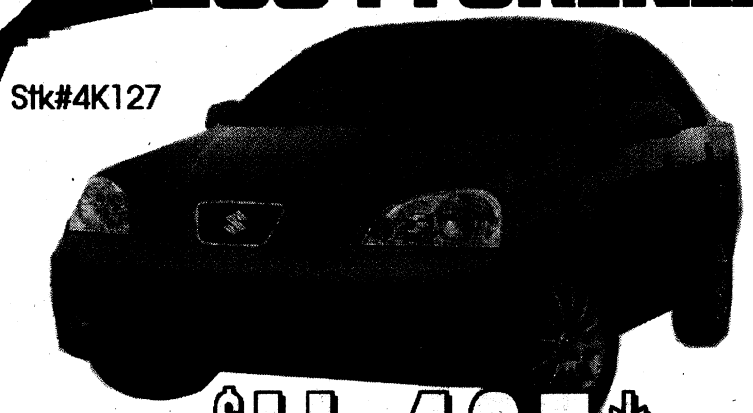

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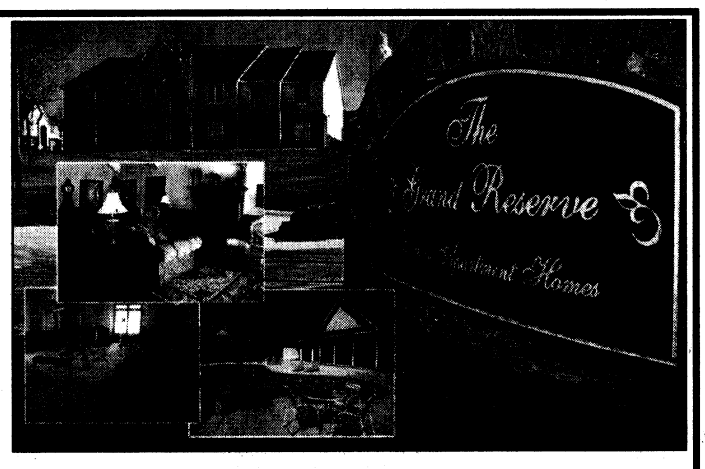

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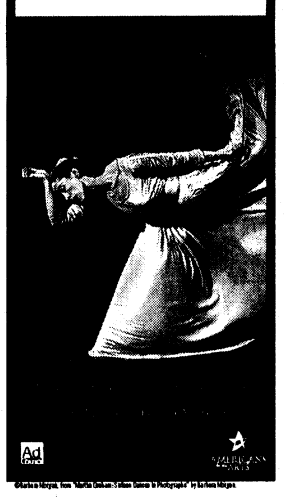

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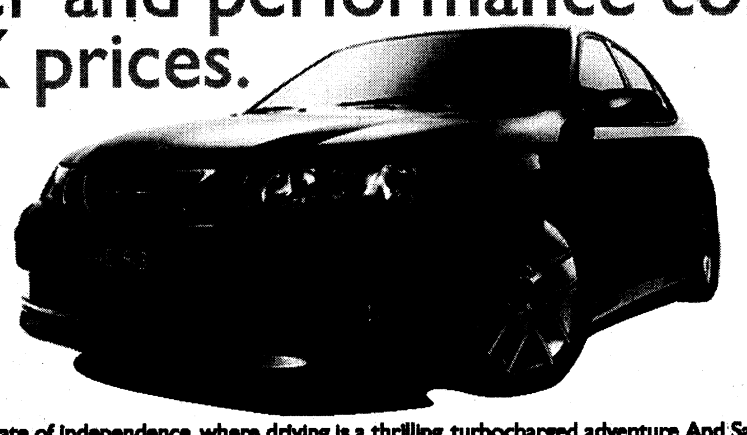

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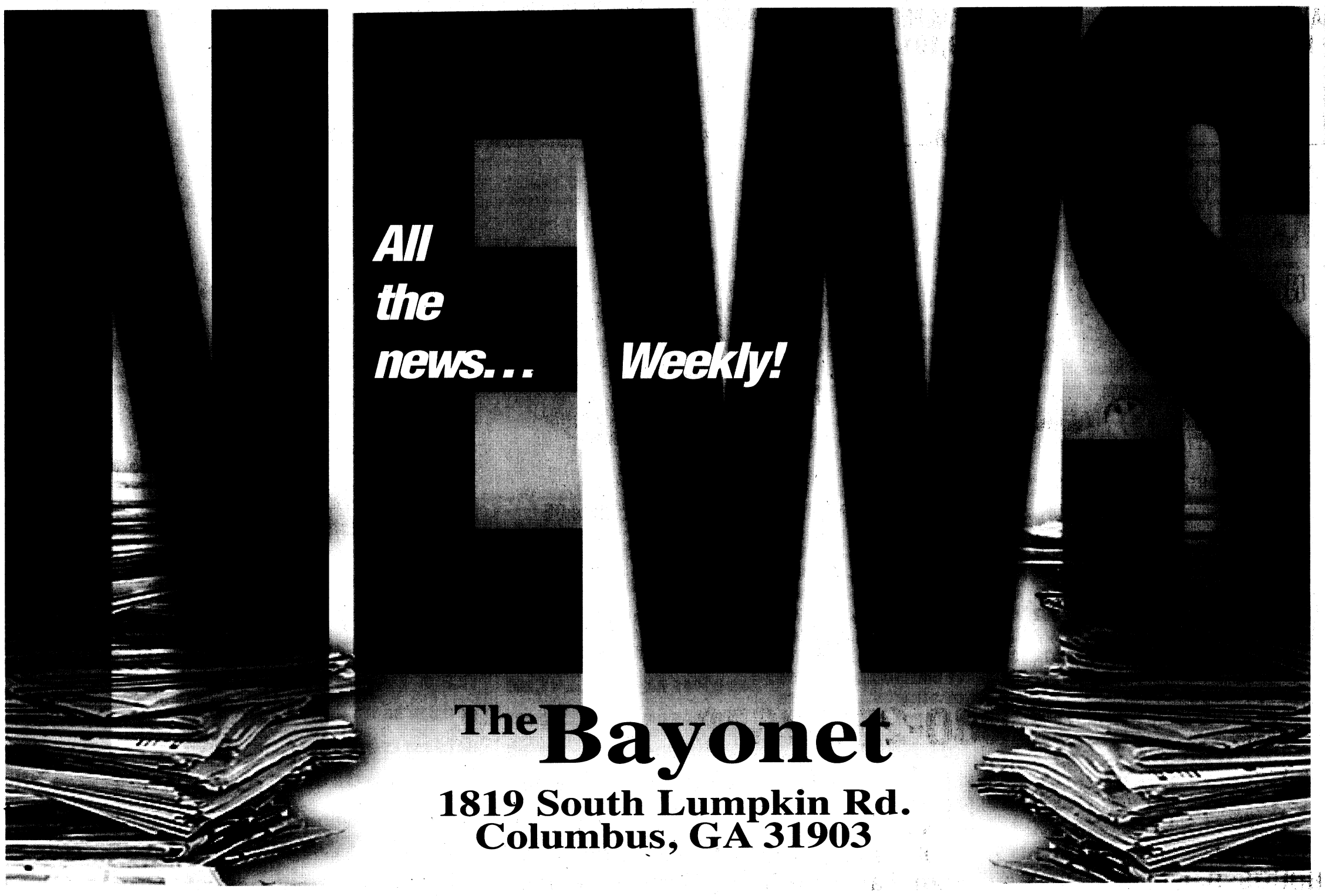

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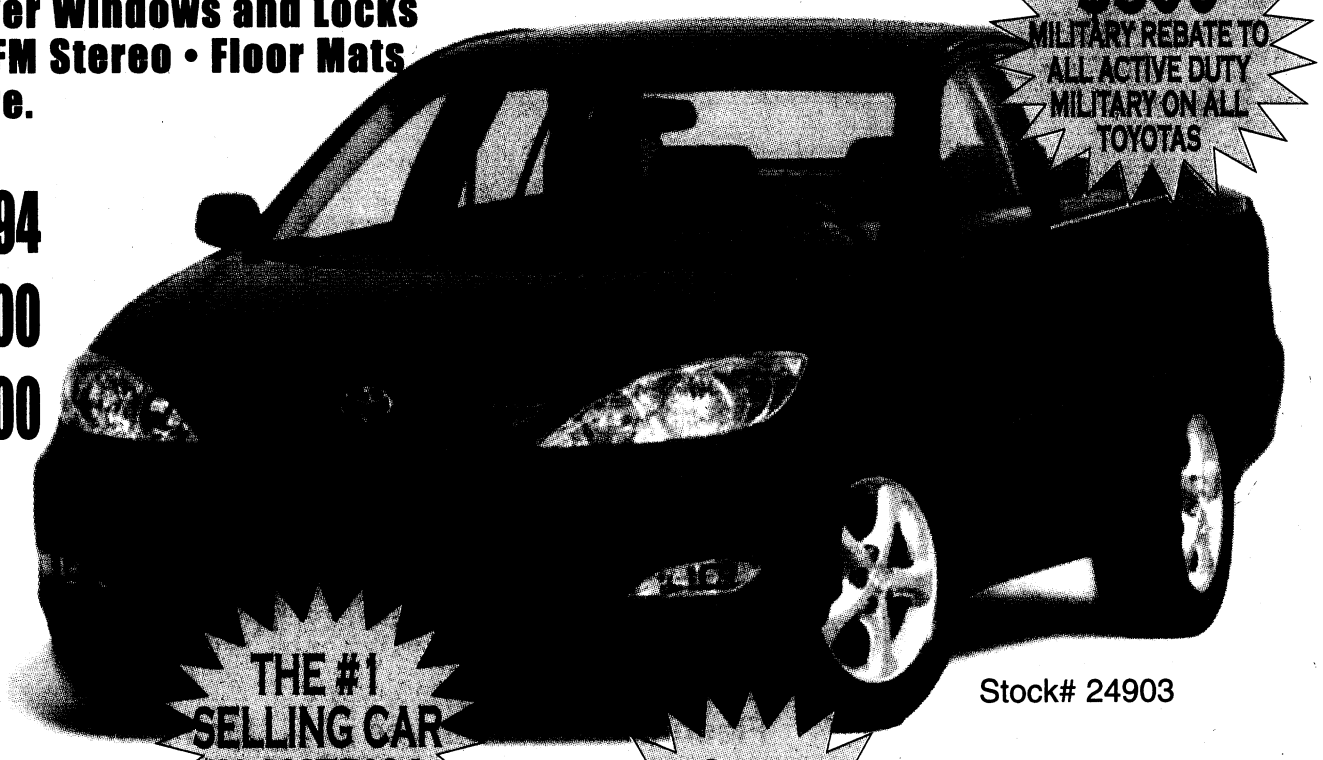

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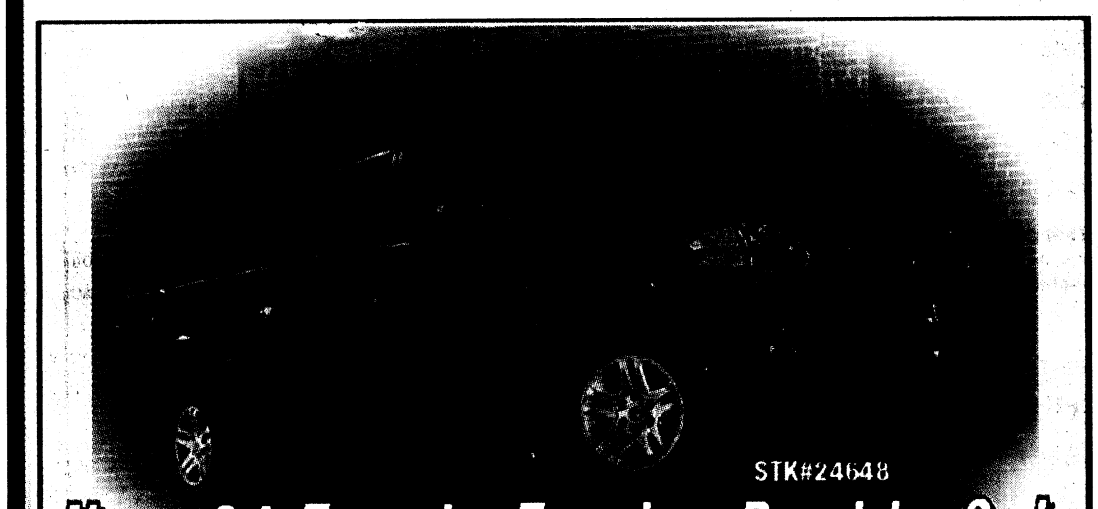

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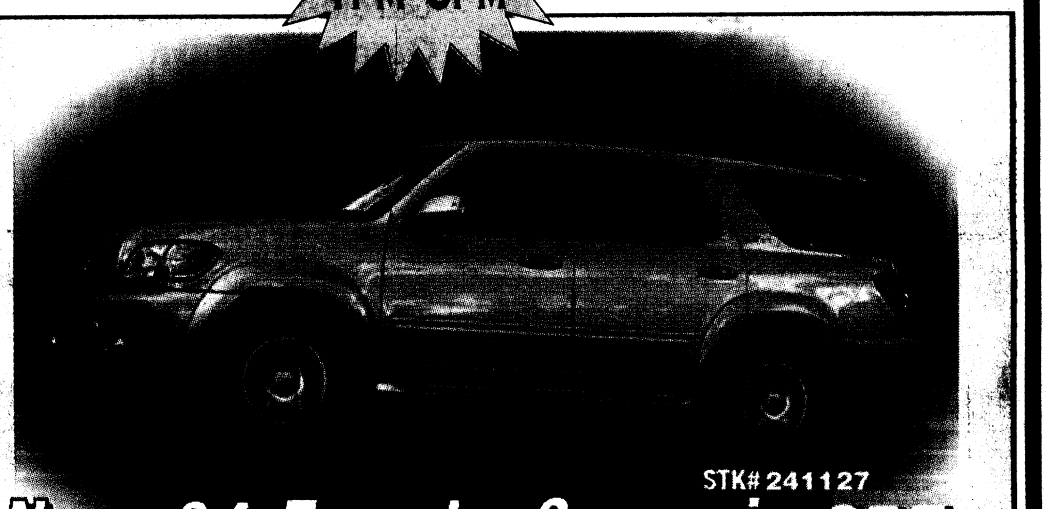

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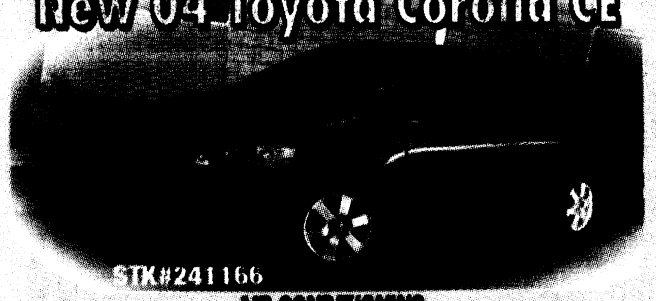

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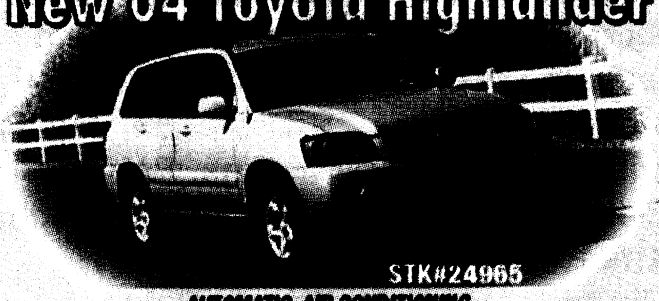

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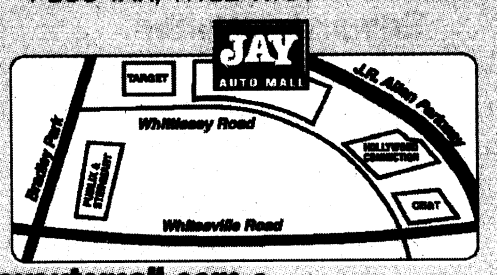

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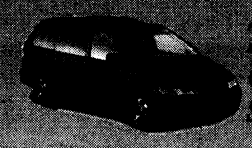

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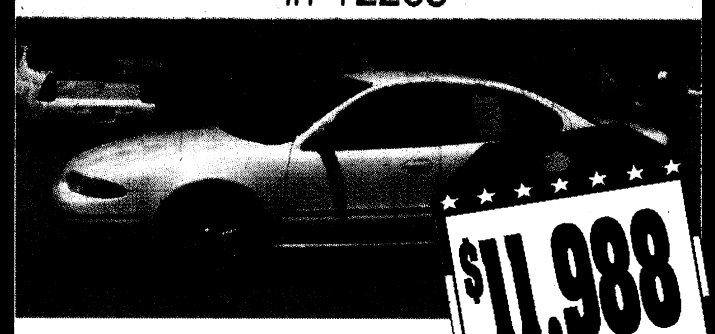

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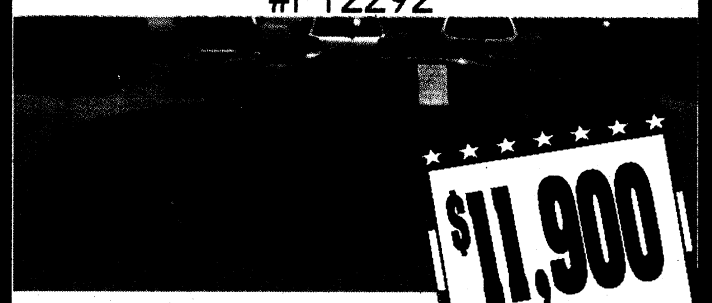

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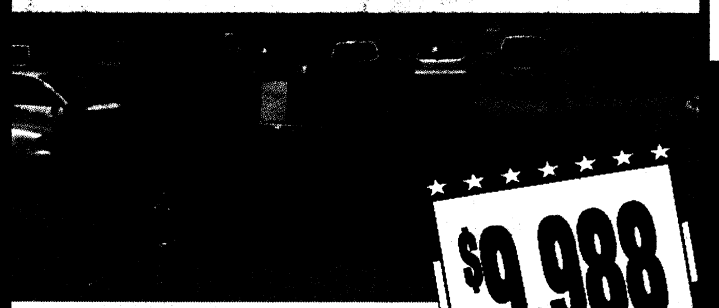

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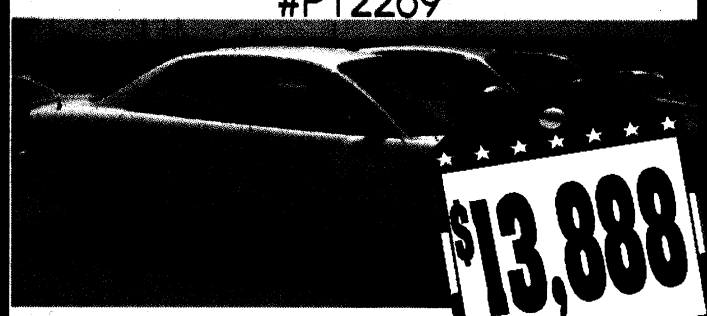

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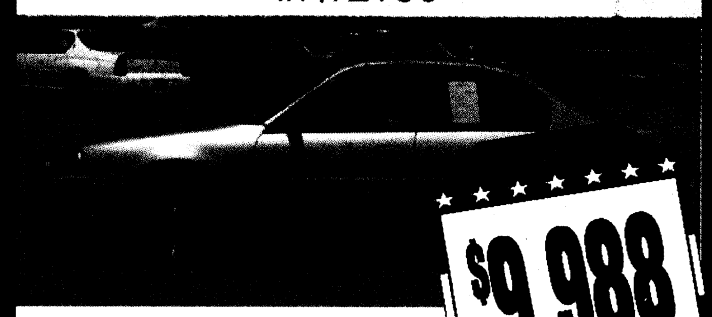

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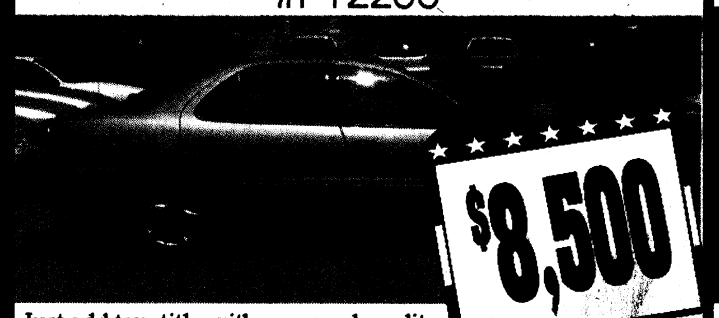

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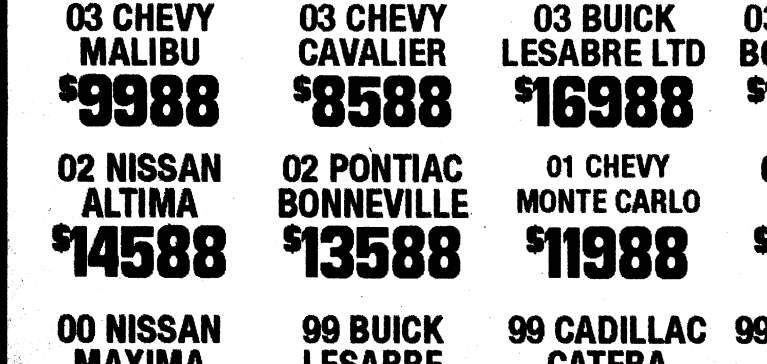

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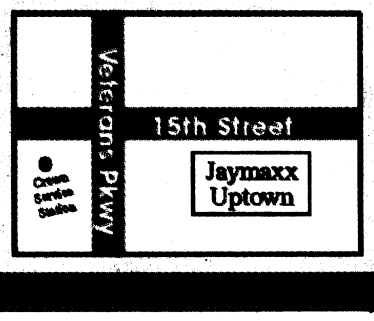

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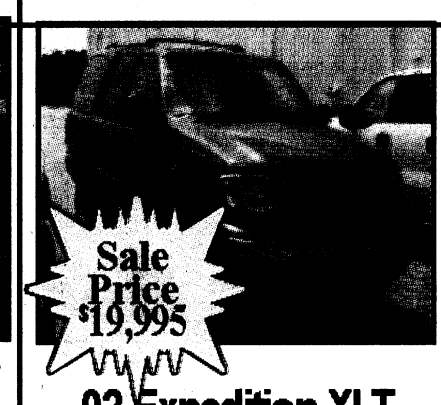

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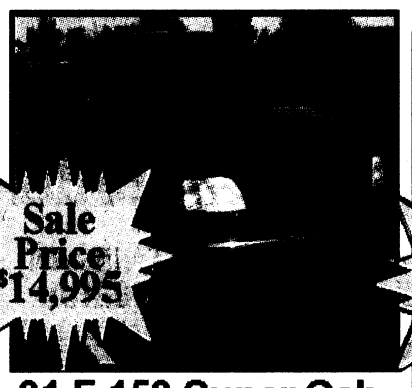

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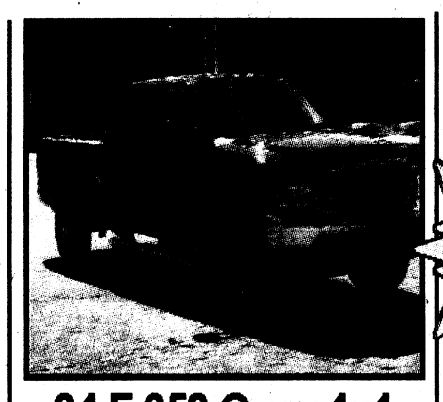

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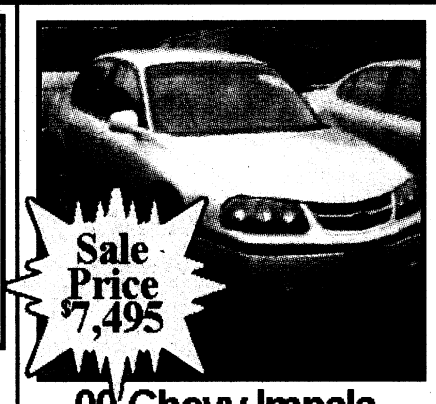

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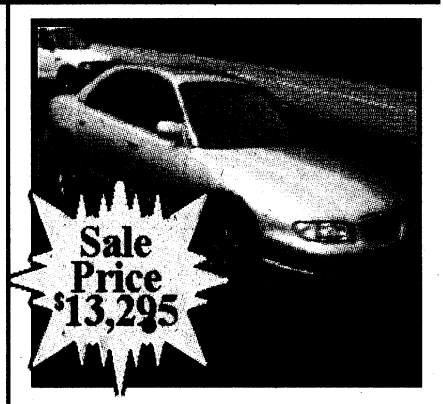

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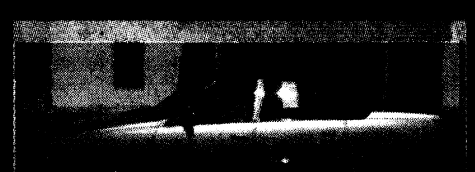
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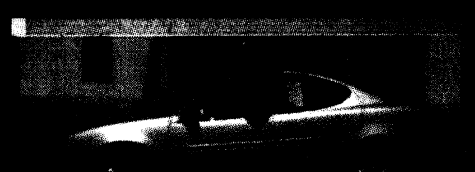
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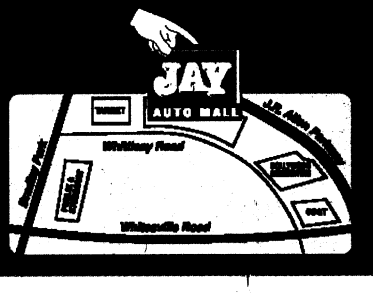

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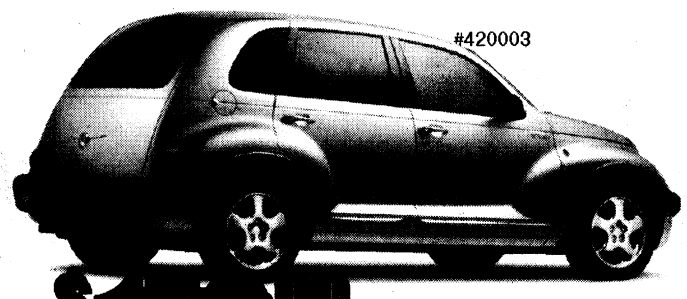

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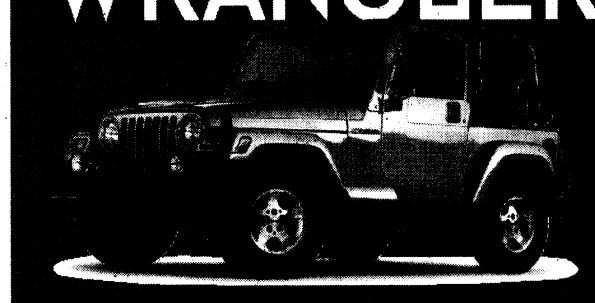

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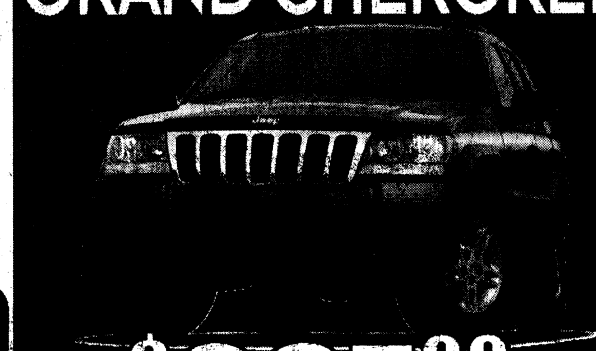

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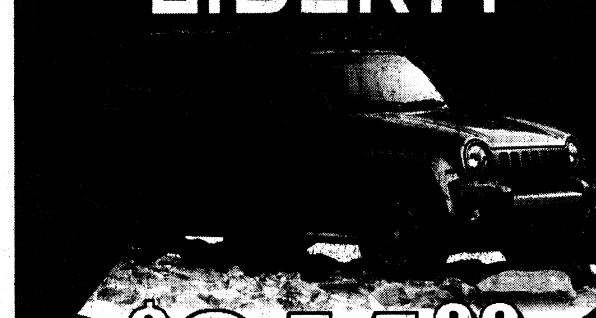

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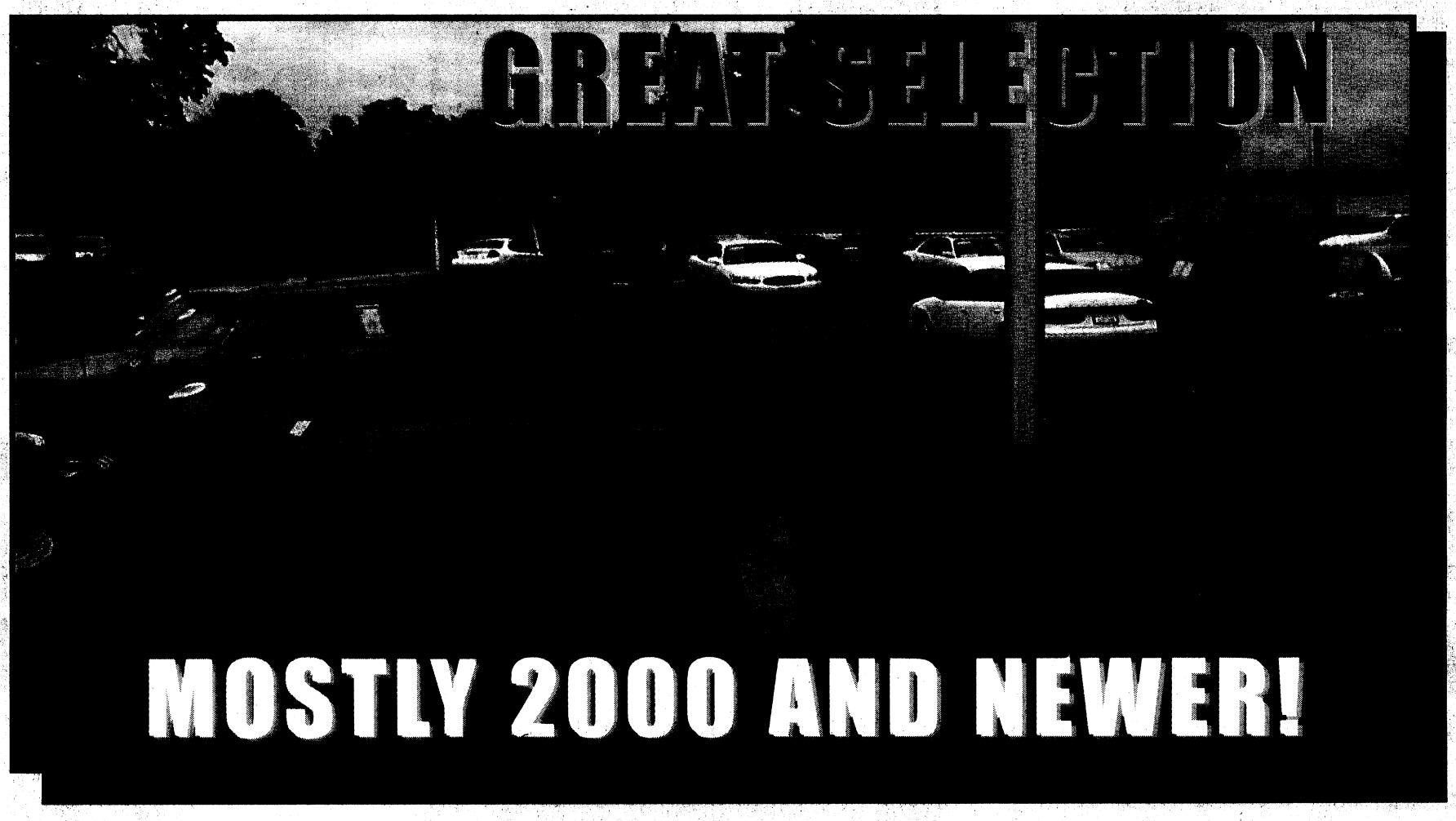

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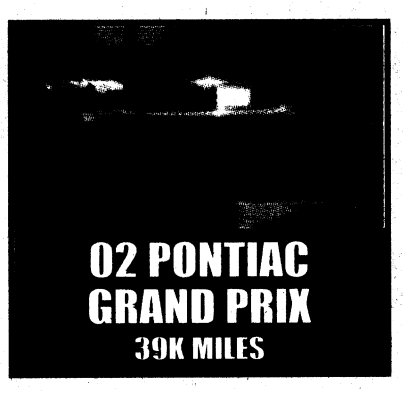
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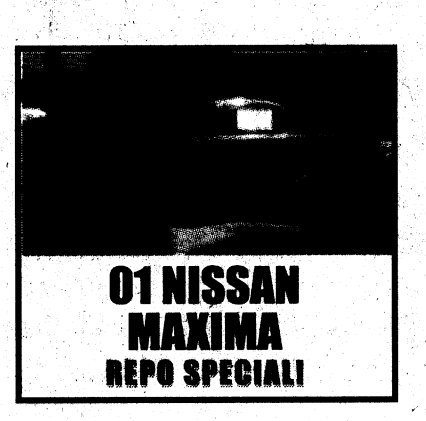
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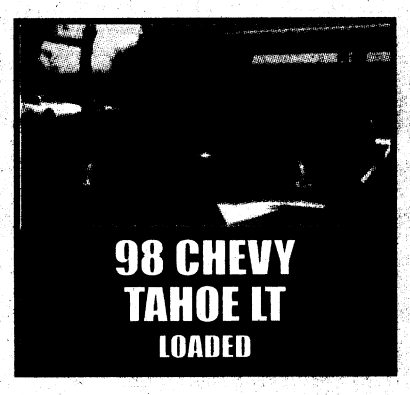
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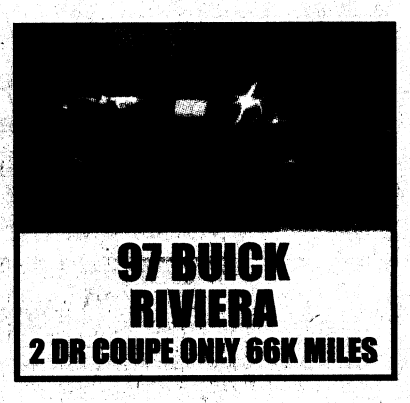
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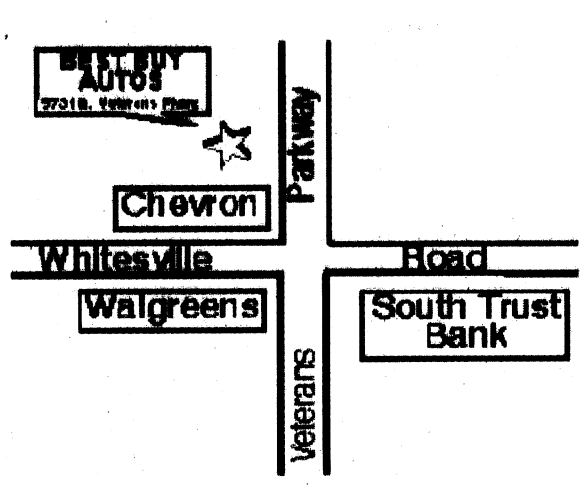

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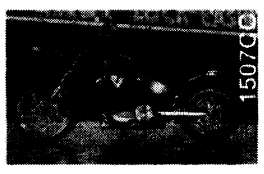

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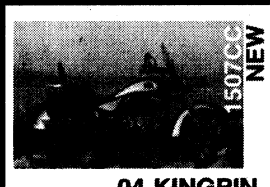

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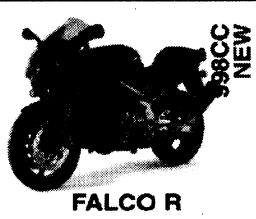

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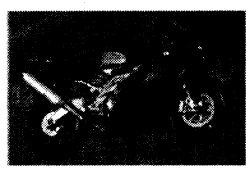
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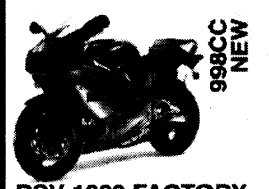

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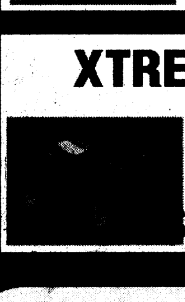
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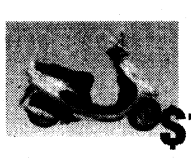
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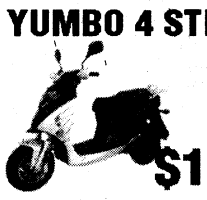
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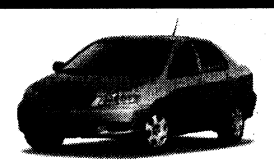
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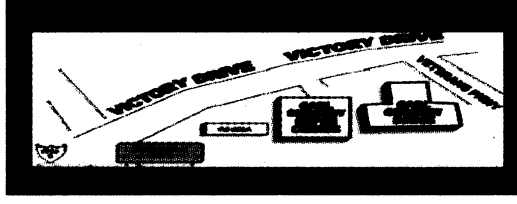

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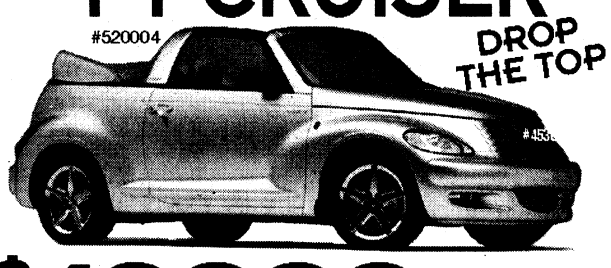

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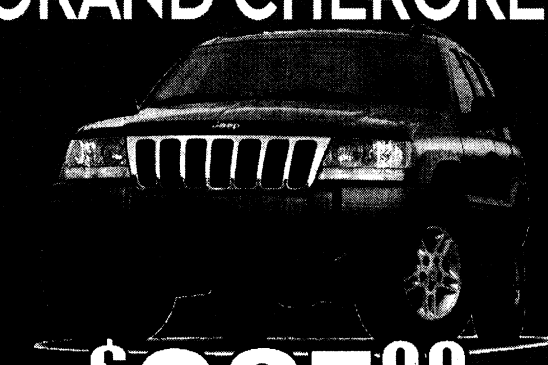

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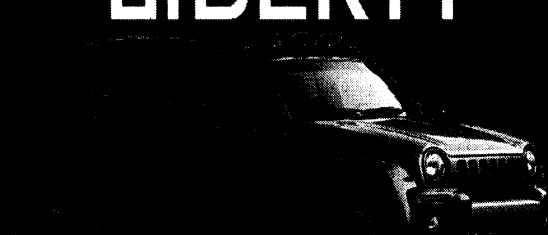

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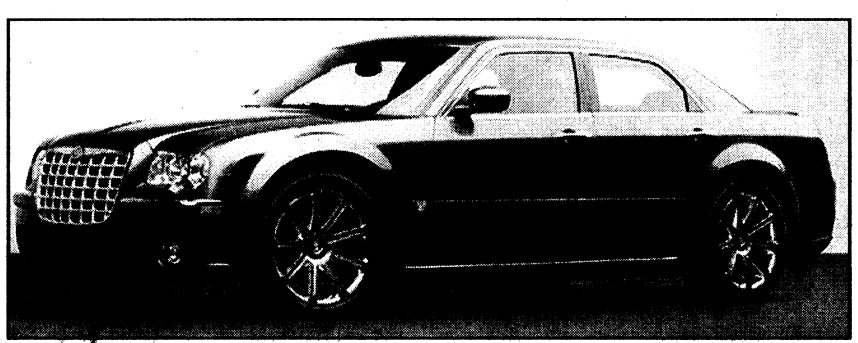

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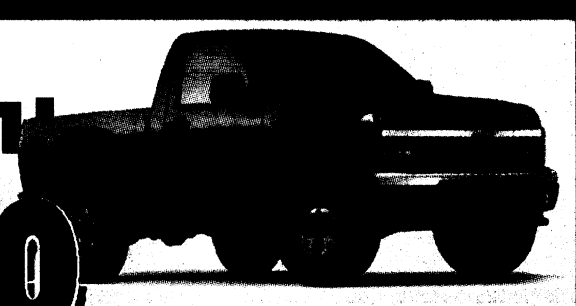

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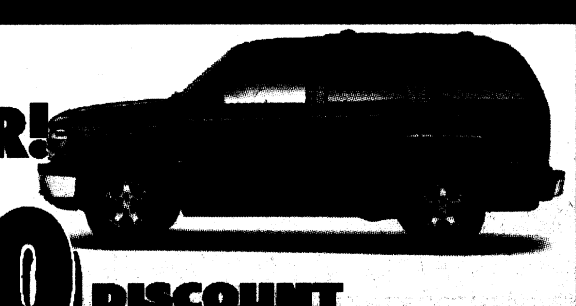

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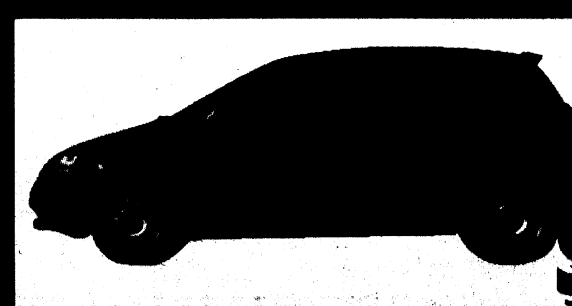

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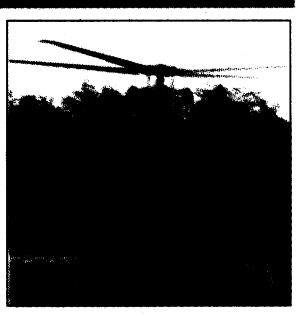

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507th paratroopers to relive D-Day jump into Normandy

Post CG, CSM to accompany troops to France

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

In the predawn hours of June 6, 1944, the paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division's 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment prepared to jump into Normandy and into history.

Now, in honor of the 60th anniversary of D-Day, paratroopers of 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry will again fill the skies over Normandy.

More than 165 cadre from the 507th, accompanied by Fort Benning commanding general Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso, left Lawson Army Air Field Thursday night bound for Cherbourg, France. Soldiers from the Ranger Training Brigade and the 75th Ranger Regiment went to support the jump.

They'll stay in Cherbourg one night before jumping onto the same drop zones that U.S. and allied Soldiers dropped onto 60 years ago and participate in ceremonies before returning to Fort Benning on Monday.

"It's a whirl," said 507th Command Sgt. Maj. Donovan Watts, "but we live for adrenaline."

> "It's all about history. We're tying the unit of today into the unit 60 years ago."
>
> **Command Sgt. Maj. Donovan Watts**
> 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry command sergeant major

He said they've been planning the trip for the past year.

The Soldiers making the trip are a cross section of the battalion, Watts said.

The trip fits right in with the 507th command team's goals, not only to graduate airborne students, but also enhance the cadre, he said. And one way to enhance the cadre is to have some sort of event with a historical tie-in.

"It's all about history," Watts said. "We're tying the unit of today into the unit 60 years ago."

He said Soldiers join the Army to travel and see different things.

"A lot of these Soldiers have never left the continent. This will be a big event for a lot of them," he said. "It will be a different atmosphere for them."

See **507th,** A-4

We remember



Melissa House

Travis Higginbotham, from Fort Benning Boy Scout Troop 27, and Marissa Furney, from Girl Scout Troop 66, place flags at the graves in the Fort Benning Cemetery May 28. Members of the two troops worked more than an hour before school started to get the cemetery ready for Memorial Day. See A-3 for more photos.

Army enacts stop loss

Army News Service

On Tuesday, the assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs approved an Army decision to implement the active Army stop loss/stop movement policy.

This policy affects all units designated to deploy outside the U.S. to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom operational missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Continuing personnel losses caused by routine rotational policies have the potential to adversely impact training, cohesion and stability in future OIF and OEF deploying units.

To ensure the Army's formations remain cohesive elements throughout their deployments, it is necessary to stop personnel losses from the deploying units until after they return to their permanent duty stations.

Preliminary analysis of gains and losses indicates that, without the stop loss, an Army division will require the reassignment of more than 4,000 Soldiers from other units to achieve a complete reset of the division and ensure a deployable strength of 100 percent.

Based on this information, the Army asked for and had approved the authority to change the active-duty and

See **STOP LOSS,** A-4

Army policy to address sexual assault

Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — All offenses of sexual assault in the Army must be reported to the Criminal Investigation Command, and commanders can no longer resolve the complaints on their own, officials announced.

A task force spent 90 days conducting a detailed review of the Army's current policies and programs on sexual assault.

One of the findings was that, while all commanders had taken action against assailants accused of sexual assault, not all were going through the proper investigation channels, said Darlene Sullivan, the facilitator for the task force.

> "Commanders must create a command climate where victims feel comfortable reporting acts of sexual assault. Rape is one of the most unreported crimes nationwide."
>
> **Darlene Sullivan**
> Army sexual assault policy review task force facilitator

The task force was assembled from various Army organizations and began looking into how the Army addresses matters of sexual assault in February. Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee authorized the task force.

The task force recommendations were approved by Brownlee, and were briefed to the House Armed Services Committee Thursday by Reginald J. Brown, the assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs

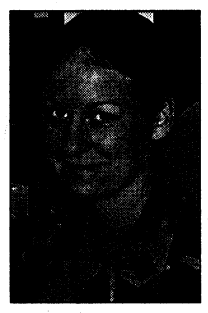
There were nine shortfalls the task force noted in its 80-page report. One major finding pointed out there was no standard way of handling sexual assault cases, making it hard to collect data and keep track of what services had been

See **POLICY,** A-7

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY

Just tell it like it really is

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor



I'm on a mission. Call it Chicken Soup for the Soldier's Soul. Call it a Cup of Comfort for the Army family. Call it a reality check for an American public bombarded with negative messages about our troops.

In case you haven't noticed (and I'm not sure how you couldn't), Soldiers are not exactly winning the best name on the local or national prime time news networks these days.

From the Abu Ghraib prison scandal to the murders involving 3rd Brigade Soldiers, I see the good names of so many smeared by the actions of so few.

And I don't know about you, but I'm sick of it.

For every disturbing story of misconduct in our ranks splashing the headlines, I know there are at least a dozen stories of heroism and good deeds that are not being told.

Stories that paint the true picture of our Army's Soldiers: Decent, hard-working Americans, making daily sacrifices to serve their country.

(And in my mind, no matter what his or her motivation for joining the Army, every Soldier ends up making some sort of sacrifice.)

It's become obvious to me in the past six months or so that Soldiers' good works just don't seem worth telling to people who are more concerned with ratings and sales than telling an objective truth.

So it's up to us — that's right, you and me and anyone else with firsthand knowledge of what our troops are doing right.

Whether it's here at home or overseas, we here at *The Bayonet* want to know what little victories our Soldiers are accomplishing across the globe, and we want you to tell us.

Help fight the barrage of negative news and spread, instead, the inspiring stories of Soldiers making a difference in the lives of those around them.

Send a letter to the editor of *The Bayonet* detailing a Soldier's good works that have touched your life to fbbayonet@mindspring.com, fax it to 682-0095 or drop it off in Room 606, Infantry Hall.

I'll say goodbye tomorrow

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



Friends come and friends go, such is the life of the military. Que sera sera. I'm usually quite adept at suffering separations. My modus operandi: I simply avoid goodbyes.

"You're leaving tomorrow? Let's say goodbye tomorrow, OK?" Everybody knows tomorrow never comes.

I've been at Fort Benning for five years, and I've said goodbye to many, many friends without ever really saying goodbye. Call me a wimp.

This time is different. Shannon is leaving.

Shannon and her family arrived at Fort Benning just about the same time we did. She's been my constant, my point of reference ever since.

Others came and went, but Shannon was always there — here.

And now her brood is headed for Kansas, with orders from Uncle Sam. Why else would anybody go to Kansas? (Not that I have anything against Kansas, mind you. All I really know about it I learned from *The Wizard of Oz*.) If Kansas has any redeeming qualities, Shannon will find them every one. That's the way she is.

From the get-go, Shannon and I were buddies. We went everywhere together. I'm a dreamer and Shannon's a schemer. I'd no sooner say, "I wonder if there are any blueberry patches ..." and she'd have the van packed with children — hers, mine and a spare — blueberry buckets, wet wipes, bottled water, bug spray, fix-a-flat, MREs, medical waivers, quinine, emergency flares and a compass. Shannon, single-handedly and spontaneously, makes a Boy Scout troop look ill prepared.

It's true *The Bayonet* owes Shannon a good deal of credit, though you never saw a by-line with her name. But so many of the *Out&Abouts* started out as a twinkle in Shannon's eye. She was always ready for an adventure.

Until that fateful, hateful day she got a job. A real job. A job other than the Siter and Secules family activity director. Nothing has been the same since. Now our adventures are restricted to rare weekends and holidays, and soon they'll be restricted to the occasional vacation visit, sporadic and frenzied, as such visits tend to be. So maybe Shannon's gainful employment served as a gentle transition between what was and what is to be.

Yeah, friends come and friends go, but friends like Shannon are few and far between. I'll miss her like crazy. I'll say goodbye tomorrow.

Stop loss — the loss of our troops, that is



Americans understand that in an Army at war, there will be unavoidable losses. What they, and we, are unwilling to accept are losses from accidents, those deaths and injuries that are avoidable.

During our first year of operations in Iraq, 422 American Soldiers died; of these, more than 26 percent were non-combat accidents.

In the past 23 years, more than 7,500 Soldiers died in accidents, compared to fewer than 600 in combat. Last year's total accidental death rate was the highest in 10 years. More than 55 percent of these deaths involved private automobiles and motorcycles. Nearly all of them were preventable had the victims taken proper precautions or operated those vehicles in a safe manner.

The Department of the Army is implementing a new Safety Campaign to reduce this loss. The goal is to reduce preventable accidents by at least 50 percent by the end of fiscal 2005.

Our Soldiers are too valuable to the Army and their families to take any chances with their safety.

Each life saved, each serious injury avoided and each piece of equipment undamaged may be the deciding factor in a battle in the global war on terrorism.

To communicate the importance of this goal, the Army has produced the *Our Army at War: Be Safe* video.

This video is being shown on our Fort Benning Command channel and is being distributed to each MSC. Every Soldier must see this video before July 1. MSCs will report completion to Safety, 545-7900 or e-mail regis.beighley@benning.army.mil.

We must do all we can as leaders to ensure the safety of our Soldiers.

Follow me!

— Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley
Commanding General

Embrace warrior ethos



Brownlee



Schoomaker

Never in recent memory have our Army values, The Soldier's Creed and our warrior ethos been more important for us to reflect upon than today. Our Army is serving our nation with great courage and honor during very dangerous times.

We enjoy great support and the confidence of the American people, whom we serve, and we are respected around the globe.

In view of current events, we must redouble our efforts, hold our heads high and drive on to accomplish our individual tasks and collective missions. Integrity is non-negotiable. Everyone has leadership responsibilities when it comes to the legal, moral and ethical. Discipline is doing what's right when no one is watching.

We are proud of you and our Army. Drive on!

— Les Brownlee
Acting Secretary of the Army
— Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker
Chief of Staff of the Army

LETTER

On-the-spot corrections require discipline

Correct me if I'm wrong, but nowhere in the revisions of Army Regulation 670-1 does it say that headbands or headphones are authorized for wear in the PT uniform. And nowhere in the reg does it say that Soldiers are authorized to run around with their shirts untucked in PT uniform.

And yet, lo and behold, what do I see when I walk into Briant Wells Fitness Center the other morning, but all of the above.

And even more aggravating — I actually waited to see if someone else in the gym would correct the guilty parties (presumably, there were other NCOs and officers in the gym), and no one said a word.

I may be a crusty, old infantryman, but I believe in standards — adhering to them and enforcing them.

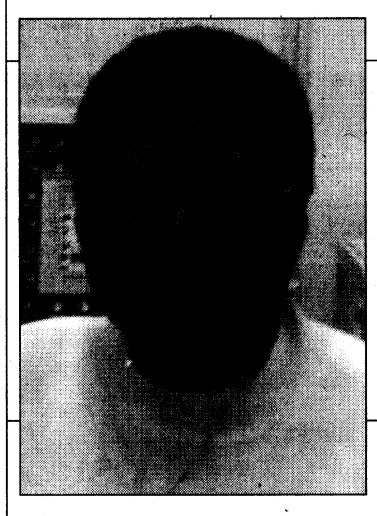
Remember, when you fail to make an on-the-spot correction, you have just set a new standard.

Let's all have the discipline to do the right thing and the intestinal fortitude to fix what's wrong.

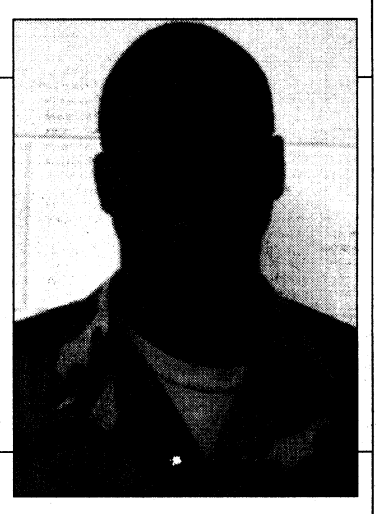
— Sgt. 1st Class Mike Ramirez
Fort Benning

VARIOUS VOICES

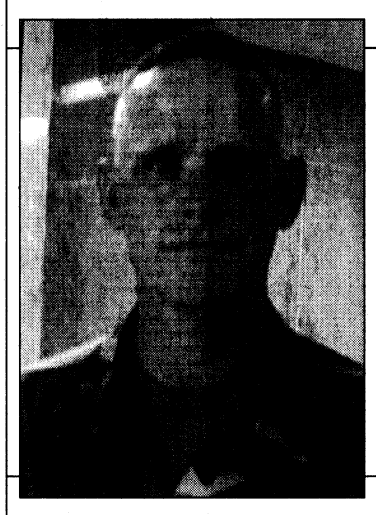
What good deeds have you seen Soldiers doing or been a part of?



Cora Wright, Secretary General Staff administration clerk — "A man fell in the parking lot and a group of Rangers jogging by in a formation came over to help. They gave him CPR and revived him."



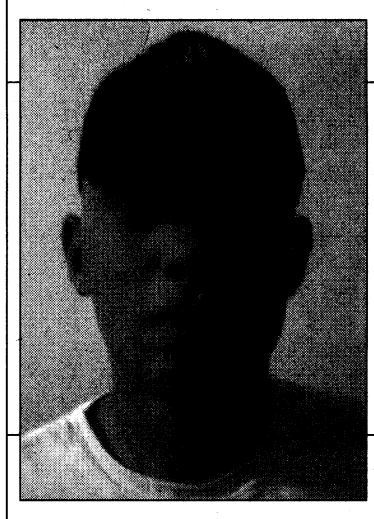
Spc. Bromekus Roberts, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery — "I'm currently in the Primary Leadership Development Course and there are a few foreign Soldiers in my class. We are all pitching to help them out with drill and ceremony and to understand different words."



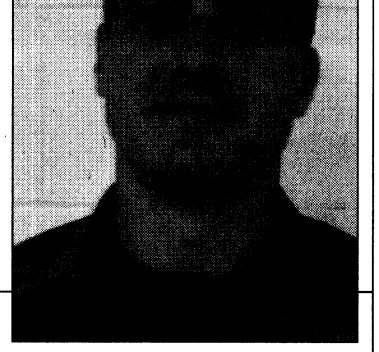
1st Sgt. Larry Primeaux, Henry Caro NCO Academy — "At Burger King a few weeks ago, there was a private on crutches struggling with his tray. There were about 15 other people in there, but a sergeant sitting with his family was the only one who got up to help the Soldier. I went over there and thanked him. That was high speed."



Sgt. Maj. Joshua Simmons, U.S. Army Infantry Center — "There is an overwhelming participation in volunteering with youth groups and summer services which I am a part of that Soldiers participate in all the time. They don't receive anything for it, so you know it's from the heart."



Spc. Nate Keaton, 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt. — "I've seen a Kelley Hill Soldier taking time to help young kids learn to box at a recreation center in Columbus."



2nd Lt. Daniel Taylor, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "As part of a class project, we built an outdoor recreation area for an abused children's center."

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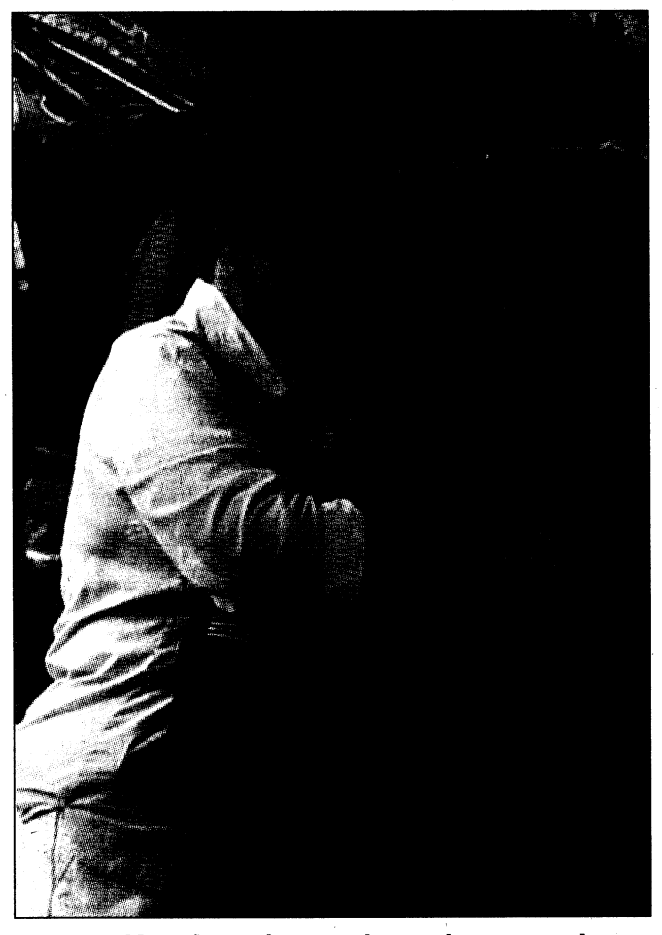
Flags wave in the breeze Friday after Fort Benning Boy and Girl Scouts readied the cemetery for Memorial Day.

Post honors fallen Soldiers



Arlene Kessler tries to keep her grandson, Andrew Kessler, dry during the ceremony May 31 at the Main Post Cemetery.

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

More than 300 people stood their ground in a downpour May 31 to pay tribute to the nation's veterans.

The holiday, originally called Decoration Day, was first observed in 1868 for the purpose of decorating the graves of the Confederate dead.

Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley said this year's observance was especially poignant as the community remembered Fort Benning Soldiers and a Columbus native killed overseas — those who were "carrying on the legacy."

"This is a personal Memorial Day for all of us," Freakley said. "Time to remember our fallen heroes and to resolve ourselves that America will continue to fight to preserve freedom and honor those before us."



Photos by Melissa House

Sgt. Gregory Johnson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Garrison, stands behind the wreath to protect it from the driving wind.

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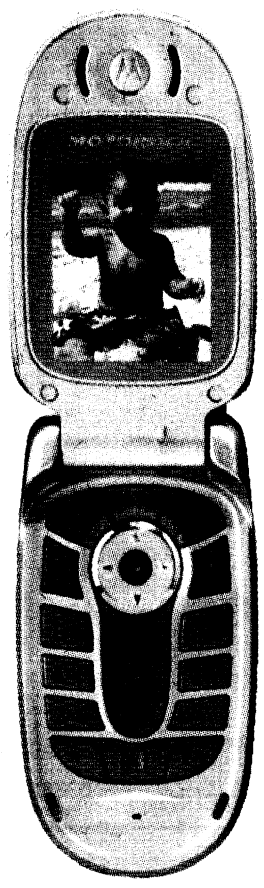

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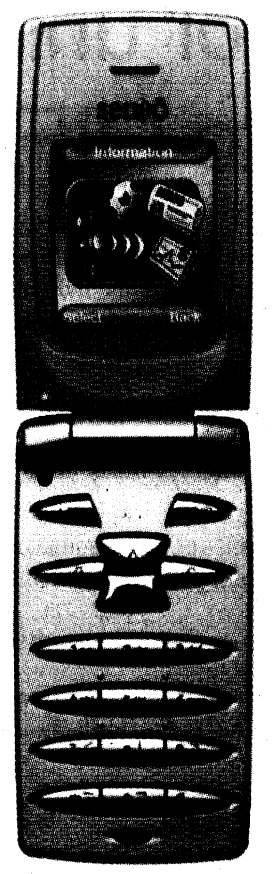

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A paratrooper boards a plane June 6, 1944, bound for the D-Day invasion at Normandy. Soldiers from the 507th will commemorate that historic day by jumping into Normandy this weekend.

507th: Marks D-Day anniversary

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The 507th was activated in 1942 at Camp Toccoa, Ga., about 175 miles north of Fort Benning and arrived in Europe in December, 1943.

The 1944 jump did not go well. The paratroopers were dropped over a 20-mile area. Some landed in the Merderet River and drowned, entangled in their heavy equipment and wet parachutes.

The 507th fought on through the Battle of the Bulge and parachuted again for the forced crossing of the Rhine River.

During the successful Operation Varsity, Pfc. George J. Peters, G Company, 507th PIR, earned the Medal of Honor.

Peters and 10 others dropped within yards of an enemy machine gun position and were pinned down.

Armed only with his rifle and a few grenades, Peters charged the enemy position, drawing attention to himself and allowing his fellow Soldiers time to get out of their parachutes and get their equipment.

The fatally wounded Peters silenced the machine gun position with his grenades.

Stop loss: In effect for units going to OIF, OEF

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change the active-duty and Reserve Component unit stop loss programs for OIF and OEF units.

Prior to Operation Noble Eagle, OIF and OEF, the Army last used stop loss during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990 when President George H. Bush delegated stop loss authority to the Secretary of Defense.

By executive order, the secretary of Defense can delegate stop loss authority to the individual services.

Soldiers should contact their servicing personnel activity for more details or questions about how this policy will affect their units.

Soldiers should also be sure to check the latest military personnel messages regularly on the Personnel Command Web site at http://perscomnd04.army.mil/ milpermsgs.nsf.

Vets recall prepping for Normandy

Renita Foster
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Sixty years ago Tuesday, more than 250,000 troops in England anxiously awaited one of the most commemorated events in world history.

They waited in marshalling areas called "sausages," for their long, narrow shape. Units were sealed in, vehicles were parked close to hedges and every item connected to the invasion was camouflaged with wire netting.

Long road marches and combat maneuvers were replaced by marathon card games and baseball games. Libraries were available for reading and theaters were set up for showing movies with free popcorn. And months of speculation about an invasion was finally over.

"We had a pool going as to when and where we were headed," said Pete Rubino, a 29th Infantry Division veteran who is traveling to Normandy for the 60th Operation Overlord anniversary.

Joe Lennert, a 9th Air Force veteran, was placed in a coastal town completely encircled by barbed wire. He had no idea he was about to be a part of the greatest Allied invasion in history.

"It wasn't until I was four or five miles from the beach and saw flak from the German guns I realized this was it!" he said.

Loaded up and locked aboard cramped vessels, the endless ordeal of waiting began. Monotony was relieved by stretching out anywhere possible for naps, reading or writing letters as well as joining the never-ending poker and dice games. One imaginative group lowered the Landing Craft, Tank (LCT) assault ramp to the water's edge, affording the Soldiers a diving platform. Other conscientious GIs washed and strung their laundry between Sherman tanks.

The long waiting also meant plenty of time for just thinking. While waterproofing his weapon, Max Brudner, of the 186th Field Artillery, suffered the mounting anticipation of battle. His group of men were particularly close since they'd served together prior to the war.

"We lived closer than brothers in a lifetime," he said. "We trained, ate, slept and went to the latrine with each other. The only thing different this time would be the live ammunition coming our way."

Sal Mule, then a platoon sergeant with the 1st Inf. Div., indulged himself in a bottle of cognac he'd acquired.

"She and I were good friends," said Mule, who to this day refuses to say where he got the liquor.

Despite the overwhelming weight of all the gear he was required to carry, Nick Merlo made sure there was a special place for his good luck rosary.

"I never left that anywhere," declared Merlo, also a veteran of the 29th Inf. Div. So devout was Merlo, he opted to spend his time in the chapel instead of joining the card games. "That's where me and my rosary felt our best."

Late in the evening of June 4, Joe Lynch, an 82nd Airborne Division Glider trooper, was in the middle of a craps game when the announcement was made that it was time to go. The excessive weight of the duffel bag and musette bag made walking and climbing aboard the glider difficult. After Lynch found his seat he found he didn't want to think about anything.

"We didn't talk. We just waited," he said.



Autumn Spadaro

Pete Rubino stormed Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. Rubino is going to Normandy for the 60th Operation Overlord anniversary.

Soldiers all over southern England were poised for Operation Overlord to commence when an outside factor nearly caused the undoing of intense months and years of detailed planning and training. Horrendous weather with reduced visibility and excessive winds forced a 24-hour postponement.

While some Soldiers welcomed another chance to study the sand table outlining the drop zones, others felt frustrated sweating out another day for the combat jump.

"I think there were as many different thoughts as there were paratroopers, but the common feeling was to get on with it," said O.B.Hill, 82nd Airborne Division.

Lynch doesn't remember exactly how long he was on board the glider, but he distinctly recalled an officer suddenly showing up, blowing a whistle and announcing, "Everything's off."

"We felt let down," said Lynch. "We were all psyched up to go, sitting in the gliders with our grand M-1s between our knees ready for action."

Mule's reaction to Operation Overlord's delay was one of nonchalance since he'd already been in the North Africa and Sicily invasions.

The cancellation of the invasion was something Rubino never knew. And he adamantly says he's thankful he didn't.

Anticipation began mounting once again on June 5. Mule handled it by reminding himself there was nothing he could do. His two previous invasions had been hard and this was just one more.

"You just keep wondering if this one is going to be your last," he said.

When the order came again, Lynch wondered if there would be another delay. But after boarding the glider in the late night hours of June 5 and feeling the aircraft ascend, he knew there wouldn't be.

When his LST began heading for Normandy, Merlo felt his fears intensify.

"I wasn't any John Wayne. And anyone who says he wasn't afraid is crazy," he said. "The only worry I've known that compares to leaving for the invasion is when I got married."

Lennert also prayed as his unit came closer to the beach. He told God he didn't mind giving his life for country, but if possible could the Lord please spare him and let him go home.

Brudner kept repeating the same prayer as his vessel headed for Omaha Beach — he didn't want to be an unknown Soldier or lose a limb.

"I just wanted to get home in one piece," he said.

Editor's note: *Regina Foster writes for the* Monmouth Message.

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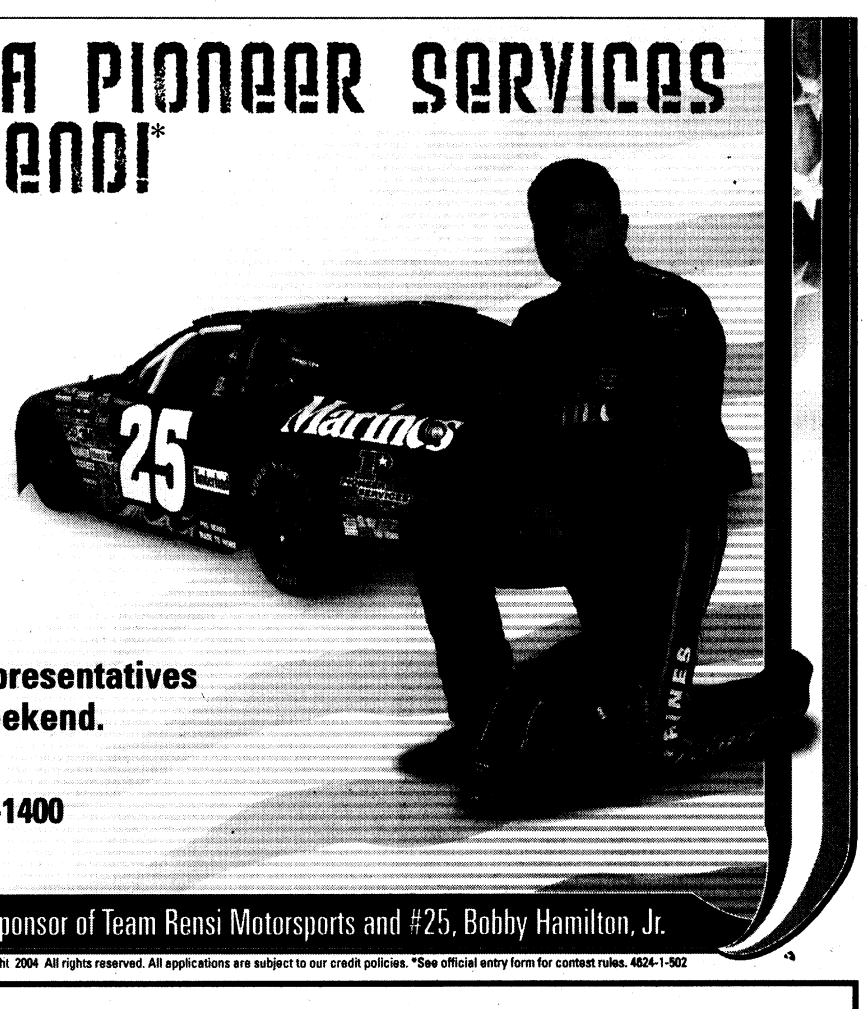

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Water-free urinals tested in Meloy Hall

More hygienic, less expensive reason for trial

Gina Cooper
Directorate of Public Works

Two water-free urinals were installed in the men's restroom on the third floor of Meloy Hall as part of a pilot project to incorporate sustainable products at the installation. In addition to the fact that water-free urinals reduce the overall consumption of water, they offer other benefits, as well.

Water-free urinals are considered more hygienic and cost effective, said Tom Tuten, sustainability management system program manager with the Directorate of Public Works.

Water-free urinals are more hygienic because they are touch-free, so the opportunity to spread bacteria is reduced, Tuten said.

And without water, bacteria doesn't proliferate as it does with traditional urinals.

The urinals "save us money, but more importantly, help us save water," said Russell Goodwin, who uses the water-free urinals.

The water-free urinals provide cost savings in three areas: purchase price, operating costs and maintenance, Tuten said.

The urinals are less expensive because there is no flushing mechanism, no water and sewer charges, and costs associated with stuck or broken valves are eliminated. Another cost, the energy costs associated with transporting water to and from the urinals, is also eliminated.

"These urinals will help Fort Benning optimize its water consumption and maintenance schedules," said Ramiro Montes De Oca, an engineer with DPW. "At the user level, they will help bridge the physical and psychological gap between the existing, historically inefficient fixtures and new, more efficient technologies."

The environmental benefits of water-free urinals are important because Fort Benning's environmental policy commits to continual improvement of the installation's environmental performance, Tuten said.

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The water-free urinal reduces energy consumption for the installation since no energy is used to treat the water that would have been used by traditional urinals.

Based on the effectiveness of the project, another unit will be installed, Tuten said, but a different brand will be used to compare performance.

Based on feedback from users, the installation will determine whether to expand the products into new construction projects.

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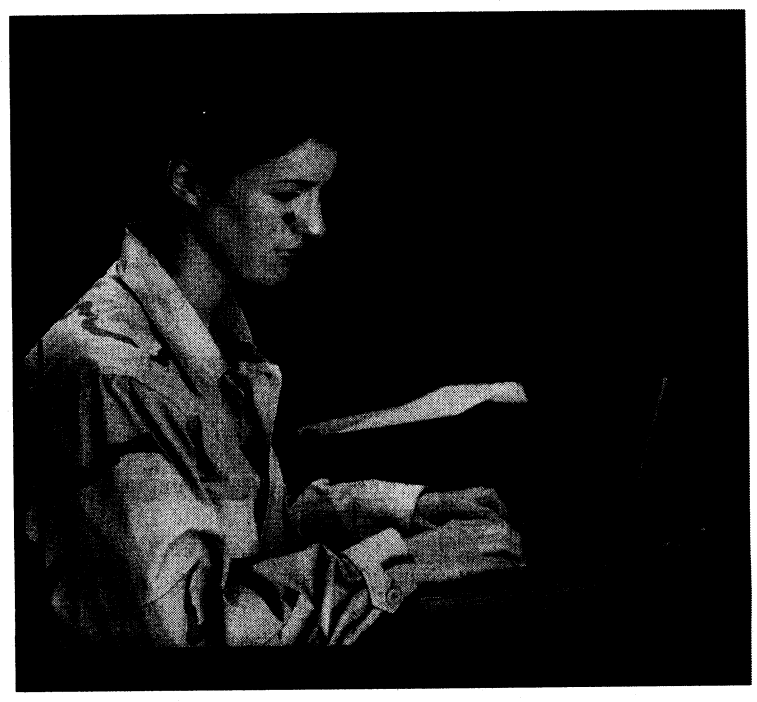

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Arabic-Muslim troop sets out to prove love for country

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Some Soldiers join the Army for the college money, some Soldiers do it for the education, some do it to travel, and then there are those who do it just to be an American Soldier.

Pfc. Shady Hamad, E Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, joined the Army to send a message to all Americans, a message from Arabic people around the world who have been affected by the ongoing war against terrorism.

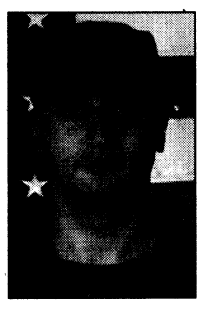
"Not every Arabic person is a terrorist," Hamad said. "I wish people would understand that we aren't all bad, we're good people, we're freedom loving people. Unfortunately a small portion of our people are misrepresenting us."

Hamad was born Oct. 30, 1978, in Alexandria, Egypt. His father is a surgeon, and his mother has a doctorate in International Economic Law and teaches at the American University in Cairo, Egypt.

He was raised in a well-educated Arabic-Muslim family and has always lived by three principles taught by his father — give respect to earn respect, give and forget and always see the best in others.

As a young man, he had the opportunity to travel, visiting more than 219 countries and learning to speak seven languages, including Arabic, French, English, Russian, Hebrew, Persian and Farsi.

He graduated high school from the Saint Marks School in Alexandria, Egypt, earned a bachelor's of science in business administration at the American University in Cairo, a bachelor's of science in computer science from the Arab Academy of Science and Technology and an associate's degree in computer networking from Quincy College in Boston.



Hamad

He arrived in the U.S. June 27, 1997, after applying for a green card in Egypt, where out of 40,000 applications, only 100 are chosen each year.

"The second I put my feet on this land I had rights," he said. "I told myself this is where I want to be the rest of my life."

He met his wife, Kali, in 1998 and married her in 2000. At 26, Hamad now owns two businesses, a limousine company and a scuba diving center in Boston, Mass.

He once made 10 times the paycheck he currently draws from the Army but does not regret his change of lifestyle.

"I joined the Army to serve the country whose way of living I believe in and to prove to the whole world that not every Arabic Muslim is a terrorist," he said.

"(Osama Bin Laden) didn't just hurt the American people after attacking the U.S. — he hurt every Arabic-Muslim person living in a foreign country," he said.

Hamad remembers the days after 9-11, when people would pull up to him at red lights and shout insults at him because he's Arabic. Both his businesses suffered — he went from 3,000 customers to about 700.

"An old lady at the supermarket saw me shopping and dropped her grocery basket and began yelling that I was (Osama Bin Laden)," Hamad said with a sad expression on his face. "All I could do was pick up her groceries and tell her I was sorry for what my people did to the people in her country."

Hamad's decision to join the Army came on Jan. 5.

"I was watching the news and saw how these Soldiers were being killed by close-minded people," he said. "They were trying to help a country and were being killed instead of thanked.

"I told my wife and she said I was taking it too personally. She thought I was being overly sensitive," Hamad said. "But I knew then, and I know now, that I can make a difference. I want everybody to know that all Arabs aren't bad people and that I'm willing to give my life for this country."

Kali is an American and already has two brothers in the Army.

"This was his decision, and I fully support him. It's a job somebody has to do," she said. "He feels very strongly about the cause and I'm very proud of him."

Hamad said he chose to be an infantryman that's where he can do the most good.

"I want to be on the battlefield where I can maybe help save lives (with) my knowledge," he said. "Every time I hear of Soldiers dying overseas, I can't help but feel I can make a difference. I speak the language, I know the culture, I would do more good as an infantryman than as anything else."

He told the recruiter in Boston that he wanted to be part of defending the safety of this country.

"If there is no country, there's no family, if there's no safety, there is no stability in the family. I want my family to be safe," he said.

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> **Pfc. Shady Hamad**
> E Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment

Hamad said he knows the sorrow of many American families and friends who have lost a loved one or have had a loved one injured during the Iraqi war. His friend, Spc. Mike Cushina, his pen pal since his youth, was shot three times in the chest by an Iraqi informer.

"(The informant) was supposed to be helping them and he was the one who shot him," Hamad said.

Cushina was recently released from the hospital and is in stable condition.

"I feel bad for the young troops who have lost their lives and have died like heroes," Hamad said. "I would like to tell their families that they will always be in my heart. They went to another country to try to help it — they did not deserve to die."

Hamad tries to honor fallen Soldiers and their families by trying his best at being a Soldier.

"He took charge when it was needed, sometimes too much. He's a good Soldier and always gave 100 percent in everything that he did," said Staff Sgt. Francis Rodrigo, Hamad's drill sergeant. "There are few Soldiers who will give up a nice life to join the Army."

"During the final (field training exercise), he kept trying to help other Soldiers out when he was the one who was injured," Rodrigo said.

Hamad has severe stress fractures in his shins.

"He's a great Soldier; he has a big heart and is not a quitter," said Pvt. Jack Tinae, Hamad's battle buddy. "I would be in a foxhole with him any day."

Tinae said Hamad struggled the most during training when he was teased by other Soldiers for being Arabic.

"I was taught to never hate. For Muslims, Islam means to believe in peace or to be peaceful," Hamad said. "When other Soldiers told me things, all I could say was that when it came down to the battlefield, I would still watch their backs."

Hamad will graduate June 11 and will report to Korea, where he will be part of the 2nd Infantry Division that will deploy to Iraq.

"I'm not frightened. I can't wait to go out there and fight those people who have given my people a bad name," Hamad said.

"The way I see it, my life is a cheap price to pay for this nation's freedom. I'm an American Soldier, now and forever," he said.

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NCO steals $11,810 from fellow 36th Engineers

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

A former NCO assigned to the 36th Engineer Group was found guilty of two counts of larceny during a court martial May 27.

Sgt. Timothy Smith, of the 104th Transportation Company, 13th Corps Support Battalion, stole $11,810 from two other NCOs in his unit while they were deployed.

Both victims provided Smith with special powers of attorney and access to their bank accounts and funds to attend to their personal matters in their absence.

His primary victim — a Soldier Smith had known for three years — entrusted him with a special power of attorney and asked him to pay his bills for him while he was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom last February. Smith had full access to his friend's bank accounts and checks. And he used them.

By the time his friend returned from war in July 2003, Smith had made two withdrawals and written 17 checks — a grand total of $9,660. Of that, not one dime went to pay his victim's bills.

Smith paid him back in part — coming up with $5,900 by September, $900 of which he stole from another deployed Soldier.

His second victim sent him a special power of attorney and a check, asking him to hire an attorney for him to handle some personal business while he was deployed.

Did you know?

There are two types of powers of attorney, general and special. A general power of attorney grants the empowered individual complete access to accounts and gives them the ability to spend the money as if it were theirs. A special power of attorney provides specific guidelines for access to accounts and funds.

The check was sent on the premise that Smith would look into the cost of legal services for the deployed Soldier and get back to him with a cost estimate. If it was too expensive, the Soldier stipulated, Smith would return the power of attorney and the check.

When the victim found out how much an attorney would cost, he told Smith not to hire him and to return the power of attorney and the check. Instead, Smith kept the check and cashed it, using it to help pay back his first victim.

By early October, Smith had again abused access to his first victim's accounts, cashing two more checks totalling $1,200.

On May 28, Smith was sentenced to confinement for 13 months, reduced to the grade of E-1, forfeit $795 pay per month for 13 months, pay a fine to the U.S. government of $8,850, serve an additional 11 months of confinement if the fine is not paid and be discharged from the Army with a bad conduct discharge.

"(Smith) literally robbed Peter to pay Paul," said Capt. Brian Chapuran, the trial counsel in Smith's general court martial, which concluded May 27.

Both of his victims filed Article 139 claims under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The first victim has been repaid; the second's claim is being processed.

In the meantime, other Soldiers — especially those facing deployment in the coming months — can learn from this situation, Chapuran said.

Although this is an isolated incident — "This isn't a widespread occurrence," he said — Soldiers should be cautious when it comes to powers of attorney.

"Soldiers should make sure they really need a power of attorney," Chapuran said. "There are times when they deploy that they don't really need one."

And when in doubt, ask an attorney, he said.

If it's absolutely necessary, Soldiers should ensure they obtain the right type of power of attorney.

General powers of attorney grant the empowered individual complete access to accounts and give them the ability to spend the money as if it were theirs, whereas special powers of attorney provide specific guidelines for the empowered individual to access accounts and funds.

And while a general may be easier, Chapuran warned, a special power of attorney provides protection.

"This case really illustrates the benefit of a special power of attorney instead of a general," he said. "We may have had a tougher time (prosecuting Smith) if they had given him a general power of attorney. A special is limited — (Smith) was only supposed to use it to pay bills. So we were able to charge him with larceny."

But whatever type of power of attorney Soldiers opt for, they should always make sure they know and trust the individual they leave in charge of their assets.

Even then, "that's not a guarantee all the time," he said, pointing out Smith's lengthy relationship with his victims prior to the offense.

Assault: Policy to address sexual violence in Army

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rendered to victims.

There were 24 recommendations made to improve the system. One was to develop a sexual assault policy for inclusion in Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy. The chief of personnel, Army G-1 is responsible for the overall sexual assault policy.

The policy will define sexual assault as alleged offenses of rape, forcible sodomy, assault with intent to commit rape or sodomy, indecent assault or an attempt to commit any of these offenses, Sullivan said. The definition is the same one given by the Department of Defense in its recent report "Care for Victims of Sexual Assault."

The roles and responsibilities of commanders from major command to the unit level will be addressed in the new policy and become a part of AR 600-20, said Lt. Col. John McPhaul of Army G-1.

"Commanders must create a command climate where victims feel comfortable reporting acts of sexual assault," Sullivan said. "Rape is one of the most unreported crimes nationwide."

Company commanders will no longer have the authority to sign the disciplinary paperwork for Soldiers accused of a sexual offense, when the cases don't go to court. The battalion commander's signature will be required, Sullivan said.

Commanders alone cannot round out a successful program to prevent sexual assault, according to the task force. Commanders alone cannot be the judge, juror and prosecutor.

In AR 600-20, one of the responsibilities commanders will have is to assign a unit victim advocate to support victims of sexual assault. The unit victim advocate will work to provide emotional support to victims while assisting them in the step-by-step processes involved, McPhaul said.

Other agencies whose roles will be outlined in the chapter will include CID, the provost marshal, the surgeon general, staff judge advocate and assistant chief of staff for Installation Management (Community and Family Support Center), McPhaul said.

"We are developing a mechanism that gets all the agencies in concert with each other by establishing a policy that deals with sexual assault not only in garrison but in a deployed setting as well," McPhaul said.

Training requirements will also be addressed in the regulation, McPhaul said. Within the next 60 to 90 days, new chapters will be added to the regulation and staffed with the field.

When looking for ways to improve the Army's policy, the task force sought advice from outside agencies, including Department of Veteran Affairs; National Organization of Victim Assistance; Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network; The Miles Foundation, Navy, Coast Guard; and the University of Arizona and Purdue University in Indiana.

Both universities were given grants from the Department of Justice for their prevention programs, Sullivan said. The Soldiers who report the assaults and their assailants are in the same age category as the university students, she added.

Nearly 84 percent of alleged perpetrators were junior Soldiers, and 95 percent of the victims were in the rank of staff sergeant and below, according to the task force report.

CLOSER LOOK

A review of the Army's policies on sexual assault found:

- There was no standard way of handling sexual assault cases, making it hard to collect data and keep track of what services had been rendered to the victims.
- Nearly 84 percent of alleged perpetrators were junior Soldiers, and 95 percent of victims were staff sergeants or below.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Passport photo date change

The Training Support Command is switching their hours for official passport photos.

The change is from Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. to Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

This change will take effect Monday.

For more information, call Sissy Hines at 545-2133.

Graduation

B Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, will graduate at 9 a.m. Thursday at Pomeroy Field on Sand Hill.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at the B Co. training area at Building 3210.

Freight office relocates

The Transportation Freight Office has relocated from Building 280 to Building 1836, which is the old historic white railway station, northeast across from Building 280.

The phone numbers remain the same.

Army birthday celebration

The 229th birthday of the Army will be celebrated from 3 to 4 p.m. June 14 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall. The celebration is open to the public and all Soldiers and will feature the Infantry Center Band presenting a streamer ceremony.

For more information, call 1st Sgt. Wendy Thomson at 545-4583.

Change of command

1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment will conduct a change of command at 9 a.m. June 22 on Kanell Field. Outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Bradley K. Nelson; incoming commander is Lt. Col. Thomas H. Brittain.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Andrea J. Kunst at 544-8558.

2004 elections

To be eligible for absentee voting in the 2004 elections, you must be registered to vote. To register, complete a Federal Post Card Application and mail to the state where you vote.

To get the FPCA, contact your unit Voting Assistance Officer or download it from www.fvap.gov. The deadline to mail the FPCA is Aug. 15.

The deadline to mail the absentee ballot is Oct. 11.

AEC rescinds restriction

Effective immediately, the Army Education Center has rescinded the restriction on issuing tuition assistance for the current semester.

For more information, call Paul LaPointe at 545-3237.

EOD recruiting

EOD recruiters are looking for Soldiers to become Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialists.

To schedule an EOD interview, call 545-5372 or 545-4154.

Tax center remains open

The Fort Benning Tax Center remains open and will still prepare federal and state tax returns for the 2001, 2002 and 2003 tax years.

The off-season location is Building 5, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Appointments are required.

For more information, call 545-3281.

Ranger School graduations

The following Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

- Class 7-04, July 9
- Class 8-04, Aug. 6
- Class 9-04, Sept. 17
- Class 10-04, Oct. 15
- Class 11-04, Nov. 5

The graduation is preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration, starting at 10 a.m.

Hatch Act

It's election time, and time to remind government civilian employees of the restrictions on their political activities.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has issued a letter identifying in detail many of the prohibitions relating to political activities.

The letter can be viewed at www.osc.gov/hatchact.com.

For more information, call Nancy Skates at (703) 325-1334, DSN 221-1334 or e-mail nancy.skates@asamra.hoffman.army.mil.

CID brief

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information pertaining to the robbery and assault of an individual on Eubanks Field adjacent Riordin Street. Five males (one Hispanic, three Caucasian and one Asian) robbed an individual of his clothes and wallet during a confrontation between 2 and 2:30 a.m. May 8.

Anyone having knowledge of the incident, but does not wish to be identified, will be briefed on available options in maintaining their confidentiality.

Those with information are encouraged to call the CID office at 545-5237 or the Military Police at 545-5222.

Thrift Savings Plan

Open Season for the Thrift Savings Plan has begun and will run through June 30. During the Open Season, you can start or increase (if you are contributing less than the maximum) your contributions.

The TSP is the federal government's long-term, tax-advantaged 401(k) type savings plan. The TSP consists of five funds where you can put your money.

To find out more about the TSP, visit the TSP Web site, www.tsp.gov, attend a class from 10 a.m. to noon June 11, or call the ACS Financial Readiness Program at 545-5485.

Separating Soldiers

The Fort Benning Adjutant General office would like to help Soldiers separating from the military.

Separating Soldiers with an ETS can expect to have orders published between 60 and 90 days prior to their departure on transition leave, or their separation date, whichever is earlier. Separating Soldiers must see the Army Career and Alumni Program and attend a pre-separation briefing 90 to 120 days This is mandatory. Upon regular ETS or separation, Soldiers may be eligible for the following benefits: dental treatment, unemployment compensation, Montgomery GI Bill, vocational rehabilitation and employment, disability compensation, home loans and health benefits.

There are specific time limits and restrictions on the benefits.

For more information, call the local Veterans Affairs Office, located in Building 2617 in Soldiers' Plaza at 545-4887. The Transition Center is located in Building 2619 and can be reached at 545-5400 or 545-5424 or see your unit personnel NCO.

USAMU teaches classes

The champion shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle and Service Pistol teams are available to teach shooting techniques to soldiers on the M-4, M-16 and M-9 weapon systems.

To schedule rifle training, call Staff Sgt. Kyle Ward at 545-3250 or 545-5614.

To schedule pistol training, call Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gibbs at 545-7022 or 545-3893.

eArmyU Order of Merit list

A standard Order of Merit List must be used to enroll all eArmyU students. The use of the OML will ensure the same criteria will be used for the selection of all Soldiers enrolling in eArmyU throughout the Army.

The Army Education Center will continue to conduct the eArmyU briefing at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday in Infantry Hall.

Only those Soldiers who are listed on the unit's OML will be eligible to attend the briefing.

The Soldier must contact the commander or first sergeant to be ranked and listed on the Unit Order of Merit List in order to attend the eArmyU briefing.

For more information, call 545-1774 or 545-4015.

Ranger Memorial stones

The Ranger Memorial Foundation, Inc. is an organization dedicated to honoring the U.S. Army Ranger and their sacrifices to our nation through a granite monument located on post.

The foundation also offers academic scholarships to eligible individuals and help to Ranger families in distress.

Funds for the services are raised through the sale of engraved granite stones on the Ranger walkway, individual and corporate donations and the Combined Federal Campaign. To purchase a stone, donate, or apply for a scholarship, log on to www.rangermemorial.org to download the forms.

Applications received now will be engraved in the summer of 2005.

eArmyU extension

All eArmyU soldier-students were granted an automatic six-month extension to meet the two year, 12-semester hour program milestones based on the current military readiness and mobilization requirements effective April 28.

If at the end of the six-month extension, soldiers need additional time as a result of their deployment or support requirements, they may request an additional six month extension from the Education Services Officer at the Army Education Center.

Soldiers with inactive fiber link should call the Army Education Center at 545-5725 for guidance.

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OIP seeks input

The Office of Infantry Proponency focuses on professional development and promotion and assignment guidance for the infantry Soldier.

Submit input on training, equipment an all other infantry-related issues at www.benning.army.mil/ oip.

For more information, call 545-5143.

Overseas voting process to improve for Soldiers

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Absentee ballots from service members overseas will move faster and with greater control for the 2004 elections, DoD and U.S. Postal Service officials said Wednesday.

Charles S. Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, and Paul Vogel, the Postal Service's vice president for network operations management, discussed the changes made in the absentee balloting process for 2004.

"We've had a year of getting ready for the upcoming federal election, focusing on how we can help military personnel, their families and civilians overseas to exercise their right to vote," Abell said during a Pentagon interview.

"As we have looked at every sort of situation, problem and impediment and tried to resolve them, we have come to another resolution to help us move ballots and ballot request materials from the hand of the overseas Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine or family member to their county boards of elections."

Vogel said USPS has been working with the Military Postal Service Agency to improve the process.

Vogel said the DoD/USPS team has put together a process that will expedite the overseas absentee balloting mail flow and give greater accountability.

The Postal Service has no special program in place for service members voting absentee in the United States.

"The Postal Service does a great job within the United States," Abell said.

"Our problem has always been more with the overseas voters."

Essentially, the Postal Service will ask local postmasters to contact the officials in counties that are responsible for mailing ballots and to whom completed ballots are returned.

"Traditionally, 30 to 45 days in advance of the elections, the blank ballots will be mailed out from those counties," Vogel said.

The Postal Service is asking the county officials to hold out the military ballots.

Local postmasters will take those ballots and sort them for three different destinations: San Francisco for service members based around the Pacific Rim, New York for Europe, and the Middle East and Miami for Central and South America.

The balloting materials will go to those destinations via the Postal Service's Express Mail service, Vogel said.

Once at these military mail "gateways," Postal Service managers will log in the Express Mail pieces and sort them to the different military ZIP codes.

"All the balloting materiel will be sorted first," Vogel said.

They will go into specially marked mail trays to be handed over to the airlines.

Airline personnel will recognize the trays having voting materials and those trays will again receive priority.

In theater, military postal officials will ensure balloting materials are again given priority as it travels to the service member.

Once service members vote, the reverse process is the same — balloting materials receive priority and ballots are placed in specially marked trays.

One change, however, is that when ballots are received at the APO or FPO, mail clerks will put postal cancellation marks on the envelopes.

This gives an accurate measure of the date and time a ballot is received.

At the postal gateways, ballots will go back into the normal mail flow in the United States that allows for a three-day delivery, Vogel said.

But on Oct. 30, Postal officials will again segregate balloting materials and use express mail to send ballots back to county officials.

Election Day is Nov. 2, but these special-handling procedures will continue through Nov. 8, Vogel said.

However, he pointed out, some ballots received after Election Day may not be counted, because different jurisdictions have different voting requirements.

To be on the safe side, DoD and the Postal Service recommend service members and their families follow Federal Voting Assistance Program guidelines.

FVAP is designating the week of Sept. 6 as Get Out the Vote Week.

By then, "if service members haven't already requested their ballots, that's the week to do it," Abell said.

They are also designating the week beginning Oct. 11 as Overseas Voting Week.

"If you vote that week, your ballot should arrive back at your home ... before Election Day, which will qualify your ballot to be counted in every state, county and precinct," Abell said.

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'Battle Boars' greet new commander



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Lt. Col. Wesley Gillman, hands the guidon of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, to Col. Steven Salazar, 3rd Brigade commander, during a change of command ceremony Wednesday at Essenbagger Field. The incoming commander of the 1st Bn., 30th Inf. Regt., is Lt. Col. Roger L. Cloutier.

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Lt. Col. Wesley G. Gillman, commander of 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, bid a fond farewell to Kelley Hill Wednesday during a ceremony on Essenbagger Field as he handed over the reins to Lt. Col. Roger L. Cloutier.

"No words can express how I feel," Gillman said during the ceremony. "It would be an understatement to say it's been an honor to command these Soldiers in peacetime and in war."

Col. Steven Salazar, 3rd Brigade commander, said it was difficult saying goodbye to Gillman, a great leader who has done great things for the Soldiers in his command.

"(Gillman) has written an impressive chapter in this brigade's history and has done a magnificent job," Salazar said. "(He) and these Soldiers lived up to their motto... 'Our Country, Not Ourselves.'"

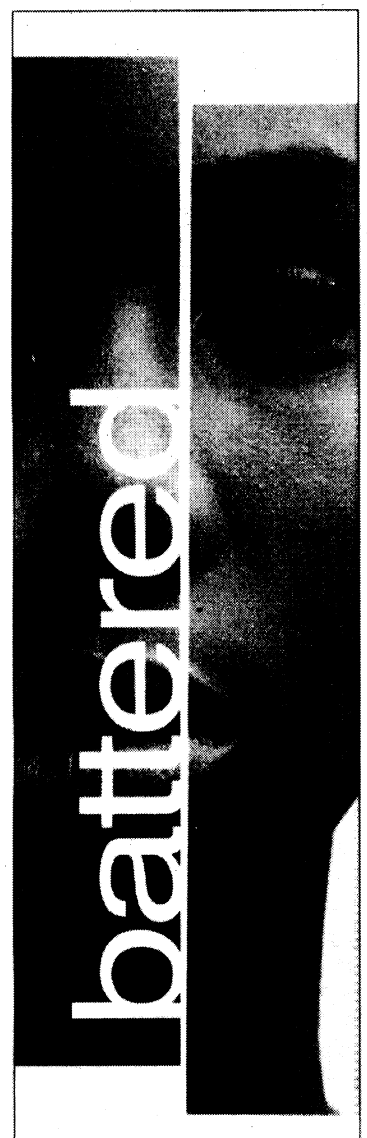
Even with the loss of a commander such as Gillman, Salazar said he knows the "Battle Boar" Soldiers will continue their success under Cloutier's command.

"Cloutier comes qualified," Salazar said. "He has proven his ability to train and deploy Soldiers ... I have great confidence in his abilities."

Cloutier, whose last assignment was as the Central Command desk officer and the secretary of the General Staff J7 U.S. Forces Command, Norfolk, Va., comes to Fort Benning with his wife, two sons and a daughter. Cloutier is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; Air Assault, Airborne and Ranger Schools; Command and General Staff Officer Course; and the Joint and Combined War Fighter School Joint Forces Staff College.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

Fort Benning will celebrate the Army's 229th birthday from 3 to 4 p.m. June 14 in Marshall Auditorium Infantry Hall.



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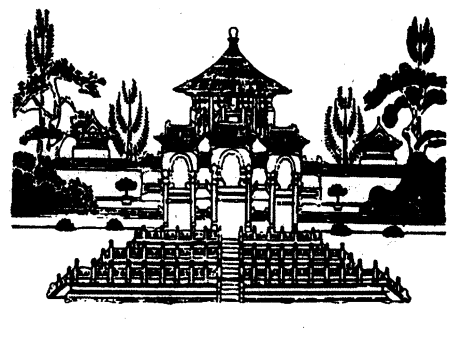

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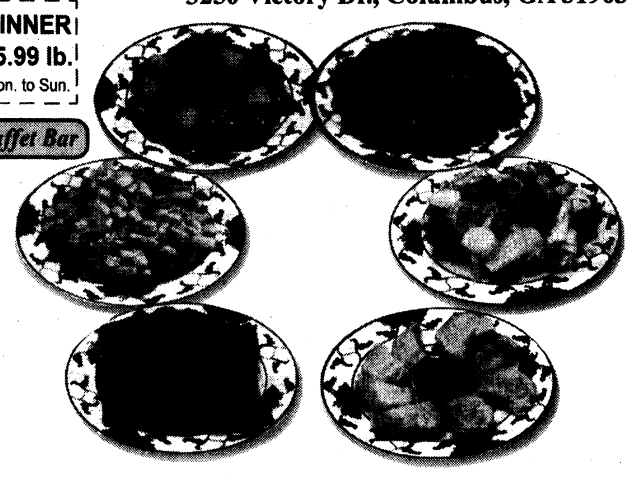

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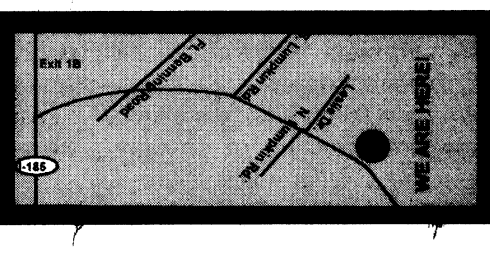

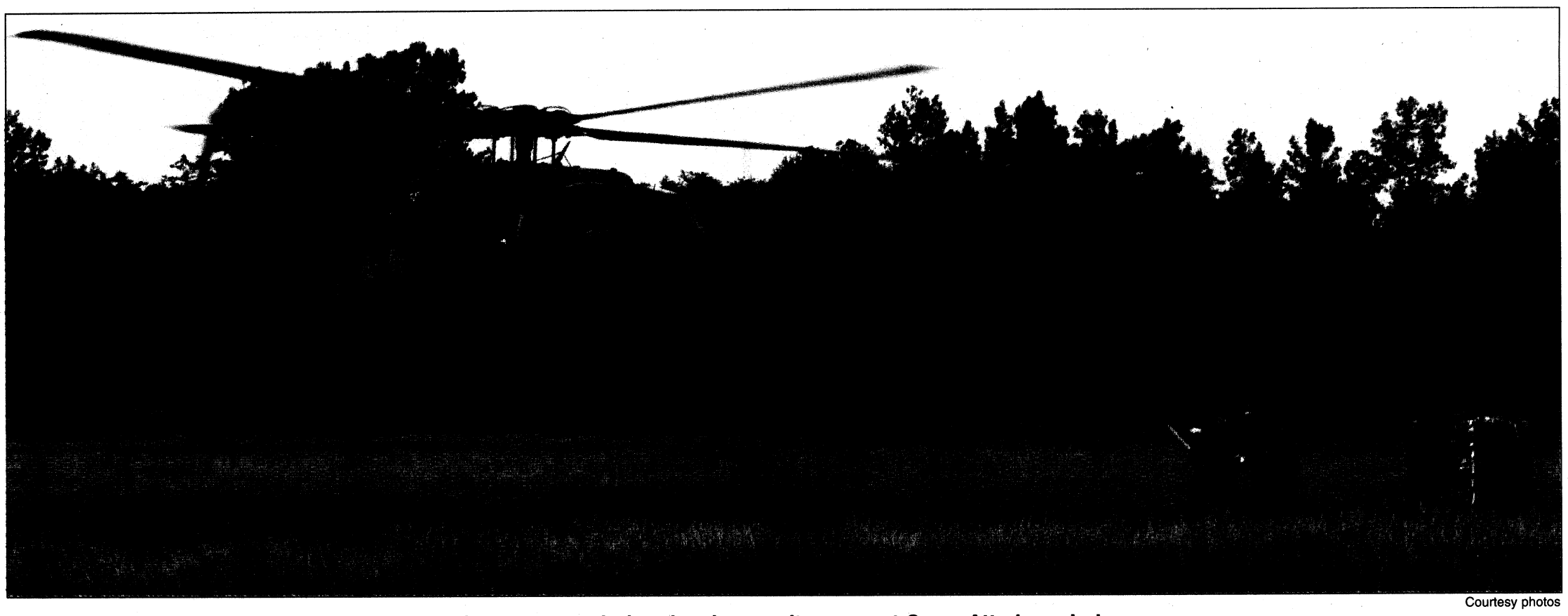

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A helicopter lands for Soldiers to practice picking up cargo during the air assault course at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

ONE ARMY

Benning team trains air assault

Spc. Joe McFarren
Camp Atterbury

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind. — Camp Atterbury became a mobilization station for the 1st Army to train National Guard and Reserve Soldiers in February 2003, preparing thousands of Soldiers for deployments and redeployments.

But in the midst of all the training, a different kind of training has captured the attention of many of the Soldiers here — air assault.

A mobile training team from the Army National Guard Warrior Training Center at Fort Benning, taught an air assault course May 12-22.

While air assault classes are typically taught at Fort Campbell, Ky., the WTC cadre will provide quality, accredited training for Guard and Reserve Soldiers at various sites three times this year. This is the same cadre that annually conduct eight pre-Ranger courses at Fort Benning.

"The most significant reason we were brought here (Atterbury) was for the basic cost effectiveness," said Sgt. 1st Class Greg Slater, the first sergeant for the WTC. "It's far more expensive to send 120 Soldiers to Fort Benning than to bring 16 of us up here."

The 10-day school is broken down intro three phases, each about three days long, Slater said.

Phase I consists primarily of combat assault, helicopter orientation, medical evacuation procedures, and pathfinder operations.

Pathfinder skills include preparing and clearing a helicopter landing zone and the 17 appropriate hand and arm signals to direct a helicopter landing.

During the second phase, the Soldiers learn proper sling loading procedures for helicopter pick-up.

The Soldiers are taught six types of sling loads and how to properly inspect them, said Master Sgt. Tom Siter, the senior infantry proponent for the ARNG at Fort Benning.

The third stage is rappelling techniques. From the first day of the phase, the Soldiers' time is spent on the rappel tower going up and down, learning belay and lock-in techniques, and how to rappel, Siter said.

They must also learn the proper way to tie a "hip rappel seat," the harness they are tied into, and be able to tie the harness in 90 seconds, he said.

"Each phase culminates with some sort of involvement with aircraft," Siter said.

"In Phase I, it is an orientation flight. Phase II is actual sling loading of the helicopter. And during the third phase, the Soldiers rappel out of the helicopter."

The Soldiers typically put in 12 to 13-hour days. Once they are released from training, they have study halls at night to prepare them for the tests.

"This course was incredibly challenging, both physically and mentally," said Staff Sgt. Norman A. Black, a student in the course.

"(The course) really provided a good simulation of the physical and mental balance we will have to maintain on the battlefield."

All the cadre for the school are Guardsmen serving on active duty at the WTC.

But the fact that it was Guardsmen training Guardsmen on a National Guard post was not a factor in the training, said Maj. Kevin Extine, assistant training officer for the Indiana National Guard.

"They have performed so professionally and so well I don't see the cadre as Guardsmen, I see them as Soldiers," Extine said. "But at the same time, with them being AGR, it fosters a good relationship to say that the Guard is capable of putting together a school of this caliber.

"We are an Army of One," he said. "The Guard has to be able to perform the same missions as active duty, so there is a need for us to use this school and there is a need for the Guard to get the opportunity to go to the school.

"It was great training for Soldiers that are going to need those skills on the battlefield."



Soldiers hook up to a helicopter during the sling load portion of the training.

THE WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING

Soldiers learn importance of law of land warfare

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

"The entire world is looking at we do."

That's the message Staff Sgt. Michael Jones, a drill sergeant with A Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, gives to his Soldiers as they prepare to join America's fighting force.

And in light of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, teaching American Soldiers the dos and don'ts of combat is more important than ever.

Jones and his fellow drill sergeants don't waste any time, either. Soldiers receive a one-hour introductory block of instruction on the principles and intent of the Geneva and Hague Conventions their first week in training.

"We teach the conventions to (help Soldiers) understand the principles of the law of land warfare," said Maj. Jay Pitz, brigade operations officer for the Infantry Training Brigade.

"We cover things like prohibiting unnecessary destruction of property, humane treatment of prisoners of war ... and the obligation to report violations of the law of war," he said.

But just what are the Geneva Conventions?

"The Geneva Conventions are part of international law — the law of war, also known as international humanitarian law," said Maj. Tony Raimondo, chief of the Human Rights and International Law Division at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

There are four conventions, he said, and each addresses a separate group of people on the battlefield: Sick and wouded on land, sick and wounded at sea, prisoners of war and civilian noncombatants.

The rules outlined in the Geneva Convention are key, Raimondo said, because "even in an armed conflict, there are rules to follow. Not everything is allowed."

"You have to play within certain rules, rules created to minimize destruction," he said.

And the key to ensuring Soldiers follow these rules is training, he said.

"It's clear what happened at Abu Ghraib was a violation of international law and our domestic law," Raimondo said. "And in the investigation and testimonies (of witnesses in the case), a lack of training has consistently been identified as a factor in these occurrences ... Soldiers have to understand what the limitations are with the use of force," he said.

Something the drill sergeants on Sand Hill emphasize to their Soldiers during their first of week of training and re-enforce throughout the cycle, Jones said.

"I try to explain to them that just because other countries don't live by the same conventions, we're not going to change the way we (treat POWs)," he said.

Jones said abiding by the conventions also benefits American Soldiers, pointing to the Gulf War as an illustration.

"In the Gulf War, in my mind, the reason we had so many (enemy soldiers) give up was because they knew they would get fed and treated better (by American Soldiers) than in their own army," he said.

CLOSER LOOK

In the aftermath of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, an emphasis has been placed on more efficient training for Soldiers on the laws of war, specifically the Geneva Conventions. The principles of the Geneva Conventions, accepted Aug. 12, 1949, are founded on the respect of basic human rights and dignity. The conventions provide several specifications including:

- **Individuals who do not take part in hostilities, as well as individuals who cannot fight due to illness, injury, captivity or other reasons, are entitled to be respected and protected against the consequences of conflicting sides' military operations without an unfavorable distinction.**
- **Additional protocol extends to the battlefield, concerning individuals who are involved in a military conflict. This protocol obliges warring sides and combatants not to attack civilians or destroy civilian objects. It also obliges warring sides to guarantee that they will conduct military operations in compliance with generally accepted humanitarian law.**



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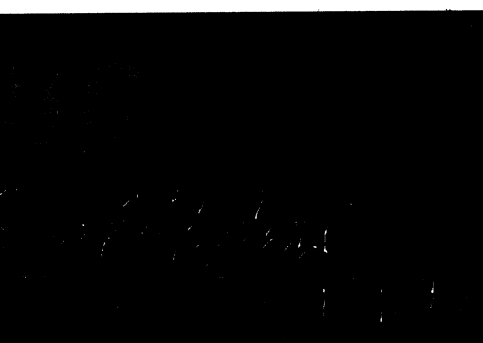

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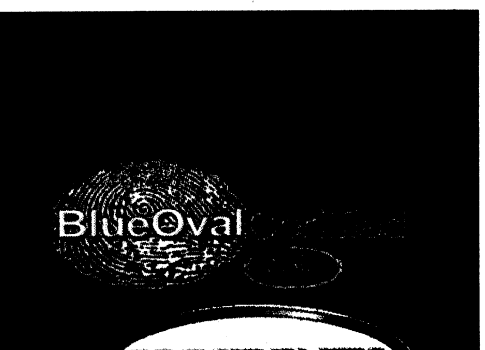

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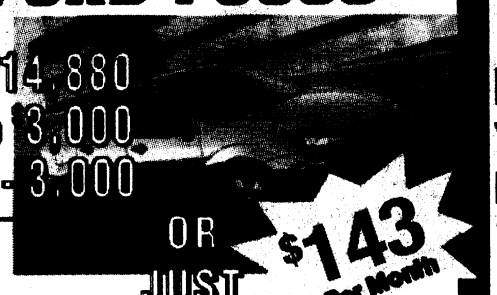

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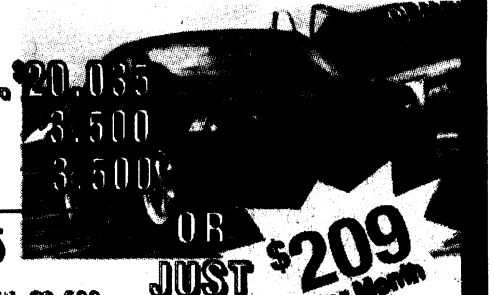

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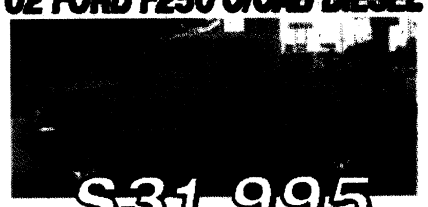

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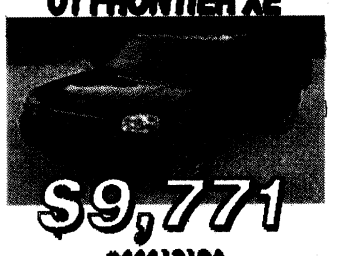

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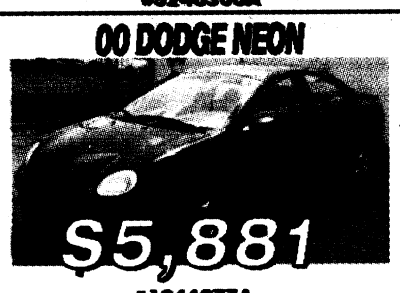

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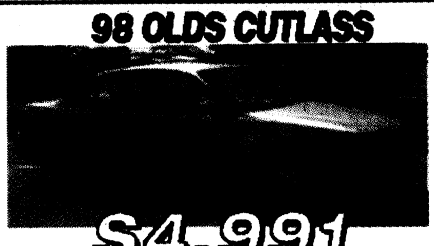

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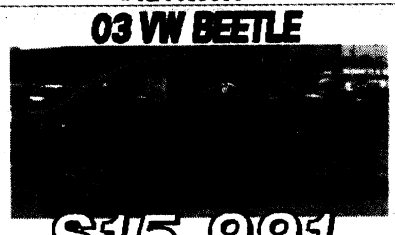

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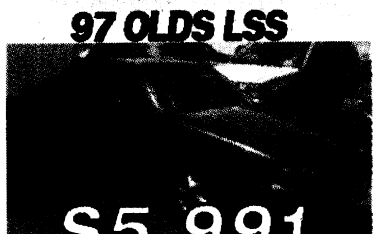

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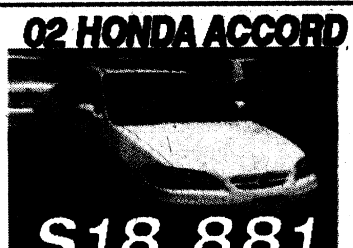

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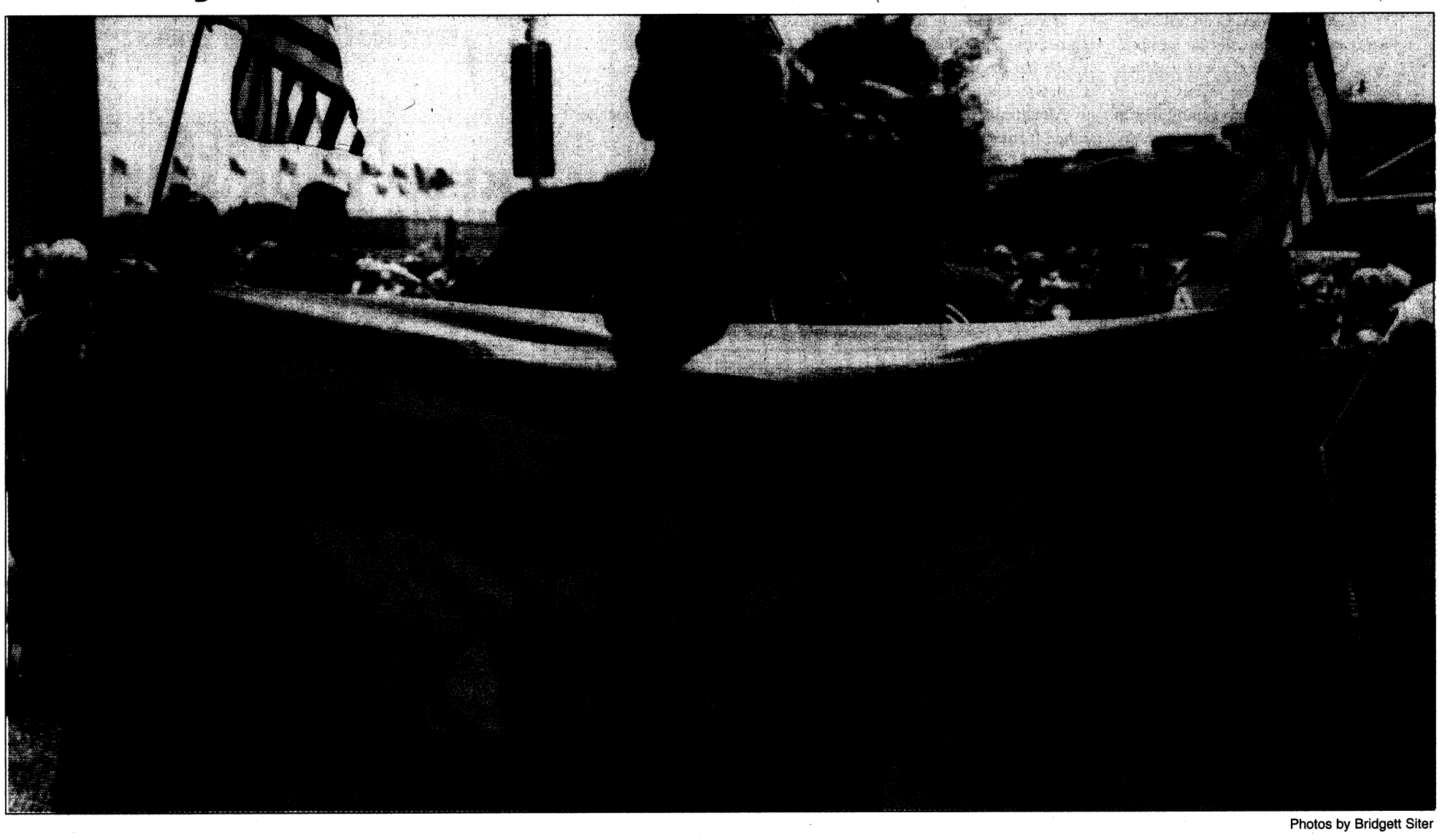

Edward Borucki, World War II veteran and the commander of the Pearl Harbor Attack Veterans of Massachusetts, carries a banner during the World War II Memorial dedication ceremony Saturday at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. More than 140,000 people attended the ceremony. President George Bush, Senator Bob Dole and actor Tom Hanks spoke to the crowd.

Photos by Bridgett Siter

Mission accomplished

World War II Memorial dedicated

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Finally!

That's the message veterans and widows of veterans wore on their lapels and hats Saturday at the ceremonial dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Among them were 40 local residents, mostly veterans and their wives, each, it might be said, representing 10,000 of the 400,000 American Soldiers killed between 1941 and 1945.

With World War II veterans dying at a rate of more than 1,050 each day, the event comes "too late for too many," said Jim Rhodes, the local veteran who spearheaded the drive to raise funds for the bus trip, sponsored by AUSA and CB&T and others.

"It's about time," he said. "It's wonderful, it's beautiful, it's magnificent. But it should've been done 50 years ago."

The prevailing mood was one of celebration Saturday as more than 140,000 people converged on the axis of the National Mall, where the granite and bronze memorial is located between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Military bands, swing dancers and singers of World War II-era songs entertained the crowd before the dedication started at 2 p.m. Some veterans took to the aisles to shake the dust off their jitterbugs, while others waited patiently in wheelchairs, tapping their knees to the beat or waving tiny flags when the

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"It's like in the Bible, when the Lord wants something done, he asks a woman."
— Jim Rhodes, on Ohio Representative Marcy Kaptur's efforts to erect a memorial to World War II veterans

"Back then, Spam was for eating, not deleting."
— "Mike," an entertainer at the memorial dedication

"It was a long, long battle — for the monument, I mean, not the war."
— overheard from a WWII veteran

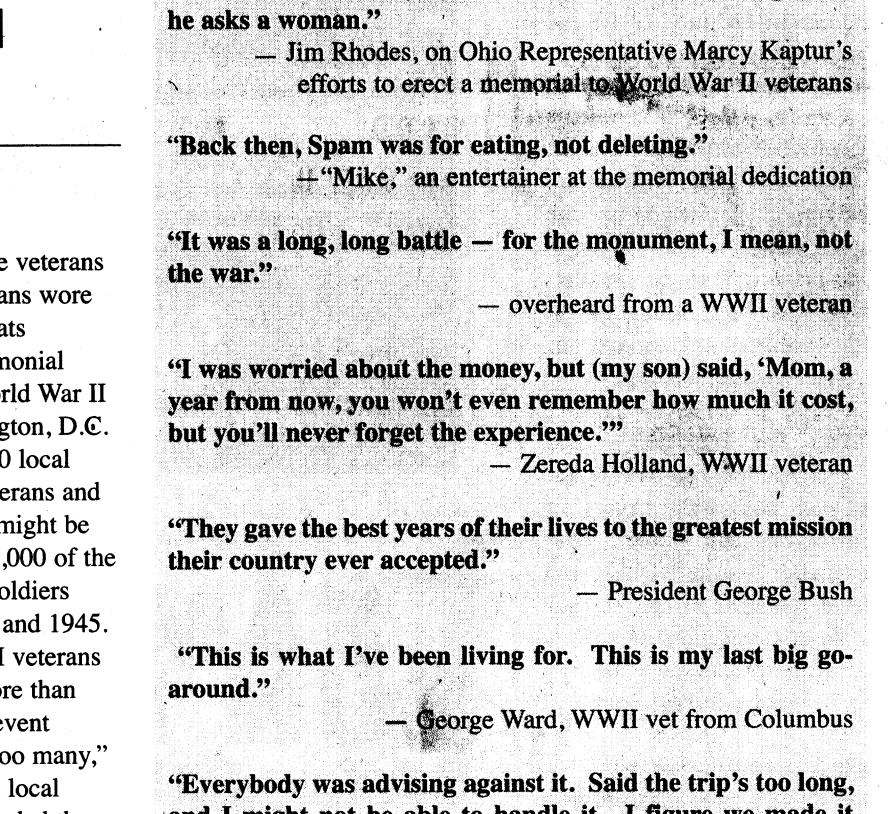
"I was worried about the money, but (my son) said, 'Mom, a year from now, you won't even remember how much it cost, but you'll never forget the experience.'"
— Zereda Holland, WWII veteran

"They gave the best years of their lives to the greatest mission their country ever accepted."
— President George Bush

"This is what I've been living for. This is my last big go-around."
— George Ward, WWII vet from Columbus

"Everybody was advising against it. Said the trip's too long, and I might not be able to handle it. I figure we made it through the war, we can handle a bus ride."
— Bert Arrowood, WW II vet

"Thank you to America's finest from Columbus, Georgia."
— banner on the bus taking veterans to D.C. donated by CB&T Bank



Dorothy Budacki, of Newport, R.I., who served with the WAVES in 1944, chats with a Soldier Saturday following the dedication ceremony.



George Ward, a World War II veteran from Columbus, attended the dedication ceremony with nearly 40 local residents. Their trip was sponsored by AUSA and CB&T.

On my honor

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

It's true, you know, the meek really do inherit the earth. But they may get tired of waiting for it. The veterans of World War II, the men and women who loved them and the moms and dads who prayed for them finally have a place of honor in the National Mall.

It surely was a long time coming, but it was their own fault, really. The responsibility for the long, long delay in the construction of a memorial to the greatest generation lies squarely in their lap.

The problem? They're not complainers. They never felt the need to demand their dues. They never learned to view themselves as victims. They never joined the "me" movement.

Oh, these men and women were never meek in the popular sense of the word — meek as in wimpy, soft, cowardly or lazy. Heavens no. They were simply the product of a different time and a different code of moral conduct.

As one widow told me, "We didn't ask for war, but we knew it was our duty to fight. We didn't complain before and we didn't complain after."

I've often said World War II veterans are the hardest to interview. With few exceptions, they tend to avoid talking about themselves, preferring to share stories about the men they served with and the women who kept the home fires burning.

I can talk for hours, literally hours, with a World War II vet and learn very little about him or her personally. They can relive the details of battle without revealing any of their battle scars. It's simply not in their nature to talk about themselves.

So I jumped at the chance to accompany 40 local veterans, wives and widows of veterans to Washington, D.C., last week. Surely 14 hours on a bus, one way, would give me plenty of

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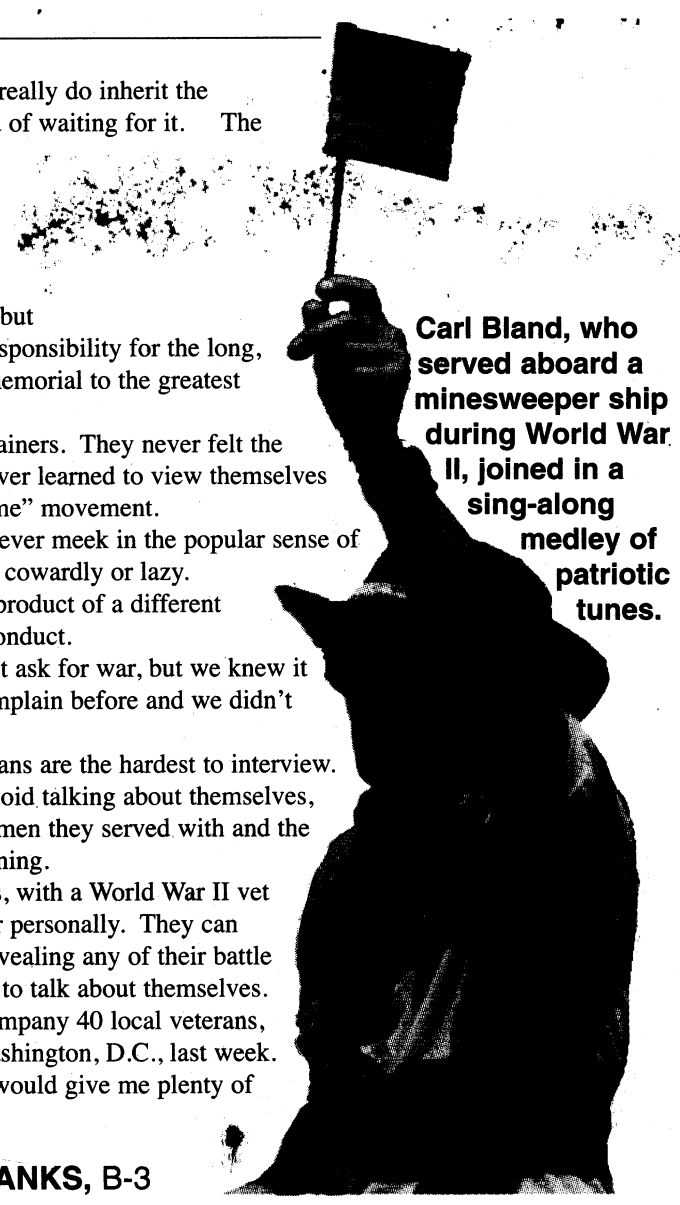
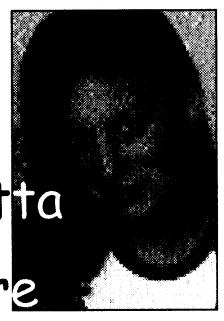


Carl Bland, who served aboard a minesweeper ship during World War II, joined in a sing-along medley of patriotic tunes.

Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Get out your hiking boots, folks; Saturday is National Hiking Day. No, I'm not making up a national holiday.

National Hiking Day is real and a great excuse to get off your keister, get outside and enjoy a cheap, healthy and aesthetically pleasing outing.

I know, I know — it's been rainy all week. By now, seasonal depression has probably eaten away your will to venture out of the house.

But as a native Pacific Northwesterner, I can tell you that, even if it calls for webbed feet or galoshes, a wet-weather adventure can be just as pleasurable as any sunny day in the park.

And lucky for you, rain or shine, there are plenty of places in the nearby area to take to the trail.

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Maintained year-round, trails are "user-friendly," marked with distance indicators and color-coded markers, outlined in a variety of distances and difficulty levels.

If you're looking for something short but sweet, check out the nature trails at Callaway Gardens.

Most trails in the gardens range from a half mile to a mile and a half and may be more family-friendly.

Callaway trails will take you through the Azalea Bowl, by the lake or through wildflowers.

Providence Canyon lies in wait in the opposite direction, but offers just as many spectacular views.

If you just can't tear yourself away from the tricommunity, don't fret.

The Riverwalk isn't exactly what I'd call a hike, but hey, it's close enough.

It's a 10-mile trek that stretches from Fort Benning to Columbus and offers a great view along the Chattahoochee River.

Whatever you do this weekend, get out in the open air and take advantage of the outdoors before the sweltering summer heat kicks in.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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MACH blood drive — Martin Army Community Hospital will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Baugh Conference Room. This blood will go to support the Army Blood Program and eligible DoD beneficiaries worldwide. It will also be sent overseas to support Soldiers serving abroad.

For more information, call 544-3375 or 544-2221.

Baseball camp — CYS Sports and Fitness will hold registration for baseball camp from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through June 18, weekdays, at Building 359. The camp is for children ages 5 to 15.

Camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 21-22 at the CYS Baseball Complex, across from Faith Middle School. The camp is free and lunch will be available.

For more information, call 545-2079 or 545-3582.

Camp Courage — Camp Courage, School Age Services' summer camp, will begin Monday, with registration in progress. Spaces are reserved only if they are paid for in advance. For more information, call 513-2079 or 513-3605.

ESC meeting — The Enlisted Spouses' Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the FUN Center, Building 359, to make crafts for Father's Day.

All enlisted spouses, active duty and retired, and enlisted female Soldiers are invited. Refreshments and child care will be provided. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month.

For more information, call the ESC voicemail at (334) 373-0347.

Full Spectrum Warrior — The Main Mall Post Exchange and THQ invites everyone to the Full Spectrum Warrior event from 3 to 6 p.m. June 11. Fort Benning Warriors will compete via the Internet with warriors in California. There will be prizes and free barbecue from Country's Barbecue.

Benning Buddies — Child and Youth Services will begin a "Benning Buddies" program at Tot Town CDC beginning June 14.

The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., including lunch, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It will include beginning gymnastics, beginning sports and fitness and music and movement within the regular developmental program. Children from 2 years old to preK are eligible.

Fees will be based on family income, and may range from $82 to $170 per month. Fourteen slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. A $50 nonrefundable placement fee will be required. For more information, call the CYS registration office at 545-2079.

Camp Follow Me — Child and Youth Services and Army Community Services EFMP will offer Camp Follow Me, a special needs camp, for grades kindergarten through eighth, July 26-30.

Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activities offered will be bowling, arts and crafts, movies, sports activities and more. Snacks will be provided. Registration will be June 21-25. Camp space is limited and registration is required. To register, call Central Registration at 545-2079.

For more information about the camp, call ACS EFMP at 545-5521.

MACH classes — The U.S. Army Medical Activity offers the following classes:

- Weight loss classes, every Tuesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Call for an appointment.
- A pregnancy nutrition class, every Tuesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
- A diabetes education three-class series is offered through the Nutrition Clinic every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon.
- Active-duty weight classes, every Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.
- A hypertension class featuring the DASH diet, every Wednesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.
- A cholesterol nutrition class, every Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m.
- A gestational diabetes nutrition class, every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

EFMP volunteers needed — The Fort Benning Child and Youth Services program is planning a Special Needs Summer Camp. Both CYS and the ACS EFMP program would like to recruit volunteers for this program who have an interest in becoming camp assistants and buddies to program participants.

Call the ACS EFMP manager at 545-7517 or 545-5521.

Open Recreation Program — The Open Recreation Program is designed for occasional use of the School Age Services program and includes participation in regularly scheduled SAS activities each day.

Children will be picked up from school and dropped off at their designated program, which last from 2 to 6:30 p.m. There is no fee for the program.

For more information, call 545-3605.

Home providers needed — Fort Benning Family Child Care needs home providers. Training is free.

The program offers quality child care in a home environment. FCC offers military families hourly, full-time, part-time, extended hours and long-term care.

For more information, call 545-4368.

Thrift Shop new hours — The Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop has new hours. The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 687-4830

Educational Task Force — The garrison commander needs volunteers to serve on a new Educational Task Force.

The task force's responsibility will be to report on issues affecting military families and students in surrounding school districts.

The task force will be comprised of parents who have students in each of the following school districts: Russell County, Harris County, Lee County (Ala.), Phenix City, Fort Benning, Chattahoochee and Muscogee counties. Call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

Writer looking for military spouses to interview — Hugs to Kuwait founder Pamela Bates is looking for spouses to interview for a new publication, *Military Spouse Magazine*, which begins publication in August. She is looking for decorating ideas and ideas to keep the family going during long separations. For more information, call 689-5411 or e-mail hugstokuwait @hotmail.com.

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Oxbow Meadows camp — Oxbow Meadows will present Magical Science: Owls, Wizards and Broomsticks, a summer camp for children in fifth- and sixth-grade, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through June 11. Fee is $175.

For more information, call Oxbow Meadows at 687-4090.

Summer tutorial program — Combined Communities of Southeast Columbus is planning its annual Volunteer Summer Tutorial Program. Classes end June 25. Lunch is provided daily by the Columbus Parks and Recreation.

Tutoring will take place at Eastway Elementary School on Buena Vista Road in Columbus. For more information, call C.C.S.C., Inc. at 321-9596.

Rabies clinic — The Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County and the Chattahoochee Regional Veterinary Clinic will provide a rabies vaccination clinic from noon to 3 p.m. June 12 at the Chattahoochee Regional Veterinary Clinic, 502 Broad Street. Cost is $7 per vaccine. For more information, call Dr. Edward Lee at 989-3931.

Girl Scout camp — The Girl Scouts of Concharty Council, Inc. offer six weeks of resident camp and five weeks of day camp for girls ages 5-17. Spaces are limited.

For more information, call 327-2646.

Port Columbus summer camp — The Port Columbus National Civil War Naval Museum will offer "School of the Sailor," a day camp for children 9 and 14. The dates are June 14-18, July 12-16 and Aug. 2-6. Cost for the five-day camp is $125. For more information, call 327-9798.

Honeymoon sweepstakes — The St. Lucia Tourist Board and Delta Airlines are awarding honeymoon getaways to one military couple each month through December. The prize is a seven-day, six-night trip to the Caribbean island of St. Lucia, including accommodation and air transportation. Visit www.stlucia.org.

Phone cards for troops — The Department of Defense has announced that any American can now help troops in contingency operations call home. The Defense Department has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards. To donate a prepaid calling card to a military member go to www.aafes.com or www.navy-nex.com.

3rd Armored Division reunion — The 3rd Armored Division (Spearhead) will hold its fourth annual reunion July 14-18 in Columbus, Ohio. This will be the first joint reunion with World War II 3rd Armored Div. veterans.

For more information, call Carl Erickson at (301) 520-3275 or visit www.3AD.org.

Air Force reunion — An Air Force reunion for Torrejon Air Base, all years, will be held Sept. 3-6 in Dayton, Ohio.

For more information, write Burnethel Sanford, P.O. Box 3492, Riverside, CA 92519, call (909) 781-4819 or e-mail BurnethellFrCa@Webtv.net.

Columbus Saves — Trying to save for a rainy day? Dreaming of buying a home? No matter what your financial goals, join the Columbus Saves Campaign and begin saving today. There's no charge.

To enroll, call Joanne Cavis at 653-4200.

Scholarship available — The American Legion has established the American Legacy Scholarship for children of members of America's armed forces who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

To obtain a scholarship application, visit www.legion.org and click on "community" or send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to American Legacy Scholarship, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

To contribute to the American Legacy Scholarship fund, send your donation to The American Legacy Scholarship Fund at the above address. Contributions may be tax deductible.

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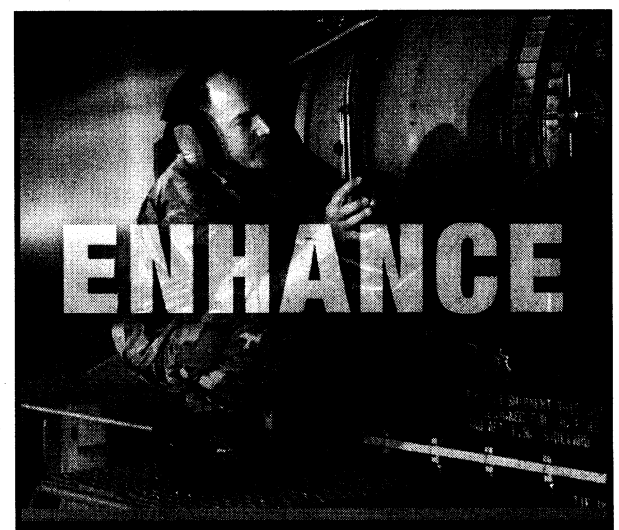

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Post juvenile offenders face day in court

Benning's JMAA keeps petty crimes 'in house'

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It's not a program for kids who don't want to straighten out. Instead, the Juvenile Misconduct Administrative Action program is for "good kids who made a mistake," said Sharon Cox-Bevley a counselor at Fort Benning's Social Work Services and the longest-standing member of the board that oversees the program.

Kids like "Jane," who came to Fort Benning to live with her sister and her brother-in-law, a Soldier, after shifting from home to home among her extended family. The transition wasn't exactly a smooth one, and the girl ended up hitting her sister during an argument. But rather than charge her with assault and send her "downtown," Cox-Bevley said, JMAA allowed Fort Benning representatives to give her a second chance of sorts.

"This was a girl who came from very difficult family circumstances, and she had a bad attitude," Cox-Bevley recalled her first impression of the girl. "She thought she was all grown up and didn't see her sister as a parent (figure)."

But that mentality didn't stand up long in JMAA, a program that addresses juvenile delinquency on Fort Benning among military children 18 and younger.

JMAA gave Jane a new outlook, Cox-Bevley said, and the next time she saw her, "it was 'yes, ma'am, no, ma'am.'"

JMAA is a step-by-step process that "helps kids see the error of their ways and makes them not want to do it again," she said.

Once charged, offenders and their parents pay a visit to Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Fortson, garrison command sergeant major, for a briefing about the possible repercussions for their misconduct.

Then the board convenes — a panel that includes Fortson, Cox-Bevley, a Community Life NCO, the MP investigator in charge of the case, the post's school liaison officer and Fortson's special assistant, Spc. Eric Nettle.

During the hearings, which take place every two weeks, offenders and their parents watch video evidence of the delinquents' crimes when available, view a tape of a jail visit and the board members vote on an appropriate punishment, Nettle said. The standard punishment is 48 hours of community service, which is reduced or upgraded, depending on the severity of the crime.

Once they fulfill their community service sentences, they go on a prison tour — along with their parents — and get a glimpse of the path they could be headed for. The children also attend Cox-Bevley's quarterly Youth Awareness Seminar.

Handling juveniles "in house" keeps the youth offenders from going downtown into civilian courts, Nettle said.

"It's better to deal with it here, because we're not going to slam the book on them," he said, adding that JMAA can also serve as a wake-up call for parents. "It shows parents where they need to work at (with their children)."

Regardless of their home situation, many kids are just testing the limits, and don't necessarily deserve a lasting conviction, Cox-Bevley said.

"If they go downtown to the civilian juvenile court, they'll have a permanent juvenile record," she said. "Most of these kids are just trying their luck."

The board sees around 60 cases a year, the majority of which are petty theft, Cox-Bevley said, and the kids don't really comprehend how serious the consequences of their actions can be. And most often, she said, all it takes is one trip through JMAA to set them straight.

"I've seen very few kids come through a second time," said Cox-Bevley, who's been on the board since the late '90s. "I can count them on one hand."

Veterans: Celebrate memorial

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number was patriotic.

After a "tail-tiring" 14-hour bus ride, Zereda Holland was content to wait in her chair near the stage where President Bush, Senator Bob Dole and actor Tom Hanks would soon address the crowd.

The 81-year-old Columbus resident served in the WAVES, Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services, during the war. As a seaman first class, she was "simply a peon," filing paperwork and distributing mail at the Navy's Bureau of Personnel in Arlington, Va.

"We were right across the street from the (Arlington National) cemetery, so we used to go watch the funerals during our lunch break," said Holland, a Talladega, Ala., native who lived in WAVES Quarters K with other women like herself, single and over the age of 21, as the Navy required. Quarters K is now a parking lot, she said.

"Those are good memories. I liked it. I would've stayed (in), but back then, they only took women for the duration, you know."

Holland eventually returned to Alabama and married a Soldier whose career brought them to Columbus. This is home now, she said, but the trip to D.C. … well, it felt a lot like going home, too.

"We waited so long for this. I used to get aggravated, with all the Vietnam this and that. They got a wall, and we got nothing," she said. "Now I think it's better. The (memorial) is just beautiful. The ceremony was nice."

By and large, the ceremony was not a profoundly emotional experience, but it was satisfying, said Melba Miller, the widow of retired Sgt. 1st Class Robert Miller, who died little more than a decade ago, when plans for the memorial were still in their infancy.

"It's closure," said Miller, who "served" 22 years as an Army wife. "He was in World War II, twice in Guam and twice in Korea. I was always saying good-bye and never knowing when he'd be back. It never got easier. It's the hardest thing in the world to be an Army wife."

When Robert Miller died, it "was like he was just going away again — he'd be back some day," she said. "Coming here, it gave me closure. I can say he's gone and he's not coming back, but he won't be forgotten, ever, because this memorial is here."

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The last time Lynn Knox saw Washington, D.C., the cherry trees were blooming. But he gave them little more than a passing glance as his troop train headed South, carrying him home from the war to the baby girl he'd never met.

It was that daughter, now 62, who encouraged Knox to make the return trip to D.C., a trip several of the veterans said their families discouraged.

"I'm just tickled to death to be here. I'm one of the lucky ones," said Knox, who crisscrossed Europe with the 852nd Aviation Engineers between 1942 and 1945. "Those were tough times. But in a lot of ways, those were wonderful times, the way we were. It was a different generation. Everybody was pulling together, and everybody wanted to go."

Apparently, that same spirit lives on in the hearts of the aging veterans, their wives and widows, who turned out by the tens of thousands — more than twice the number anticipated — to brave the heat, the long lines and security checks.

Two of the Columbus travelers were injured during the trip. One fell and required stitches but returned with the tour. The other was left with relatives in a D.C. hospital after suffering cuts and a concussion during a fall.

"I'm just glad we could make it," Rhodes said. "I had faith the Lord would get us here for (the ceremony). Now we're witnesses for our brothers and sisters who couldn't be here. That's our true legacy."

Thanks: For the memories

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opportunity to get to know them. And I did.

They shared their stories, and we laughed and cried together. They shared their memories of a lifetime and treated me as a friend, rather than a reporter. It's not the memorial or the memorial dedication I'll remember so much as the time we shared.

Still, it didn't come easy.

"I'm telling you this for selfish reasons. I want somebody else to know," said one 79-year-old gentleman, as he whispered to me of a time more than 60 years ago, when, as a 17-year-old entrenched in a bloody battle, he looked to heaven as if it were home, and said, "I'm going to die today, Momma."

I'm so glad they have their memorial, and to the critics who feared its location between Lincoln and Washington might somehow mar the Mall's vista, I say the opposite is true. Aesthetically, the World War II Memorial completes the Mall. It belongs there as surely as the title of The Greatest Generation belongs to our World War II veterans.

And to my new old friends I say Thank You. You waited a lifetime for this day. I'll remember it for a lifetime.

Shortly before press time, I received word that one of my new friends died Wednesday. John Sanders, who served with the Marines in the Guadalcanal, was a local celebrity, of sorts. He was known as "the flag man," and he made it a point to attend homecomings and such with his flag-bedecked car. John was a colorful character with a quick wit. I'll remember him for his jokes and the gentle teasing.

Look for more about John in next week's paper.

Commissaries announce new savings program

Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. – Commissaries worldwide have launched a Savings You've Earned program to make sure customers know about the savings they've earned — the savings they deserve.

Ever stand in front of sale signs in the commissary and wonder, "Just what the heck is really on sale and how good of a deal is it anyway?" Wonder no more.

"Just look for the new signs of savings," said Defense Commissary Agency Director Maj. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer. "We want all shoppers to be aware of their commissary savings of 30 percent or more, and we want them to know we recognize their service to this great country. Savings You've Earned shelf signs will make it easier for customers to see what's on sale — and what's the best deal."

Three new "signs of savings" are red, white and blue starbursts framing product prices.

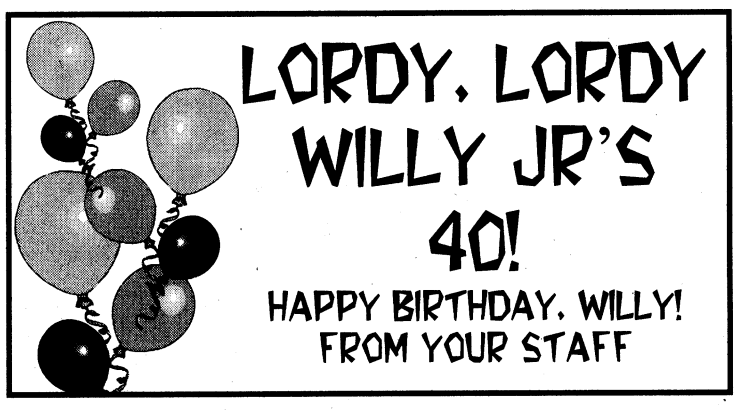
"Every Day Savings" indicates better-than-average savings, or everyday low prices, and "Value Savings" indicate the lowest prices when compared to like items at the commissary or at commercial grocery stores.

"If you see a product with 'Extra Savings' on it —grab it," said DeCA Deputy Director Patrick B. Nixon. "Those are the best prices you'll see anywhere, anytime on name brand items. They're so great they are only available for a limited time and while quantities last."

The first new commissary sign program in nearly three years, Savings You've Earned features an awareness campaign including banners, posters and employee buttons as well as "shelf talkers" — Savings You've Earned images —posted in all 274 commissaries worldwide. Commercial circulars, magazines and coupon fliers distributed in commissaries and through installation newspapers have also joined in to contribute public service ads announcing the program.

"We are confident the new program will be well received by shoppers," said DeCA's Chief Operating Officer Scott Simpson.

"It delivers the message to all our active duty, Guard and Reserve, and retiree families that commissary savings of 30 percent or more is not only 'savings you deserve,' but Savings You've Earned."



Get Ready to Register for School Year 2004-2005

Registration for new students will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. June 7-11, 2004. Please go to your assigned school to register. Verification for returning students will take place during the month of May; look for information from your school for dates for verification. It will be necessary for parents to register at each school if they have children in more than one of the Fort Benning Schools. The following documents are required for registration or verification:

Returning Students

- Parents of all returning students must provide military ID and proof of housing.
- Sixth grade students must show proof of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or *proof of immunity.

Returning Students Transferring to another Fort Benning School

- From McBride to White – Students attending McBride School and promoted from third to fourth grade will need to verify registration at McBride up to the end of the school year. Beginning June 7, verification will be at White.
- From Fifth to Faith – Students promoted from fifth grade to Faith Middle School's sixth grade will need to verify registration at their neighborhood school. Beginning June 7, verification will take place at Faith Middle School, 1375 Ingersoll.

Transfer Students (New to Fort Benning)

Parents should bring previous school records if available, **verification of housing, military ID, and child's social security card. Prekindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade require a legal birth certificate. A Georgia Certificate of Immunization is also required. These certificates are available through Martin Army Community Hospital. Immunization information will be available at registration.

Students Entering School for the First Time
(Preschool, Prekindergarten, or Kindergarten)

- Parents must provide a legal birth certificate, **verification of housing, military ID, and child's social security card. Georgia Certificates of Immunization and Eye, Ear, and Dental Examinations are also required. These certificates are available through Martin Army Hospital. Immunization information will be available at registration.

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Benning teachers 'there from beginning'

Sgt. Kim Dooley
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"It's not everyone who has a doorknob hanging on their wall," Jane O'Hern said proudly, and she doesn't mind the distinction.

"Hanging it up" after 45 years at Loyd Elementary School, her fellow teachers and administrators figured she deserved something special to take with her. So they made a plaque with the doorknob and key to Room 101, the classroom where she's taught first grade since 1959.

Meanwhile, across post, Dexter Elementary School's gifted education teacher, Marjorie Brasfield, received a unique retirement gift of a different sort last week — a call from a former student.

She remembered the boy from her fourth-grade class years ago, and now he was calling to tell her he had just graduated from Yale University with a full scholarship to Georgetown University — partly thanks to Brasfield's long-time mantra: "I can."


Brasfield

It was one of the most rewarding moments of Brasfield's 34 years at Dexter.

In a place where people come and go, O'Hern and Brasfield have remained steadfast constants in their respective realms, but both women agree, "It's time to move on."

Of course, that doesn't necessarily mean O'Hern is ready to go. Dabbing tears from her eyes Wednesday afternoon — the last day of school on Fort Benning — she shook her head and said, "It's very bittersweet."

She'll do her best to enjoy her retirement — "I have several friends who've already told me they're going to be my travel agents, that they're going to keep me so busy I won't miss it" — but she's already been instructed to come back and volunteer, she said laughing.

And you'll probably catch her doing just that. It won't be easy to stay away.

"I'm just going to miss this family — the Loyd family — and the children," she said.

Especially the children.

"The most rewarding thing is to see and measure their progress from August to June," O'Hern said. "They're like sponges — they just want to know everything about everything, and most of them, you only have to tell once."

That's something Brasfield has taken pleasure in over the years, too.

"I loved watching the children grow," said Brasfield, who's taught second through sixth grade and gifted education. "That look when they discover that they know it ... just the joy of learning."

And Brasfield's never been one to limit her teaching to the course curriculum. Scattered throughout the room are various signs and clippings with important life lessons: *"Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission."* Eleanor Roosevelt


O'Hern

"It's a myth that other people can make you angry." Dr. George Panos.

"These are hard lessons to learn," Brasfield said, "but so important for them to understand."

Packing decades of "junk" into boxes throughout the week, both women said it's hard to believe "the time has come."

"I really expected to be here forever," O'Hern said. "It just went by so quick. For children, the years go by at such a slow pace. But for adults ... it just sneaks up on you."

Not that it's ever really over. The children these women have educated and inspired throughout the years will keep their teachings alive.

O'Hern can be sure of that — "I have students who come back to visit — it's gratifying that they remember you and want to come back and see you. And they remember the oddest things."

For instance, the clawfoot bathtub O'Hern moved into her classroom and converted into a bookworm's safe haven, complete with comfy pillows.

In Brasfield's classroom, it was the "eye cans" — aluminum cans turned into pencil holders, decorated with picture cut-outs of eyes and the words "I can."

Whatever their methods, both O'Hern and Brasfield have left their marks in their respective schools.

"I just appreciate the fact that I was able to touch a few lives," O'Hern said.

All I ever needed to know, I learned in elementary school

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Roaming the halls of the post's elementary schools this year brought back a few fond memories. The smell when I walked in the door — glue and construction paper and crayons. And the people ... how do you put it into words? They just seem so happy, so in love with what they're doing.

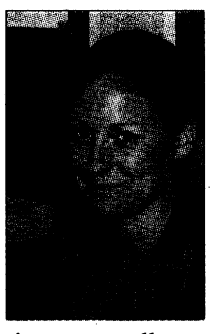
It's just the way I remember it ... back when I was a Clarkmoore Cougar in Fort Lewis, Wash.

I never could have guessed how much my days there would impact me, how much those teachers would inspire me in the future — so much so that one day, I plan to become an early education teacher.

But all these years later, I still remember their names and faces and valuable lessons — well gifts, really — I still carry with me today.

Mrs. Bice, my second-grade teacher, wasn't the friendliest woman. My mother has a horror story or two to tell about her. But that's OK. Her husband more than made up for her nasty attitude.

Mr. Bice was blind — and proud to share it. He and his seeing-eye dog were frequent visitors in our classroom, where he taught us all about reading Braille and using a walking stick to "see" and learning to use your other senses to explore the world.



Mr. Bice wasn't one to wallow in self-pity. Instead, he rejoiced in his "different ability" and the chance to open young minds.

The next school year, I was lucky enough to land in Mrs. Smith's third-grade class, where I learned to love everything about, well, learning.

Mrs. Smith had a passion for what she did. She loved children, and she loved inspiring them not just to learn, but to enjoy learning.

A Dexter teacher told me the other day that one of the most rewarding things about being a teacher is just "that look" children get when something finally clicks and they begin to understand whatever it is they're trying to learn.

Looking back, I recognize "that look," because Mrs. Smith wore it right along with me every time it all fell into place in my struggling little mind.

And fourth grade ... that was where I found a great passion for the two things that still light me up today — reading and writing.

Mr. Endicott was what some of you might call a tree-hugger. He wore shaggy hair and a full beard, and he always sported a T-shirt with an environmentally conscious message and jeans with paint spatters. He taught us about the three sacred Rs – reduce, reuse, recycle – and took us on "nature walks."

And then he introduced us to the likes of Roald Dahl. I was already an avid reader by that time, but Mr. Endicott's love of literature sparked a flame in me.

We were halfway through *James and the Giant Peach* when Dahl died, and I swear I'll never forget it. Mr. Endicott sat down in the middle of our reading circle and actually cried as he shared the sad news. To lose such a wonderful author — an author who drew so many children to reading with enchanting, wickedly imaginative stories — was a tragedy to him.

That's how much he loved literature. And let me tell you, it was contagious — not one of us left his classroom without the "reading bug."

So thank you. Thank you to Mr. Bice and Mrs. Smith and Mr. Endicott — three teachers who changed my life before it ever really began.

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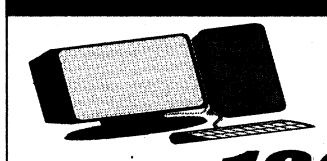
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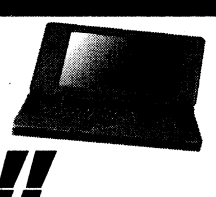
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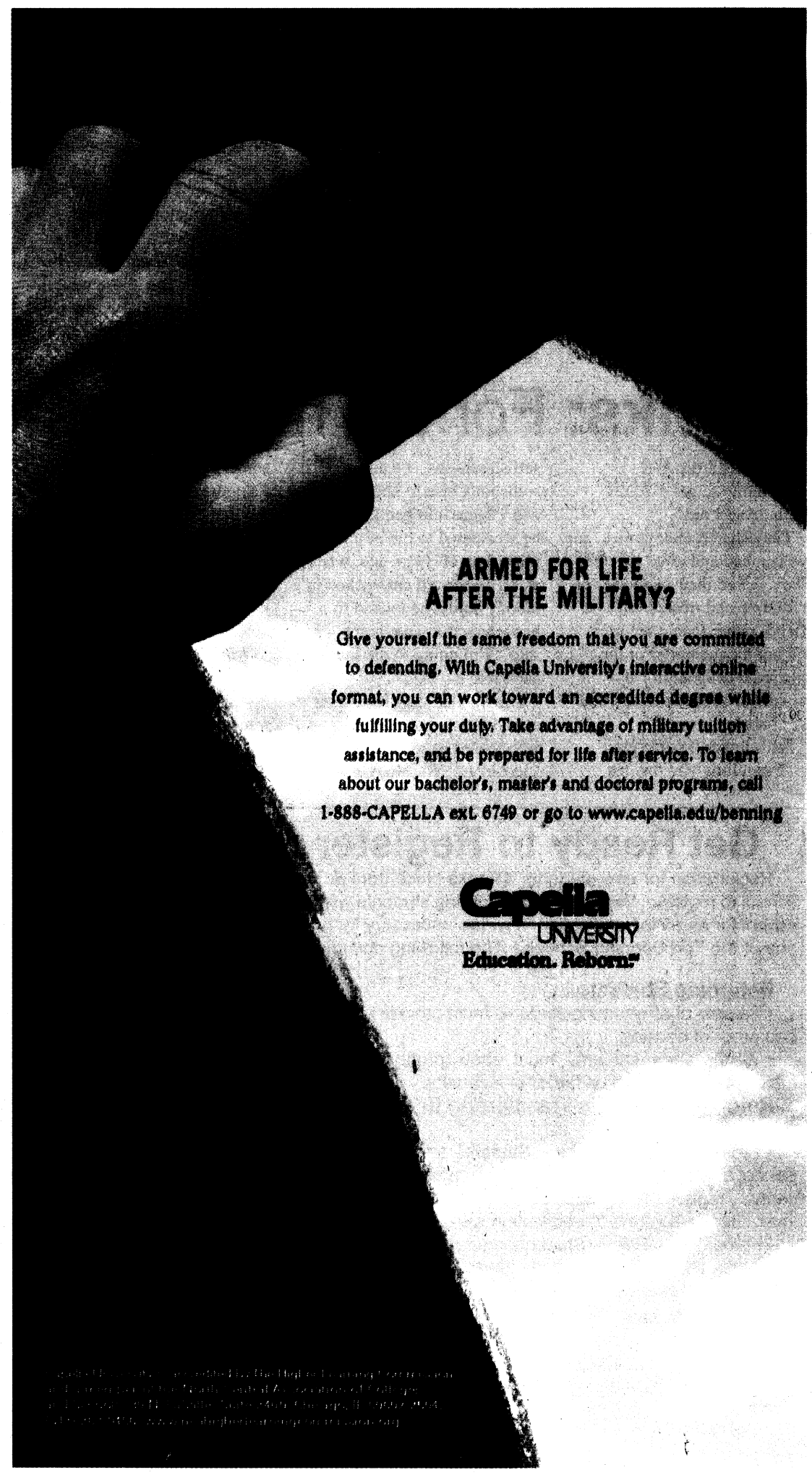
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Passion, time necessity in marriage

Chaplain (Capt.) Raymond E. Folsom
1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment

Passion is a wonderful word. With passion, there is a sense of excitement, dedication, romance and a zeal for life. It is a word that you can apply to just about anything.

You can have passion for a person, justice, shopping, an idea, for your job, a hobby or life itself.

When you are passionate about someone or something, you are excited.

Passion is the sugar in your tea and or the gas in your car. Passion in your marriage is as important as air, water and food to live. Passion is what keeps your marriage alive and exciting.

To keep passion in your marriage, your spouse must be the center of attention — you know, the way he or she was when you first met. I find developing a special dating life helps keep things hot.

REFLECTIONS

There are several key elements for developing a passionate dating life.

First, listen — pay attention to your spouse's dreams, likes or dislikes in detail. Write them down, so you do not forget.

If there are any questions, do not be afraid to ask.

Secondly, learn — talk to other people and learn from their experiences.

The wise person can learn from others. Know what works and what does not work.

Third, be creative.

Take time to create your own dates. Work through the date from the beginning to the end. You could also take ideas of others and adapt them to your own style or situation.

There is nothing wrong with adapting events of others and making them yours. Some people are good at inviting ideas and others at adapting.

Several months ago, I took my wife to Cancun, Mexico. I arranged for flowers in the room with an "I love you" card. I also made arrangements for dance classes.

The best part was it was a surprise. She did not have a clue until we got to the airport. I planned it for months, and we had a great time.

We needed that time together because of the demands of the Army for our time.

I am sure you are in the same situation. Take time with your spouse.

Passion in a marriage is necessary and it has great pay offs.

CHAPEL NOTES

Vacation Bible School — It's time to sign up your children for Vacation Bible School, June 14-18, at White Elementary School.

Sign up is at the Religious Education Office, located in Room 122 of Meloy Hall.

The classes are for children in pre-school thorough sixth grade.

If you would like to help with this program, or for more information, call 545-4715.

Protestant Sunday School — Protestant Sunday School will meet at Custer Terrace Chapel at 9 a.m. starting Sunday.

For more information, call 545-4715.

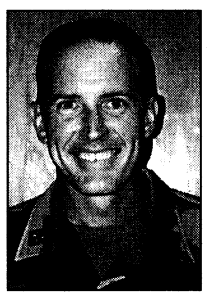
Four wise tips can make love LAST

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

June is the month when we have to put a revolving door on the entrance to the chapel — it's the month of brides, grooms and weddings.

Now every wedding has it's own story. I *could* tell you about the one I did in Panama for a Soldier when we waited two hours and 15 minutes for his beloved bride to show up (the 100-degree heat wasn't the only thing that had him sweating!) Or I *could* tell you about the Marine who did a magnificent face-plant into the front pew while still at the position of attention (or like first sergeant says at pass and review, "The secret is to keep your knees bent a little.") Or I *could* tell you about the outdoor wedding I did on a ranch in Washington state. The ceremony was interrupted by a dog ... well, I'm not sure I could tell you about that one.

At any rate, the bride, the groom and a host of others typically make tons of preparation for the big day. That's great. However, let me toss out the novel idea that it's probably at least as important to prepare for the marriage as it is for the wedding.


Hawkins

How do you do that in those first days together? Well, here's some advice from a 20-year-veteran named Pieter VanWaarde from Columbia, Mo. He likens building a marriage to designing the house of your dreams. It's all about the preparation and the foundation. The more work done early on, the better the home. You need to lay four cornerstones to build a marriage relationship that will LAST.

Loving communication — Loving communication is contingent on a couple understanding that what seems natural and easy before marriage will require consistent effort after the wedding day. Couples must go into marriage with a plan for staying connected.

Daily talk times, weekly date nights and improving listening skills should be established as practices early in the relationship.

Agreeing spiritually — Everything that's important in life is connected to spiritual values and morals. It's irrational for husbands and wives to expect to build a deeply satisfying, enduring marriage without drinking from the same spiritual fountain.

Staying responsible financially — So many young couples are drawn recklessly into the materialistic trap of our culture. Newly married couples assume that their lifestyle at ages 25 to 30 should mirror what their parents enjoyed at the ages of 45 to 50.

Taking sex seriously — Sex is designed to be a tremendous blessing within the context of marriage. Outside that context, it can be destructive.

Sex is good. It was God's idea. Sexual satisfaction in marriage is often dependent on this truth. If you or your spouse feel it's a dirty or inappropriate act, there will be little enjoyment.

Feel free to give us a ring at the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760 or say hi in person at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel Sundays at 11 a.m.

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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.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
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- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, Classroom 1; Building 3305

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Weaponeer Building 3954
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
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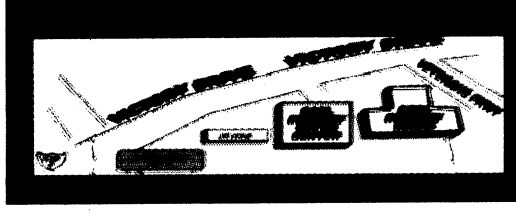

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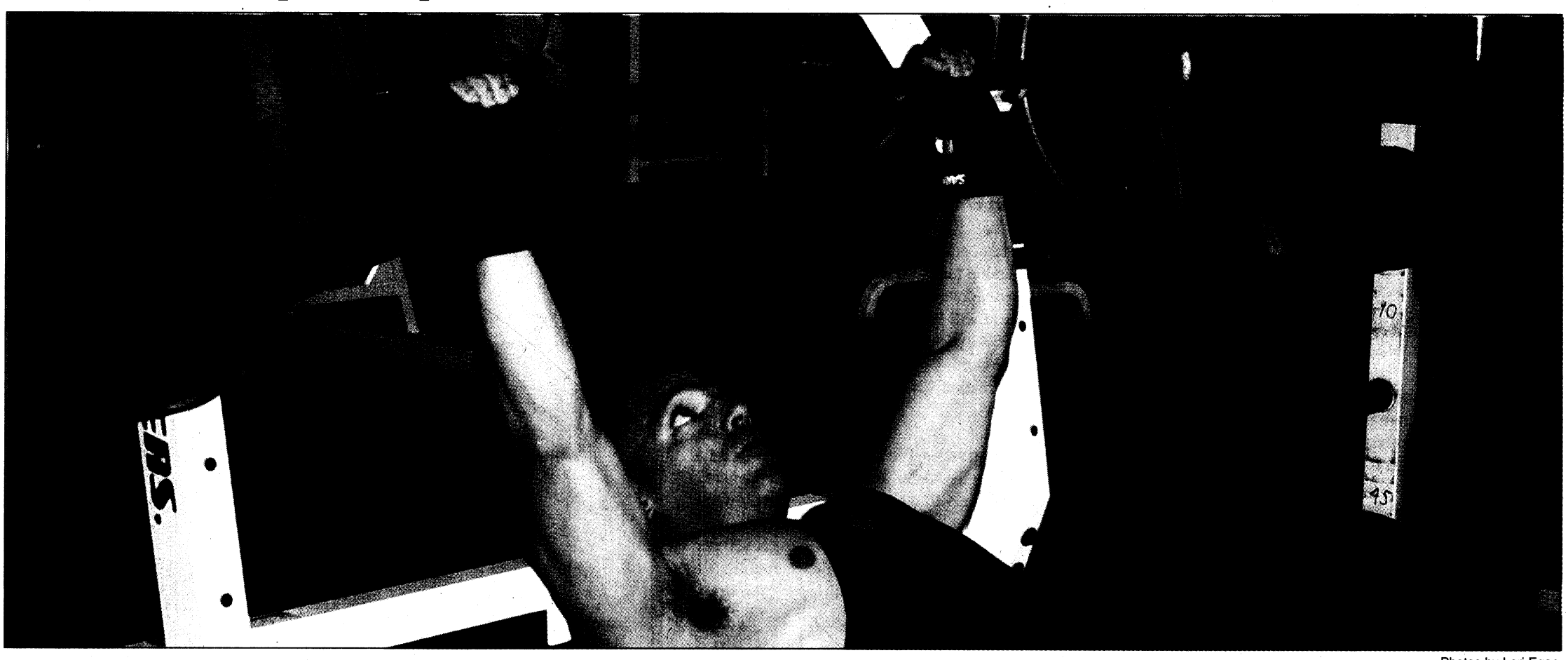

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Maj. Alberto Rivera, a student in the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's Command and General Staff Officer Course, works out daily at Briant Wells Fitness Center.

Fitness center improves quality of life



Sgt. 1st Class Luis Rodriguez works out a Briant Wells Fitness Center Wednesday morning. Rodriguez, formerly with the 498th Air Ambulance Company and now stationed in Korea, is at Fort Benning visiting his wife and three daughters. When stationed here, Rodriguez mostly used the Audie Murphy Gym to work out, but he likes the improvements made to Briant Wells Fitness Center.

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

With Phase II of a three phase renovation plan complete, both the employees and patrons of the Briant Wells Fitness Center are enjoying the improvements.

"On busy days, we have seen more than a thousand patrons using the facility," said Joanne Neyland, the fitness center's manager.

Before the renovations, a good day was when about 200 people came in, she said.

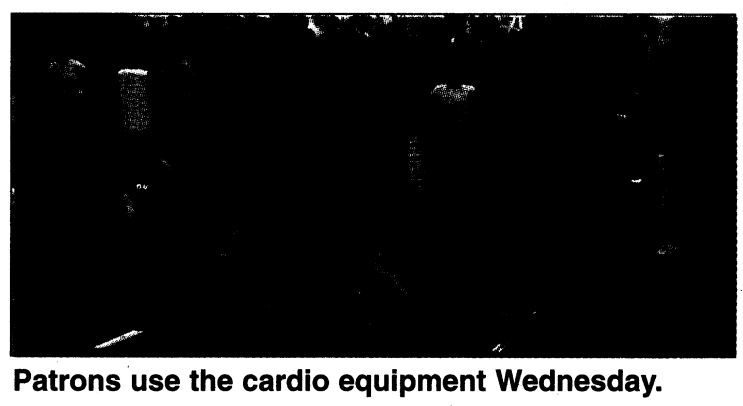
Maria Azcui, a recreation assistant at Briant Wells, said the patrons really seem to enjoy the atmosphere, which creates a better workout.

Maj. Alberto Riveria, a student in the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Command and General Staff Officer Course, agreed and said he has spent a lot of time at the fitness center.

Riveria said he does his morning PT there, comes over at lunch to finish his upper body work out and dedicates the evenings to a cardio workout.

And on Tuesday and Thursday nights, Riveria said he tries to swim for 30 minutes.

"When you are in class, it's one of the few times a Soldier has the time to get in shape," Riveria said.



Patrons use the cardio equipment Wednesday.

This fitness center shows how the Army cares for the Soldiers' quality of life, Riveria said.

Aida Echevarria has been on post for a month and spends five days a week at the fitness center.

"It's close to home and I can walk over," she said. Echevarria alternates her cardio workout by using the treadmill one day and the elliptical machine the other. Her workout concludes with an hour on the weights.

Phase I of the renovations involved the new equipment, Neyland said, Phase II was finishing the aerobics area, replacing the sauna and improving the locker rooms. Phase III of the renovations include replacing the windows, putting in ceiling fans and painting the ceiling.

Khristi Miller, who's lived on Fort Benning for three years, uses the fitness center five to six days a week.

"The aerobics are good, the machines great," said the former YMCA employee.

Azcui said the spinning class is awesome, the instructor plays great music, very diverse — pop, merengue and salsa, and uses bands for resistance; it's a great cardio workout.

A former 498th Air Ambulance Soldier who is here mid-tour from Korea said he likes the changes to Briant Wells.

"I don't play basketball, so I don't miss the court," Sgt. 1st Class Luis Rodriguez said. "This is a great place to work out."

Briant Wells Fitness Center is open 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on holidays.

For more information, call 545-4388.

Nemechek races with flag patch for Memorial Day

NASCAR pays tribute to Soldiers

Spc. Lorie Jewell
Army News Service

CONCORD, N.C. — Flying around a racetrack at speeds pushing 200 miles per hour, NASCAR driver Joe Nemechek paid tribute to fallen Soldiers and those still serving.

On the dash of Nemechek's Army-sponsored 01 Chevrolet was an American flag patch, placed there by Sgt. 1st Class Mark Mounce of the U.S. Army's Accessions Command minutes before the start of NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600 race at the Lowe's Motor Speedway Sunday. Nemechek finished the race in 14th place, while Jimmy Johnson took first.

Nemechek said it was "cool" to drive with the patch, especially for the Memorial Day race. Riding shotgun was a G.I. Joe action figure dressed in desert camouflage, strapped into the passenger seat.

"Anytime we can do something to honor Soldiers, I definitely want to be a part of it," Nemechek said.

In a pre-race ceremony on the main stage of the track, Special Forces Soldier Capt. Doug Legan handed the patch he wore while serving in Iraq to Mounce, who quick-marched across the infield to the racecar. After saluting Accessions Commander Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, who stood at attention at the rear of the car, Mounce reached in through the passenger window and fastened the Velcro-backed patch to the dash.

"It's just fitting that Joe carry this around the track for Memorial Day," Cavin said.

The hood of the black-and-gold Army racecar now features the Time Magazine cover naming the American Soldier as its Person of the Year. Just before the race started, Cavin gave the hood a quick polish while Nemechek's mother who captured the moment with her camera.



Spc. Lorie Jewell

The Army-sponsored 01 Chevrolet driven by Joe Nemechek in the NASCAR Coca-Cola 600 race.

NASCAR and Coca-Cola celebrated the race's tie to Memorial Day by featuring the military, the Army especially, in activities leading up to the moment the drivers peeled out of the pit area to start the 600-mile race.

The 82nd Airborne Chorus sang, the Golden Knights Skydive Team jumped into the infield, and Soldiers with the 3rd Special Forces Group from Fort Bragg, N.C., fast roped to the track from Blackhawk helicopters and set up a perimeter for the arrival of a Blackhawk carrying country music singer John Michael Montgomery.

Montgomery, dressed in desert camouflage, performed his hit song *Letters From Home* with Soldiers behind him.

Maj. Gen. Charles Swannack Jr., former commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, greeted the crowd of 100,000-plus as grand marshal of the race, drawing thunderous applause as he paid tribute to those "who have made the ultimate sacrifice for you and I" to enjoy the freedoms of a democratic society.

Swannack deferred the honor of starting the race to a group of Soldiers from the 1st Armored Cavalry Division currently serving in Iraq. A video of the Soldiers issuing the traditional command, "Gentlemen, start your engines," was broadcast on giant screens.

Soldiers involved in race activities were impressed and grateful with the lengths organizers went to in recognizing Memorial Day and the military.

"It's pretty surreal," said Staff Sgt. David Hughes, a member of the Stryker crew. "We've gotten a lot of thank-yous from everyone. It's nice to know people believe in what we're doing."

Staff Sgt. Matthew Brandt, of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment Rifle Team, first experienced the patriotism of a NASCAR crowd last year after returning from Afghanistan. The patriotism hasn't diminished one bit, he said.

"For Soldiers who love NASCAR, this is an awesome experience," Brandt said. "You just can't beat it. Everyone keeps saying they appreciate what we do, but we want them to know we appreci- everything they do for

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

Kids fishing rodeo — The kids fishing rodeo is 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Russ Pool. There will be another fishing rodeo June 19 at the Duck Pond on Sand Hill.

For more information, call Michael Fuller at 544-7516.

Bicycle safety fair — The Martin Army Community Hospital's physical therapy clinic and Mike's Bike Shop will conduct safety check on bikes and helmets June 7 from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. at the hospital.

For more information, call 544-4171.

Army 10-Miler pre-qualifier — Fort Benning will hold the last pre-qualifier race for the post's Army 10-Miler team June 19. Racers with the top times will earn spots on the team. The race will begin at 7 a.m. in front of the Santiago Fitness Center, and is open to all active-duty military.

Registration will begin at 6 a.m. For more information, call 544-9486.

Aerobics classes — The Briant Wells Fitness Center Aerobics Program is in full step.

The fitness center offers box aerobics, aeromix, step combo, core crunch, yoga and aqua aerobics. The cost is $25 per month or $3 per class.

For more information, call Briant Wells at 545-4388.

Saturday bike rides — Saturday bike rides are in full gear. Riders meet at 10 a.m. at Briant Wells Field House and ride 10, 15, 20 miles or more. All you need is a bike, helmet, water and plenty of energy. For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

off post

Army Hooah Race — Soldiers and civilians are invited to participate in the Third Annual Army Hooah Race at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in Atlanta.

Race events include a 5K, a 10K race and a 100-yard Tot Trot. Registration is $15 at the expo today at the Georgia Convention Center.

For more information, call Maj. Laurian Cuffy at (404) 464-8017.

National Trails Day — Celebrate National Trails Day on a hike through The Preserves at Callaway from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Guides will lead hikers on a 5-mile hike that is rated moderately strenuous and recommended for ages 12 and older.

Cost for the hike is $8 for Callaway members and $10 for nonmembers.

For more information, call (800) CALLAWAY.

Titan Games — The Atlanta Sports Council and the U.S. Olympic Committee will extend a special discount offer for the Titan Games to Soldiers of the armed forces.

The Titan Games, the road to Athens for America's elite boxers, fencers, shot-putters, wrestlers, weightlifters, judo and taekwondo, will be in Atlanta June 19-20.

With a valid military ID, personnel can purchase a ticket with a $5 discount at the Philips Arena box office.

Tickets must be purchased in person. Ticket prices include $25 (lower level), $20 (mezzanine) and $12 (upper level).

For event schedule and information, log onto www.titangames2004.com.

Golf tournament — The community is invited to participate in the Kenneth Walker Memorial Golf Tournament, a regional event intended to promote unity and raise scholarship funds for children whose mothers or fathers have passed away.

The tournament will be held Sept. 2 at the Bull Creek Golf Course, 7333 Lynch Road in Midland, Ga., just off Highway 80 (the North Bypass).

For more information, call Jim O'Donnell at 644-2066 or 569-5057.

Par for a Purpose — The golf tournament Par for a Purpose, benefiting the Columbus Alliance for Battered Women, will be June 17 at the Woodland Hills Golf Course.

Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is $50 per golfer and $200 for a four-person best ball scramble.

Lunch will be provided, along with prizes for first-, second- and third-place teams. There will also be door prizes and mulligans for $5.

For more information, call 225-4101.

Children's fishing — The Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority invites groups of children (minimum of 10 per group) to fish at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter during June, National Fishing Month. One of the Agricenter's lakes, which has been stocked with catfish, will be available at no charge on a reservation-only basis.

Fishing is limited to any three-hour period between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. To schedule a trip, call (478) 987-3247.

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.

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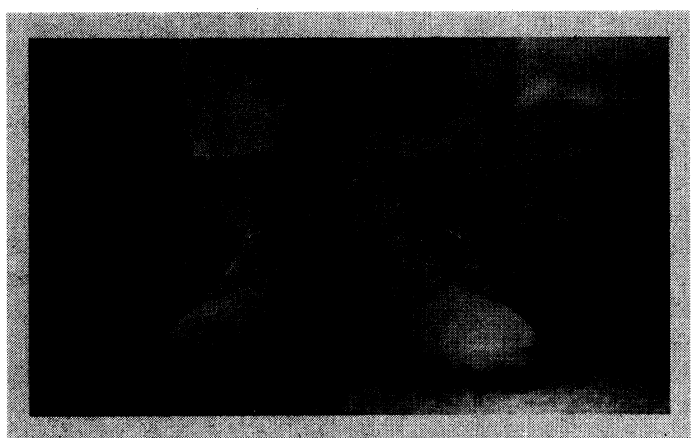

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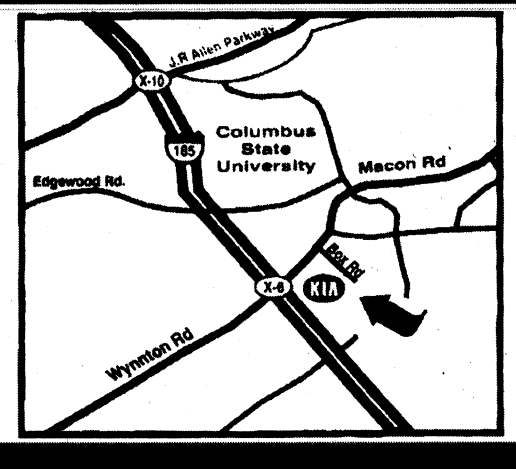

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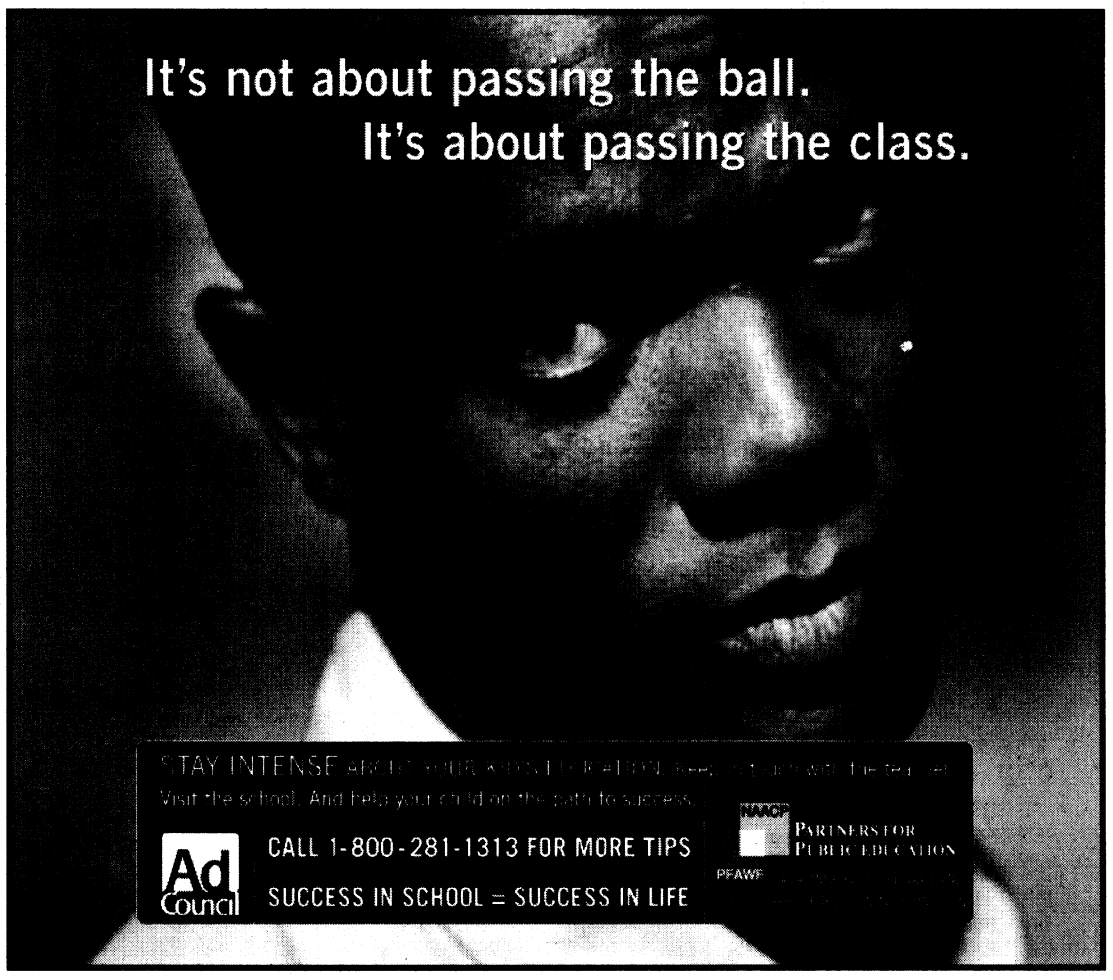

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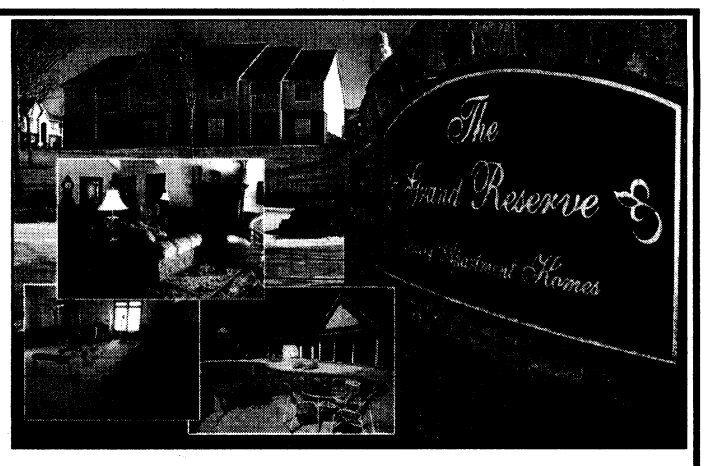

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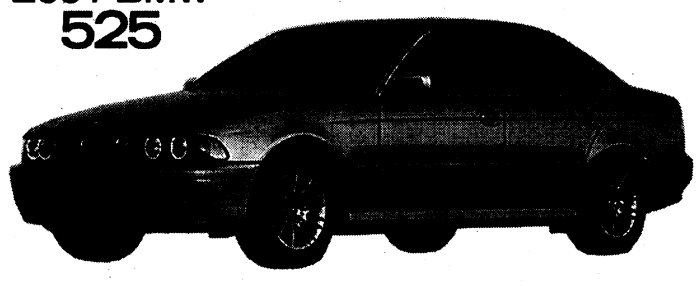

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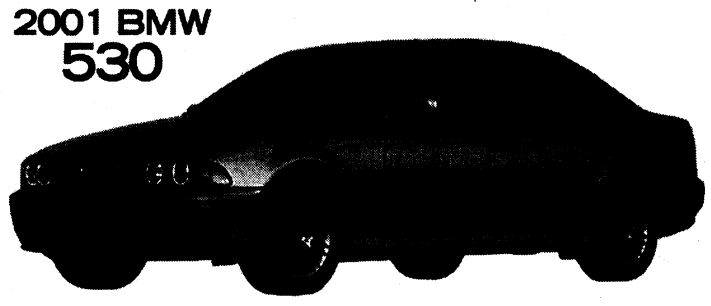

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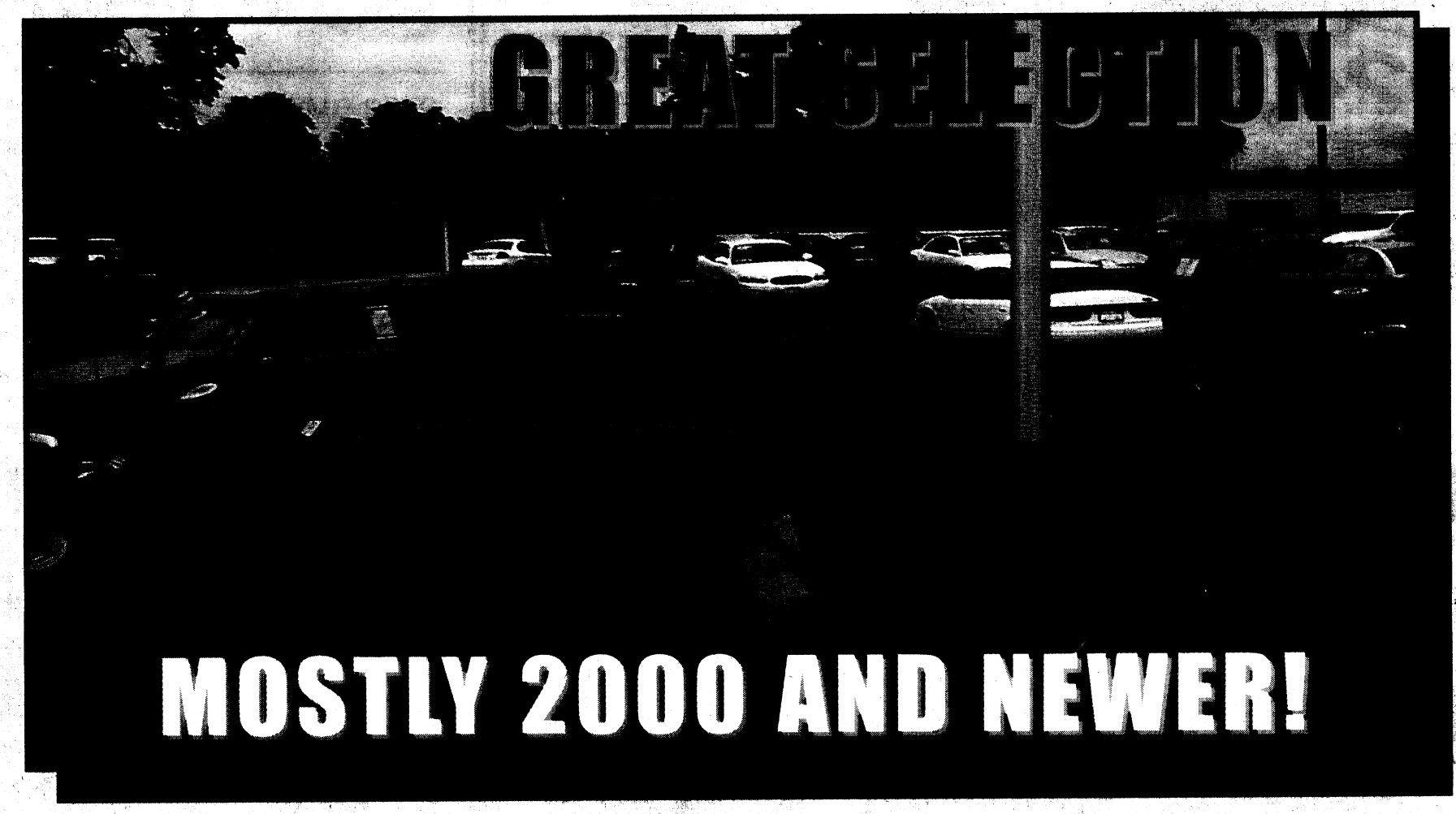

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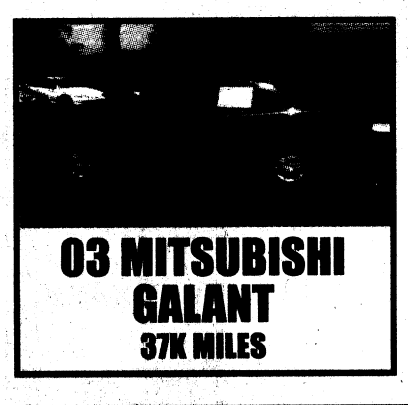

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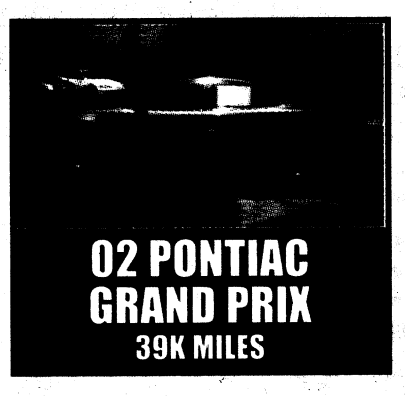

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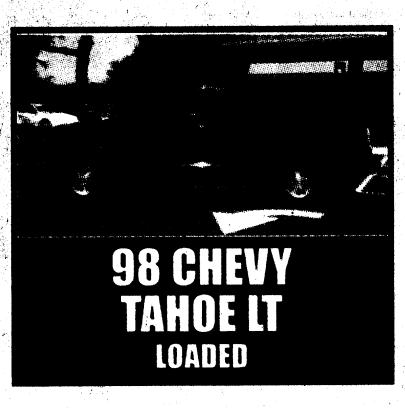

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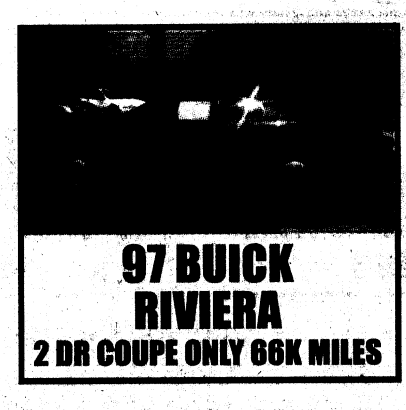

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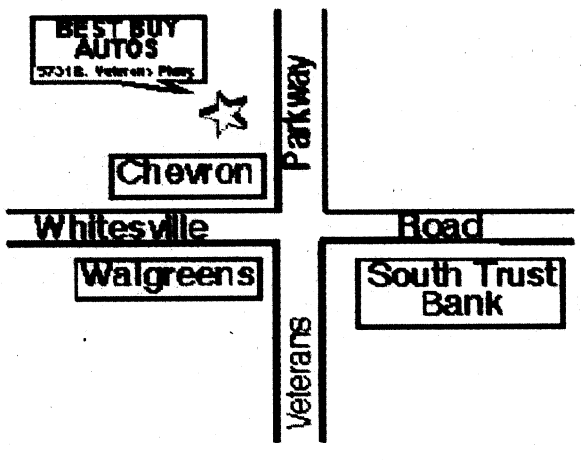

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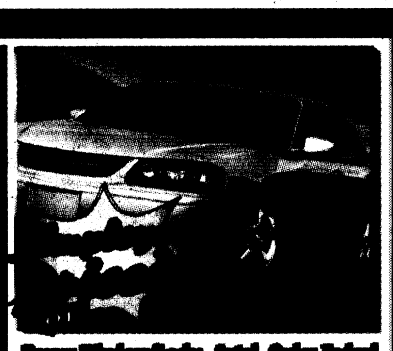

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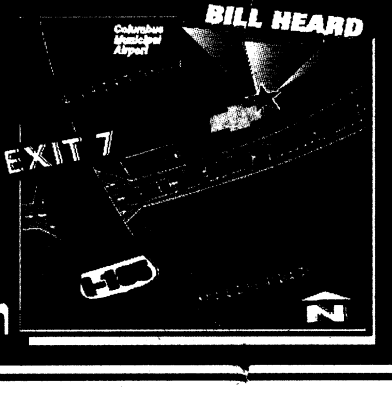

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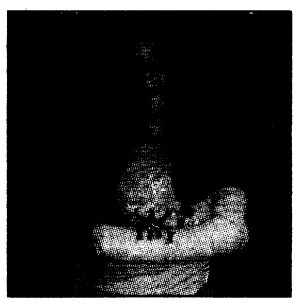

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Benning to celebrate 229th Army birthday

Youngest, oldest Soldier to cut birthday cake

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

Monday marks the 229th birthday of the U.S. Army.

Fort Benning will celebrate from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall.

The youngest and oldest Soldiers present will cut the birthday cake, and the Infantry Band will perform. Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley will be the guest speaker.

The celebration is open to all, and the uniform is BDUs.

The U.S. Army was founded June 14, 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized enlistment of rifleman to serve the United Colonies for one year. They were known as the infantry.

Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus in The Committee of the Whole. The journal entries for that day are scarce because of a desire for secrecy, but the record indicates that Congress undertook to raise 10 companies of riflemen, approved an enlistment form for them, and appointed a committee to draft rules and regulations for the government of the Army.

The first companies were out of New England and New York.

Congress extended military participation by allocating six companies to Pennsylvania, two to Maryland and two to Virginia.

Each company had a captain, three lieutenants, four sergeants, four corporals, a drummer or horn player and 68 privates.

The enlistment period was one year.

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National Day of Mourning

President George W. Bush signed an executive order closing federal offices today in remembrance of President Ronald Reagan, who died Saturday at the age of 93 in his Los Angeles home.

There will be a remembrance ceremony honoring Reagan at 10:30 a.m. today in Infantry Hall's Marshall Auditorium.

Chaplain (Col.) Joel W. Cocklin, Fort Benning's chief of chaplains, will conduct the ceremony with Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general, giving the remarks.

Paratroopers return from D-Day jump



Tech. Sgt. Wayne Clark

Air Force Master Sgt. Gary Patterson, an Airborne School instructor with 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, checks the "Iron Mike" drop zone in Normandy during the re-enactment of the D-Day parachute drop Saturday. This year marks D-Day's 60th anniversary.

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

"It will come fast and furious and before you know it, we'll be back … " Lt. Col. Aidis Zunde told the paratroopers awaiting their departure to France at Lawson Army Airfield.

Zunde, battalion commander of 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, along with 160 Soldiers from his battalion and paratroopers from the Ranger Training Brigade and 11th Infantry Regiment, traveled to Normandy last week, where they participated in the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

"Almost 60 years ago, on the night of June 5, 1944, the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment boarded 117 C-47 aircraft. In the early hours of June 6, scattered by clouds and buffeted by flak, they jumped out over Normandy," he said. "During that day and the ones that immediately followed, the paratroopers of the 507th became the stuff of instant legend. You know the story … most of you have seen the movie … Now for the first time in 60 years, the 507th is going back!"

This time around, more than 160 paratroopers from the 507th boarded two C-17 aircraft and flew to Normandy to honor the veterans who "60 years ago set the standards for what a paratrooper must be," Zunde said. "Our mission for the next three days is to honor the heroic accomplishments of the 507th paratroopers during the Normandy Invasion. We shall not fail."

Among the paratroopers of the 507th were Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, post commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso, post command sergeant

See **507th,** A-3

Post expects money for large projects

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Millions of dollars are expected to be authorized to accomplish several projects around Fort Benning.

The money will go toward four projects: barracks replacement on Kelley Hill and Main Post; building a hazardous cargo loading apron at Lawson Army Airfield; construction of a physical fitness center with a natatorium, as well as a headquarters building with a classroom building to support the Army Physical Fitness School; and building a consolidated health clinic on Fort Benning.

The barracks replacement is expected to cost about $50 million.

Kelley Hill will receive a barracks complex, complete with a 296-Soldier barracks, two battalion headquarters buildings with classrooms, five company operations facilities and a brigade headquarters building for 3rd Brigade.

"This project is required to

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CLOSER LOOK

After years of planning and requesting money from Congress, Fort Benning expects millions of dollars to be authorized for projects around post. Those projects are:

- Barracks replacement on Kelley Hill and Main Post
- A hazardous cargo loading apron at Lawson Army Airfield
- A physical fitness center and a classroom building to support the Army Physical Fitness School
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GOOD CENTS

Best things in life are ... cheap

Sgt. Kim Dooley
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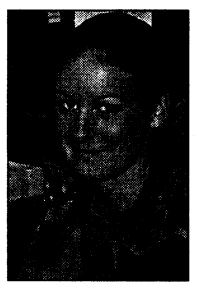


There are many mysteries in life that perplex me, but few so much as the age-old question, "Where did all my money go?"

About a month ago, I decided to get to the bottom of it. The results? Let's just say I'll be expecting Christmas cards from the Chinese delivery man, Marlboro and the Uptown Tap.

So, I've undertaken a new mantra: Cheap is good. So I got smart and got on a budget, which leaves me a whopping $125 a paycheck to go out and play — a challenge for me, a confessed paycheck-to-paycheck kind of girl.

Now, I know that sounds like a lot, but it isn't. These days, the challenge is to *make* $125 a lot of money. And after some extensive research, it's confirmed: You can be money-minded and still have a life. Here are a few things to do "on the cheap."

• **Movies.** I don't have cable, so I'm usually the last to know if a must-see movie is coming out. That makes it easy to wait for them to make it to Columbus' dollar theater, the Peachtree 8, the theater right by the Peachtree Mall. It's only $1 during the week and $3 on the weekends. And if you're bringing company, go for the combo deal — $10 for two tickets, two medium drinks and a large popcorn. You really can't beat that. Another option — there are a few local places (i.e. Columbus University, The Coca Cola Space Center) that show "classic" movies for free or next to nothing. Check out *The Bayonet* and the *Ledger-Enquirer* on Fridays for a preview of what's going on each weekend.

• **Eating out.** If you're like me, you're entirely too lazy to cook every day of the week. If you must, going out to dinner on a budget just takes a little willingness to share. Go early, before dinner prices, and share an entrée. If your appetite's too big for that penny-saver, keep your eye out for coupons. A lot of local restaurants offer good deals — one dinner full-price, one dinner free or half-off.

And don't be shy about busting one of those bad boys out. It's worth being a cheapskate when you get your check.

• **Coffee and dessert**. Forego the expensive restaurant outing with a candlelit dinner at home. Then, head out for coffee and dessert. And keep in mind the coffee shops around town. Fountain City on Broadway almost always has a musical act to check out — an added entertainment bonus if you're just looking to get out of the house.

• **Trade in the bar scene**. I know — I can't believe I said that. But if you think about it, it's not so bad. Bars can be too crowded (or dead), too loud and too expensive. On top of which, you have to worry about how you're going to get home, whether everyone in your party is going to behave, etc. Why not drink at home — have a barbecue or get together for cards? And at the risk of sounding like my mother (dear God!), rock the board games. You'd be surprised — I've actually had a great time with my friends, playing guys vs. girls Cranium and the like.

• **Get cultured**. Cutting back on those 12-ounce curls can also be an opportunity to "explore new things." There are actually all kinds of poetry readings, writing workshops, book clubs, inexpensive concerts from local musicians, and so on. Barnes & Noble has a list of upcoming activities. And once again, always check *The Bayonet* and the *L-E* for weekend updates.

• **Other stuff**. Other fun things that fall in line with my new mantra — try getting outside once in a while. Go for walks or picnics, take a day trip to the beach (and bring all your own food, drinks, entertainment, etc.), go camping, go hiking, take up a sport, etc. Get in shape — take to the gym on the weekends. I know guys who can spend two to three hours a day there. And don't waste your money on some fancy gym off post. Briant Wells Fitness Center has all kinds of equipment, a variety of aerobics classes and a swimming pool.

Check out the library. I'm not sure about the ones in Columbus, but Sayers has a decent movie selection, and you get to keep them for a month. So you save the cost of the rental and the extended viewing fees.

Don't you want to be my neighbor?

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff



I moved on post eight years ago. For eight straight years, I have lived in the same two-bedroom house. People ask, "Why don't you move to a bigger house?" Well, after eight years, this is my house. It's the longest time both my husband and I have ever lived in a house. I also know that if I moved, I'd still have the luck of the draw when it comes to my neighbors.

I'm not shy about saying that I would love to live next door to me and my family. It sounds cocky, but it's true.

We have been accused of being meticulous about our grass. If it even starts to look unkempt, one of us is mowing. We fertilize regularly. We don't put our sprinklers on for hours at a time or after it rains. I see the outside of our house as a reflection of ourselves. We're not neat freaks, but how it looks reflects on us.

I love to sleep with my windows open for those four weeks we call Fall and Spring. However, I have been relegated to keeping my windows open only on weekends, because I have been woken up at o'dark thirty by cars with their radios blasting and bass pumping, obviously unaware that not everyone is up and going to PT.

Countless times, I have been outside playing with my son, and knew a car was coming because I could hear the bass. Not only that, but the vulgarity in the music is appalling. I really don't want my 5-year-old exposed to music that talks about female dogs and garden tools, if you catch my drift.

I love my dogs. Even though they're getting older, they occasionally still get frisky and will bark at a passing leaf during the middle of the night. Even my husband, who sleeps like a stone, can hear them. One of us will get up and make them go back in the house. We also police up the poop on a regular basis.

I try to be polite and courteous to my neighbors, especially if they are new to the military.

Some have used my niceness to their advantage.

A former neighbor had a new baby and asked to borrow my camcorder for a few days. I, being a big softie, agreed. Two weeks later they still had not returned it. My husband was fuming and told me he was going over there and was going to use some not-so-choice words and get the camcorder back. Trying to diffuse the situation, I went over myself. The neighbor's explanation was, "Oh, we've tried bringing it back but you were never home." I had to laugh. I'm always home. The guy had the gall to ask to use our lawnmower a few months later. Hmm, I'll give you one guess what we said.

So, we have adopted a family rule that we don't lend anything. It may sound harsh, but we've had too many problems in the past. If you have a great neighbor who will lend you something, I recommend not borrowing anything you can't pay for if something should happen to it.

I have realized that being a neighbor is a labor in respect. The old adage "Treat others as you want to be treated" is fitting when talking about being a neighbor.

Saying goodbye to the flag man

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



I'm not good with names. I've always been this way. My new friends, the men and women I traveled to D.C. with last week — they like to blame it on their age. Fair enough, they've earned that right.

It should've come as no surprise when one of them called me the other day to check on a name listed in the obituary column.

"Was that one of ours?" he asked.

Something about the simple, straightforward question pierced my heart. Having shared with them their moment of glory at the dedication of the World War II Memorial, I am part of "ours." And I'm humbled by it.

Last week, just two days after returning from D.C., we lost one of "ours," John Sanders.

At 82, John was a robust, former Marine with a shock of jet-black hair, a wicked wit and a heart the size of Guadalcanal, which was, by the way, where he took a bullet to the chest in 1944. John kept us entertained throughout the 14-hour bus ride to and from Washington. He was all smiles.

But when it came to his memories and his pride in his country, John was very serious. He wore his patriotism like a banner. He wore his uniform, his buttons and badges. He carried a flag and flew several from his car. He attended Fort Benning homecomings and reunions and memorials and whatever.

He never missed an opportunity to show his true colors — red, white and blue. And if you were there, anywhere he was, you couldn't have missed him. And you wouldn't forget him, though you might never have known him by name. Most of us, present company included — given my predisposition for name "dropping" — knew John as "the flag man."

Collis Turner, who knew John a lot longer than I did, tells me John prayed he'd live long enough to see the memorial. God honored his prayer. There's a measure of comfort in that.

I imagine John, now, standing in front of St. Peter, hat in hand.

"John Sanders," he says, confidently.

"Hmmmm, not here," St. Peter replies.

"Sanders. S-a-n-d-e-r-s," John says expectantly.

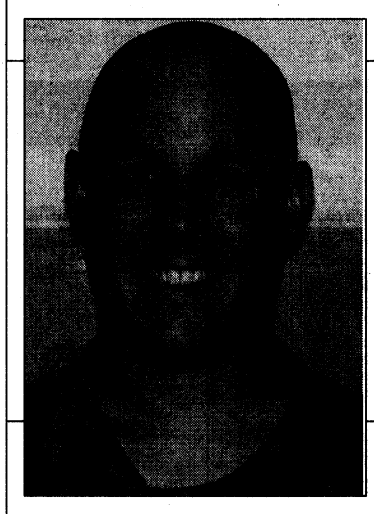
"Sorry," St. Pete says with a shake of his head.

"Look again, it's gotta be there," John says, twisting his cap. "John Sanders, from Columbus, Georgia. Old Marine. You know, the flag man."

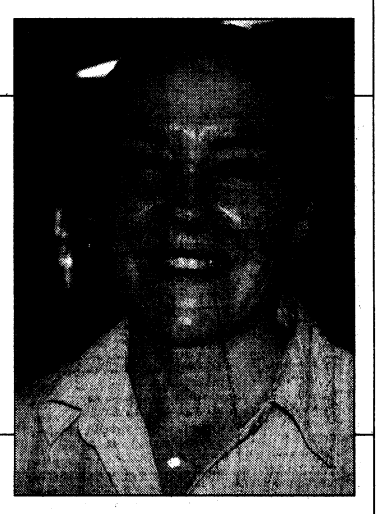
"Oh, the flag man! Why didn't you say that in the first place?" Pete says. "C'mon in."

VARIOUS VOICES

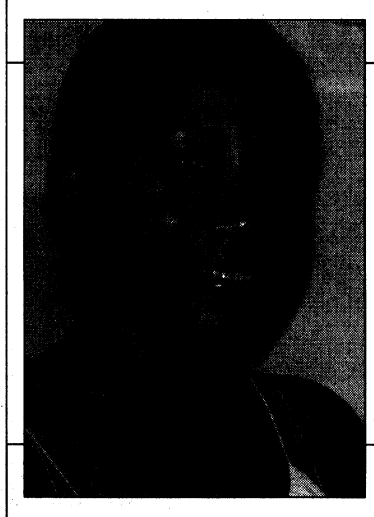
What do you do for fun when you're on a tight budget?



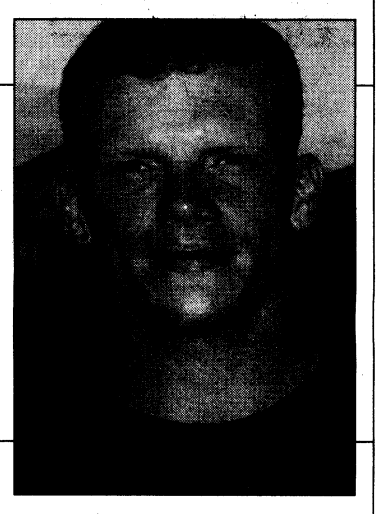
Pfc. Josh Reed, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "Outdoor activities. I like bike riding, but there's always football, basketball or volleyball. There's courts everywhere, so Soldiers can just go hang out."



Lee Green, Fort Lee, Va. — "I take my kids to parks that are free. Williamsburg, Virginia, is very nice. The kids spend hours climbing this huge tree in one of the squares, and I just sit and read."



Spc. Nellie Fuifui, U.S. Army Garrison. — "Cook out. Just set up the grill, invite a few friends and have everybody bring something so you don't spend a lot of money. Everybody likes cook-outs."



Staff Sgt. Mat Devault, 1st Battalion(Airborne), 507th Infantry — "I'm in Airborne School, but as a private on Kelley Hill, I used to hang out at the Rec Center. They have pool tables, a reading and study room, volleyball courts and grills."



Michelle Rowan, family member — "We walk our dog or take him to the park. It's free and it's exercise."



Cadet Robert Langford, ROTC — "On post, there is the movie theater, the amusement center and the Afterhours Club. It's close, it's cheap and it's for the Soldiers."

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Fort Benning paratroopers arrive home from France Tuesday afternoon. The Soldiers participated in a re-enactment of D-Day Sunday.

507th: Paratroopers return from jump into Normandy



Tech. Sgt. Wayne Clark

Soldiers from 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, re-enacted the D-Day parachute drop near Amfeiville, France, Saturday. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Normandy invasion during World War II.

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"Young (Soldiers) like these, 60 years ago volunteered for a new infantry," Kelso said. "Their daring and courage led the way in the liberation of Western Europe. So to think that 60 years later the same regiment is returning to Europe, and I'm fortunate to be able to go with them, it's an honor. It's an outstanding event and we look forward to it."

The paratroopers departed in two C-17 aircraft from the 437th Air Wing, out of Charleston, S.C. from LAAF Thursday night and arrived in France Friday afternoon.

Saturday, the paratroopers of the 507th jumped out of C-130s and C-17s over the Iron Mike drop zone, — the original D-Day invasion drop zone — in the company of more than 500 other paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division, the 75th Ranger Regiment, the 4th, 5th and 6th Ranger Training Battalions, the 101st Airborne Division, the 173rd Airborne Brigade and an Air Force Element, Zunde said.

Freakley and Kelso were the first two paratroopers to jump out of the aircraft.

"Getting to participate was a once in a lifetime experience, it's hard to explain how emotional and significant it was to get to don parachutes with the members of the 507th and seeing 650 paratroopers in 16 aircraft marshaled to honor the D-Day paratroopers," Freakley said.

Once the 507th paratroopers landed, they unfurled their colors and guidon and marched three kilometers to where the veterans were waiting.

"When we landed, the French people were waiting for us and they all congratulated us, took our pictures and shook our hands. It was amazing," said Spc. John Monk, 1st Bn. (Airborne), 507th Infantry.

"Before we left we were anxious and excited to be part of such a memorable event," Monk said.

"Now that we're back, it's all just amazing," he said.

"My favorite part was getting to go to Omaha Beach," said Spc. Rafael Castañeda, E Company.

"We all brought back bottles full of sand," Monk said. "It was a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Paratroopers participated in several commemorative ceremonies and visited with veteran paratroopers as well as French veterans who were part of the French Resistance.

Also, this jump had special significance for several B Company, 1st Bn. (Airborne), 507th Infantry, paratroopers.

Capt. Travis McCracking earned his master parachutist wings and Staff Sgt. Daniel Hubb earned his senior parachutist wings. Both had their wings pinned on by WWII veterans.

Staff Sgt. Steven Maloy, B Company, re-enlisted after he jumped.

The paratroopers arrived at LAAF Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Mission accomplished.

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RCI moves forward

Housing survey due, data to help determine changes

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Fort Benning housing area residents are reminded that the Official Army Housing survey mailed back in April, along with a pre-addressed, postage paid return envelope, should be returned by mail by June 25.

Residents who misplaced their survey, or those who recently arrived, can call 545-0667 to get a survey. Resident input will become extremely important during Fort Benning's selection of a partner to revitalize, demolish and construct new housing as part of the Residential Communities Initiative, said Ron Smith, RCI program manager.

The data gathered from this survey is being compiled by a private company, and the garrison commander will receive an out-brief by the Military Housing and Lodging Institute, the organization responsible for the survey. This data will help the RCI Office determine issues residents deem as important or needing change. The data will become part of the basis for negotiations with the partner and will also be used to set standards of performance that can be easily measured, Smith said.

The draft environmental assessment of all post housing is complete. All aspects of housing were looked at, a random sampling of the interiors and all exteriors were surveyed as well as the land, Smith said. All environmental concerns, such as endangered species, wetlands management, waste management, unexploded ordnance and cultural aspects were identified. The survey was required in order to provide an assessment to the prospective partner of what exists within the housing communities and to ensure appropriate mitigation occurs.

The solicitation and selection process is well underway and should be completed by September 2004. A source selection evaluation board is evaluating information packets about the company's organization structure, financial capability, expected financial return, past experience, past and future use of small businesses and most importantly, their concept for revitalizing our housing communities, Smith said.

It's important to note this will not be a typical contract process where the lowest bidder is usually chosen, he said. The RCI selection process has been designed to select a qualified world class partner. The initial qualification and selection process ends this July.

Those companies meeting the minimum qualifications will then submit specific concept proposals for the revitalization of the housing communities by Aug. 15. These proposals will be evaluated and final selection made in September 2004.

Negotiations between Fort Benning officials and the selected partner will begin in December and conclude in May 2005, resulting in the business operations plan outlining every detail of the project.

As a result of this initiative, housing residents can look forward to larger and updated housing, Smith said. The Army has developed construction standards that all projects must adhere to. Newly constructed three bedroom quarters will have a minimum of 1,630 gross square feet, four bedroom quarters 1,940, and five bedroom quarters 2,300 GSF. Each unit will also have a 150-square-foot patio. Parking will improve with two off-street parking spaces per unit, plus additional parking for guests. Units will have fully developed landscapes and the major housing communities will have a community center, including meeting rooms and a swimming pool.

It is important to remember that RCI projects are not contracts but a partnership between Fort Benning and a private company for the sole purpose of revitalizing existing housing, demolition of units not meeting today's Army standards and construction of new units all financed by Soldiers' Basic Allowance for Housing, Smith said.

For information about RCI, visit www.rci.army.mil.

Citizen Soldier receives AUSA award

Woodruff honored for service

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The Chattahoochee Valley-Fort Benning Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army held its last major event of the year, the Livingston Citizen/Soldier Awards Dinner June 4 at the Ironworks.

The award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to the tricommunity area. The award was created in 1984 by Cliff O. Livingston Sr., a charter member of the Columbus Civilian-Military Council, to honor an individual or corporate member who had given generously of time and effort.

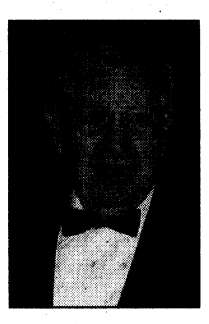
Last year, the chapter expanded the criteria to honor an individual with both military and civilian service — a true citizen Soldier.

"Columbus is blessed with many citizen Soldiers," said Chuck Hunsaker, AUSA chapter president. "And one of them jumped out."

The chapter selected J. Barnett Woodruff, a Columbus native and Navy veteran as this year's winner.

Woodruff was commissioned in the Navy in 1944 and served on a mine sweeper in the South Pacific during World War II. He was later recalled to duty as a result of the conflict in Korea, serving in the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

His civilian service includes serving on the boards of directors for several Columbus banks, St. Francis Hospital and the St. Francis Hospital Foundation. Woodruff is also active in Girls, Inc. and the Boys and Girls Club.



Woodruff joked with the audience, which included around 100 Fort Benning Soldiers, that he had served for two years in the horse-drawn field artillery until the Navy made him a better offer.

"I'm very concerned about the world situation and the people over there," Woodruff said after accepting his award.

He said he had a great-nephew who carried a Georgia flag to the Middle East, another member of a family that is "military-inclined."

"It's time to let the new ones take over for the old ones," he said. "Be safe, successful and stay the course."

The phrase, "stay the course" Woodruff said, is a Navy saying used when they turn over leadership at night.

"I'm very much honored to receive this award and you all have my support, he said.

The event's guest speaker, national AUSA president retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, praised Woodruff for his efforts in uniform and in the community.

"We're proud of you," Sullivan said. "You lived your life as a productive, loyal citizen. You answered the call. Did your duty — not once, but twice."

Sullivan said AUSA is an important support structure everyone needs and a great way to bring the military and the community together.

"The Columbus community has embraced Soldiers since the early part of the last century," he said. "supported Soldiers and families … like those here, who have gone off to fight. I can't thank you enough for what you have done for Soldiers and the United States Army."

He said the Army is transforming in order to maintain initiative over the enemy and one place the Army has maintained is training at Fort Benning. Anyone who wants to know anything about the infantry and about leadership, he said, should come to Fort Benning.

Sullivan said he draws his personal inspiration from walking battlefields and strength from what American Soldiers have done on battlefields throughout history.

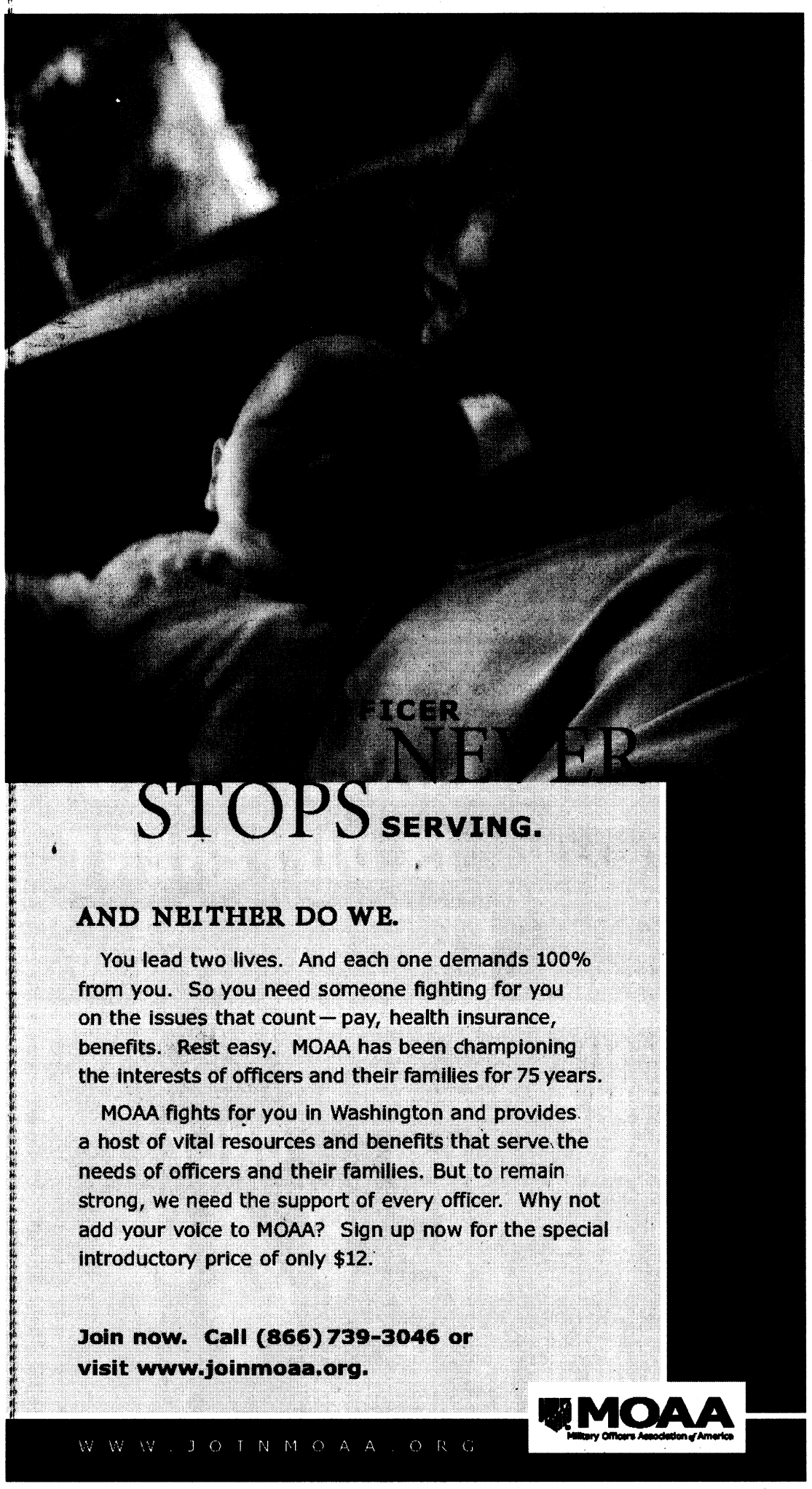
"It's not the equipment," he said, "it's you, people like you, like Mr. Woodruff, who carries the burden of community leadership. Citizen Soldiers."

In 1992, a Soldier asked Sullivan, then the chief of staff of the Army, what he was going to do to maintain the essence of the Army.

He said you can think of what the essence of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps is when you go monuments at Normandy, Antietam and the new World War II monument in Washington, D.C., but the essence is the Soldier.

"I don't have a clue what equipment they used," Sullivan said. "What makes the difference is the Soldier — the tough, trained, competent, courageous Soldier … the living embodiment of essence and strength.

"Mr. Woodruff, you have demonstrated that you know the idea."





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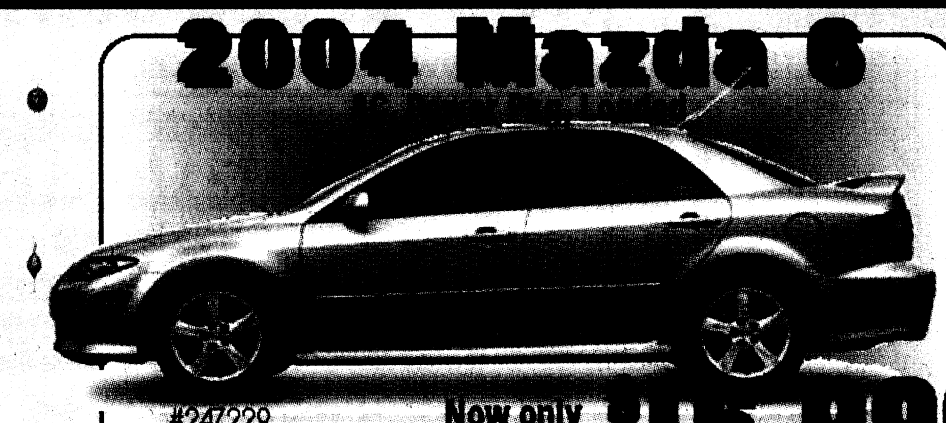

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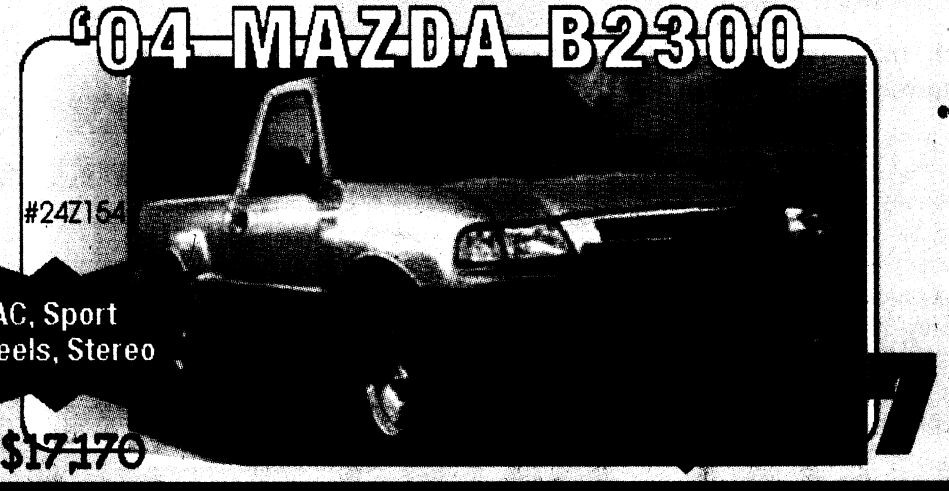

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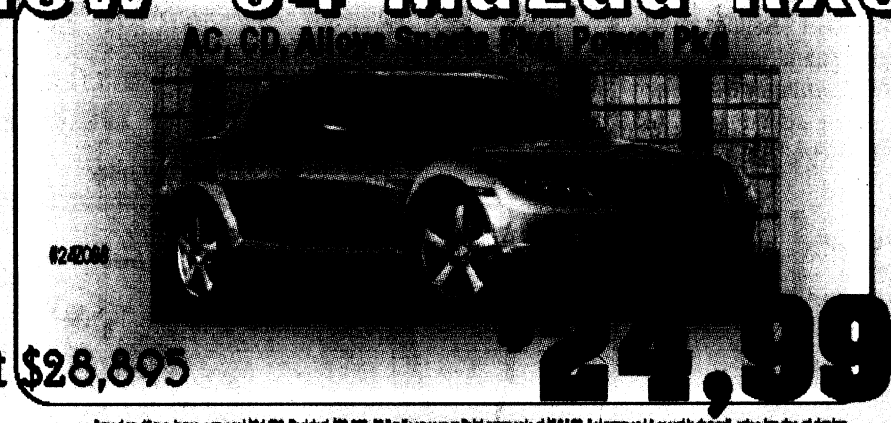

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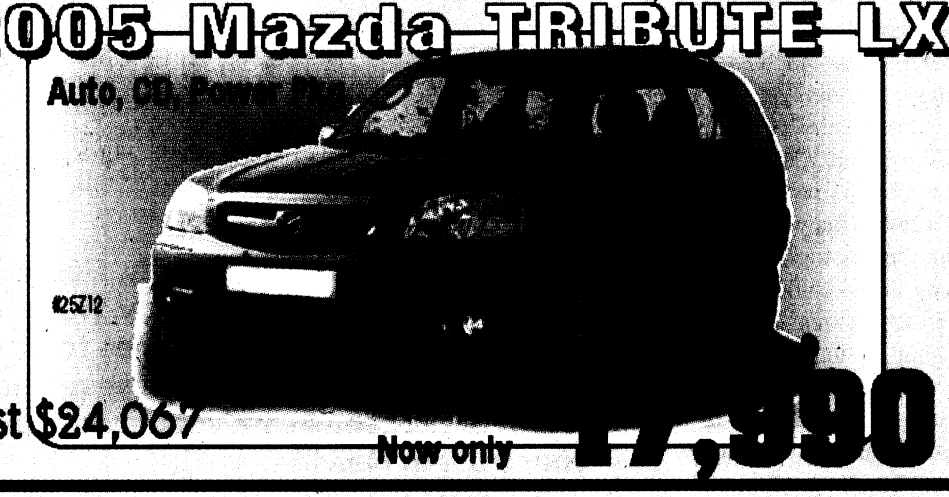

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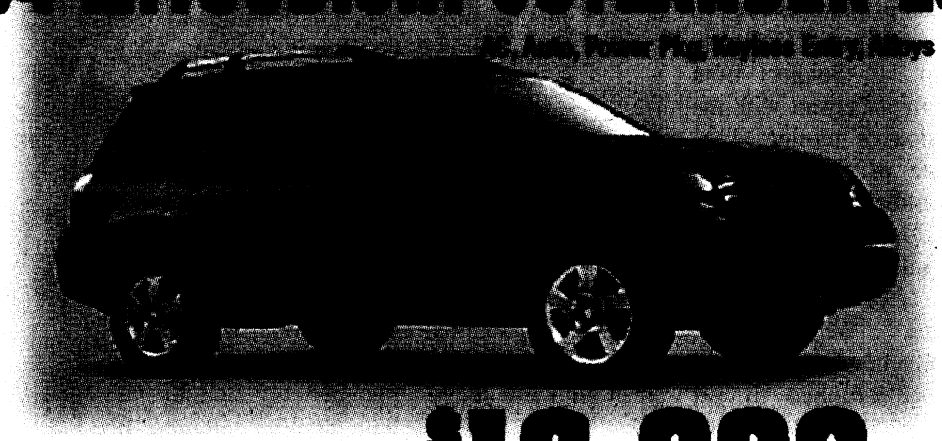

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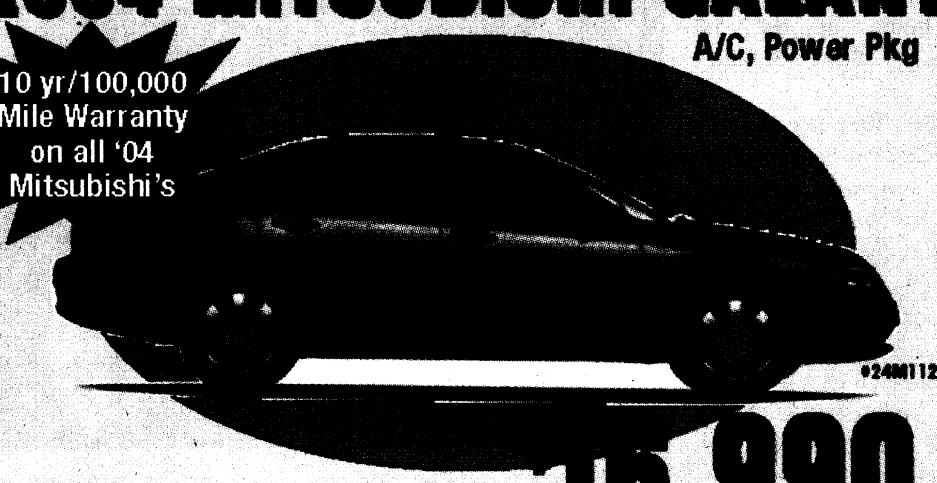

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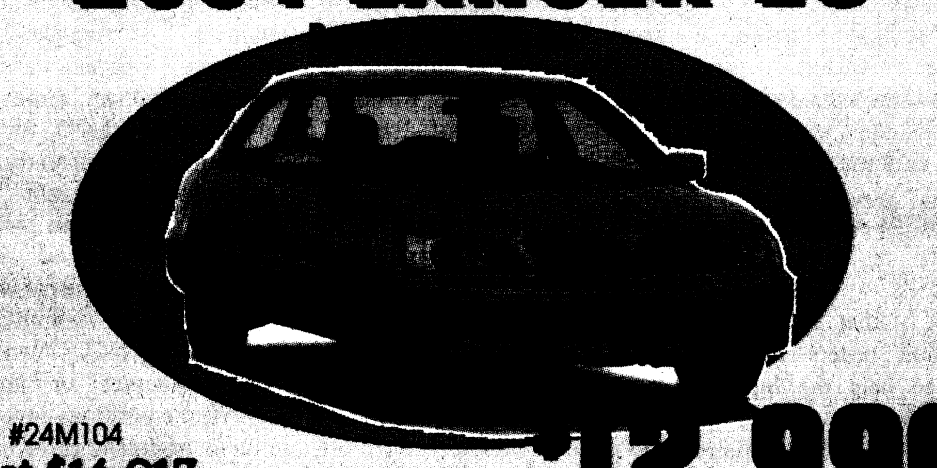

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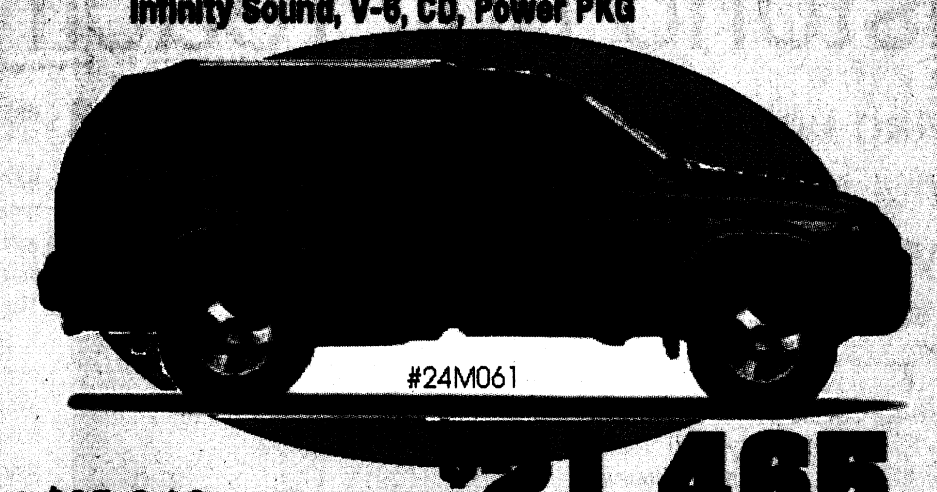

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New ITB battalion starts training

Answering call for 8,370 new infantrymen

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Sand Hill's new one station unit training battalion, 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry Training Regiment, picked up a second load of Soldiers June 4. Drill sergeants from A Company picked up 210 Soldiers from 30th AG Replacement with the sole mission of turning every single one of them into an infantry Soldier in 14 weeks.

"We've had 28 days to get ready," said Capt. William Similo, A Company commander. "We've trained, we've painted, we've cleaned and we've scrubbed to get everything up to standard. This is the standard and we're going to keep it."

The A Company drill sergeants took the Soldiers to their new home, Building 3105, former home of the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment.

After the "first day of basic training" chaos, which included the drill sergeants hollering, "Get off my bus," the Soldiers were sent to chow, split up into four platoons, and introduced to their platoon drill sergeants.

Pvt. Timothy Seay Jr., an Arizona native, took a minute to catch his breath before saying he joined the Army to earn college money, but believes fighting for this country is "pretty cool" and it's very important to be a part of it.

"But right now my arms are tired," he said.

Pvt. Michael Manago, a California native, said regardless of how hard the first day was, he can't wait to wear the Army uniform with the blue cord.

Most of the A Co. cadre are part of the 1st Brigade, 84th Division (Institutional Training), that received mobilization orders to Fort Benning to help the Infantry Training Brigade train the additional 2,225 Soldiers needed for this fiscal year and the 6,145 extra Soldiers in 2005.



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Staff Sgt. Jim Garcia, 1st Platoon, A Company, 329th Infantry Regiment, "encourages" one of the 210 initial entry Soldiers who started training June 4.

"We are under the new Army concept of the expeditionary forces; the requirement is to increase the number of infantry Soldiers to fulfill that mission," said Maj. Kevin Rushing, executive officer of 1st Bn., 329th Inf. Regt. "For the Army to expand its expeditionary forces, we need more infantry Soldiers. In its current component, ITB couldn't produce the amount of Soldiers the Army needs in the next two years."

The 84th received orders mobilizing them to Fort Benning for 365 days — they arrived on Sand Hill May 9.

The new battalion is composed of six companies with 12 drill sergeants, a company commander and executive officer, a first sergeant, and an armor and supply training NCO, for each company. Currently, A Company has eight drill sergeants from the reserve component, who were activated.

"I believe this is a unique experience pool," Similo said. "Many of my NCOs own their own businesses or are in supervisory positions involving millions of dollars of inventory and equipment. They can impress upon the trainees that the work ethics and discipline obtained from serving honorably in the military does have an impact in the hiring process of a large number of corporations."

May 28, B Company picked up 220 Soldiers, making it the first company from the new battalion to begin training.

C, D, E and F Companies will pick up Soldiers for training between July 23 and Nov. 19.

During the next 14 weeks, the Soldiers of A Co. will undergo the strenuous training required of all infantry Soldiers.

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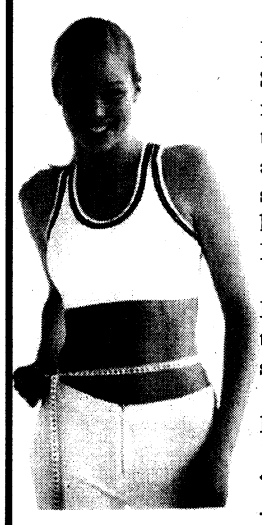

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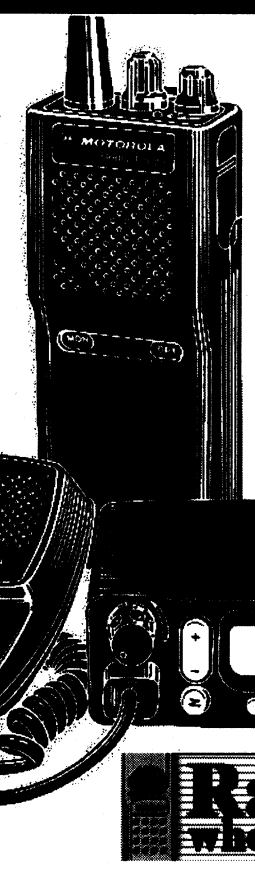

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Historic unit reactivated

Rag-tag unit boasts colorful history, 'Hollywood' exploits

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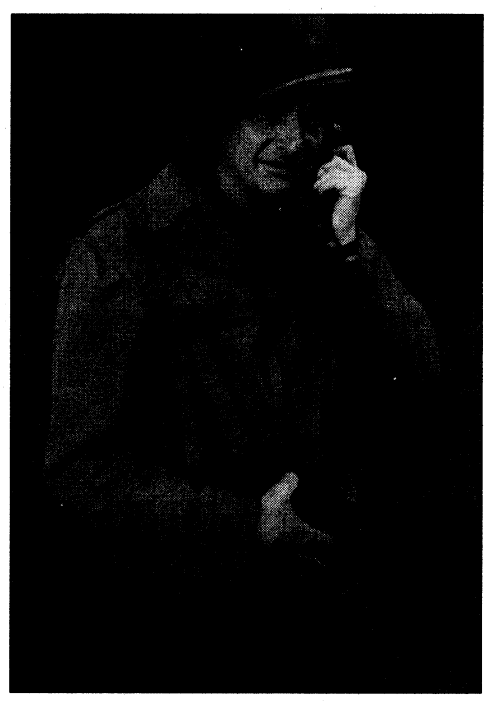
The history of the 329th Infantry Regiment reads like Hollywood fiction, with its inception at a place called Atterbury, its first commander — Col. Buckshot Crabill — and its greatest legend, Lt. Sam Magill, who facilitated the mass surrender of 20,000 German troops on the banks of the Loire River Sept. 17, 1944.

Not bad for a unit dubbed the "rag-tag circus" for the motley mix of vehicles its Soldiers commandeered from French villagers — fire trucks, school buses and a cement mixer — to transport troops into Germany. One correspondent said the 329th "presented the most un-military appearance of any outfit since the Mexican War."

The unit's history is colorful and well-documented, if you know where to look. But looking for information about a Reserve unit activated, deactivated and reactivated more times than you can count is a lot like hunting for a silver fox. It's out there, but it's elusive.

As the 329th begins a new chapter with its activation and assignment to Sand Hill, where its primary function will be one station unit training, Lt. Col. Michael Chyterbok believes it's important for the regiment's newest Soldiers to know something of its history.

"It's important that these Soldiers understand the lineage, the sacrifice the Soldiers of this unit made during World War II," said Chyterbok, 1st Battalion commander. "It's a motivator. They can reflect and be proud of where they came from."



Maj. John Mauldin was the 329th's regimental surgeon during World War II.

Last week, the regiment conducted a "fill," the process whereby a new unit is filled with trainees. The week before, on Memorial Day, Chyterbok conducted a "fill" of his own. He traveled to a rest home in Atlanta to interview a veteran who helped fill in the blanks of the unit's history.

Retired Brig. Gen. John Mauldin was the regimental surgeon during World War II. He took more than 400 photographs between the time the unit landed in England eight days after D-Day until Germany was liberated in 1946. Chyterbok happened upon those photographs on Mauldin's Web page and arranged a visit with the 92-year-old retired Air National Guardsmen.

"It was a very emotional experience for him," Chyterbok said. "You've got to realize, his unit was deactivated in 1946, and he had no idea that it actually continued to exist as a Reserve unit all these years. That made an impact on him."

And Mauldin's "souvenirs" will have an impact on the unit's morale, Chyterbok said. Mauldin donated photos, newspapers and letters he wrote home to his wife during the war. Copies of the photographs will be enlarged and hung in the battalion's dining facility and headquarters area.

And stories about the unit's exploits will be passed along to the trainees and cadre.

Take, for instance, the 329th's record-setting march from Normandy to Germany at a pace of 15 to 17 miles per day.

"We don't know exactly how many days it took them, but it remains a military record," Chyterbok said. "It's that kind of detail that inspires Soldiers."

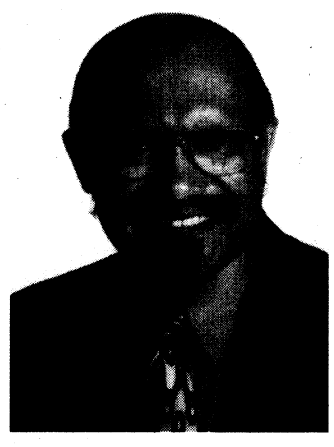
And the unit — the "rag-tag circus" — was reviewed by Gen. George Patton shortly after the war.

"That's the finest body of Soldiers I have ever seen in the field," he said.

After the war, Crabill wrote of the 329th, "(It) illustrated one fact: You can take young men from the United States who have had no previous military training, give them a year of tough training and, with proper equipment and strong leadership, they are equal to the best soldiers any other country can put on the field."

Chyterbok said he's confident the "new" 329th will live up to Crabill's assessment.

Mauldin is currently recovering from surgery and was unavailable for comment at press time, but Chyterbok hopes he'll be able to attend the unit's first graduation in September.



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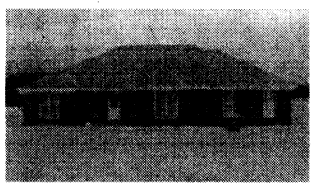



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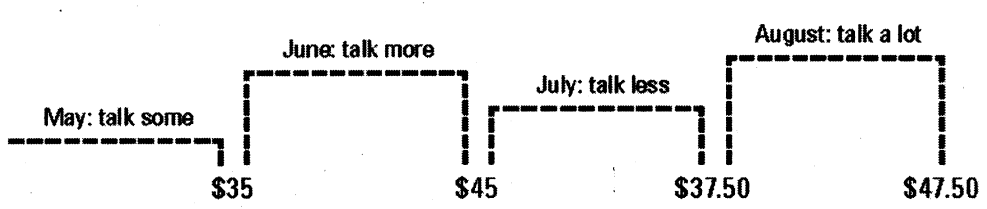

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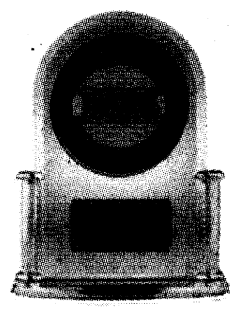

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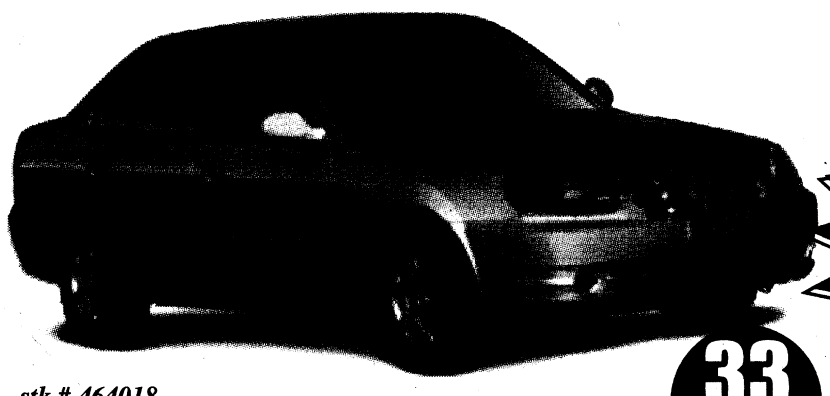

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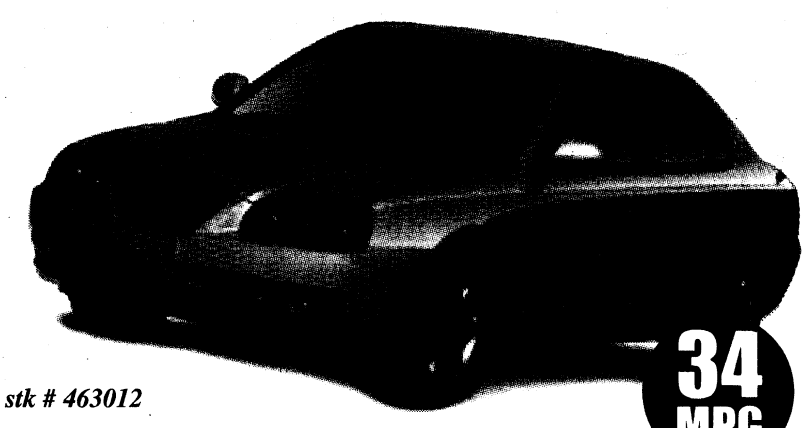

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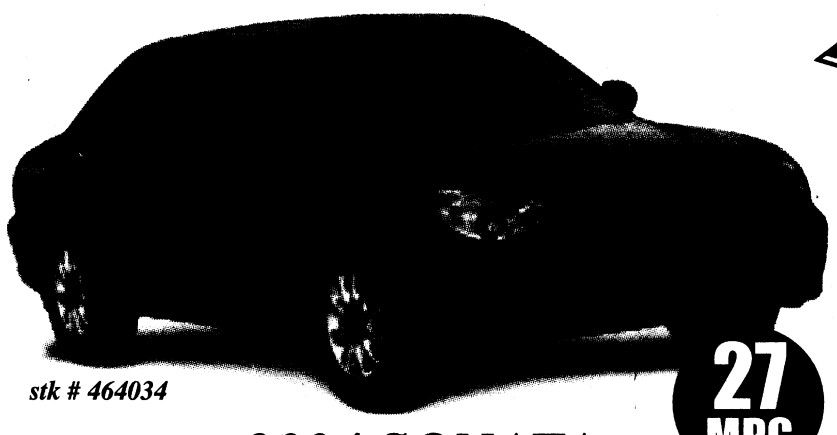

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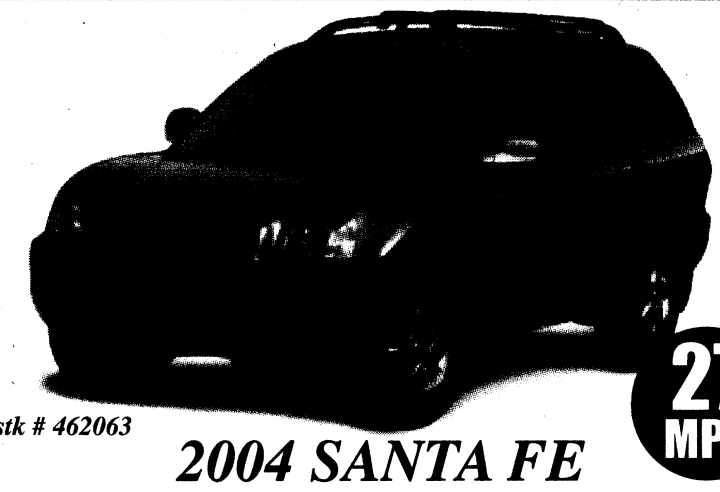

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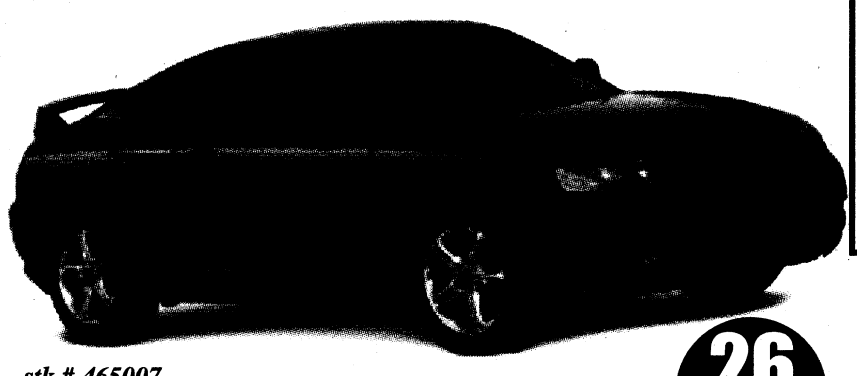

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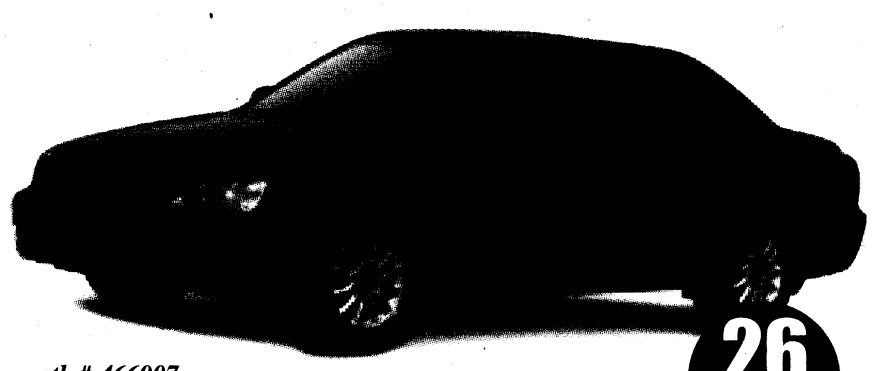

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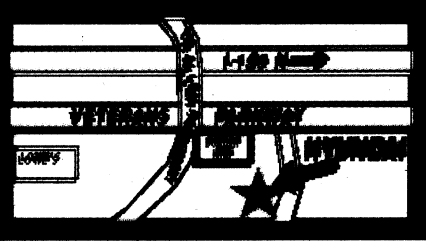

Projects: To better Benning

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provide living and working conditions for Soldiers that meet the current standards," said Ken Holloway, the post's master planner, Master Planning Division, Directorate of Public Works.

"The existing gang latrine barracks on Kelley Hill are old and are severely deteriorated," he said. "The existing operations facilities are too small and located in the barracks; and the administrative facilities have inefficient layouts and are too small and dispersed."

Meanwhile, two barracks with a 160-Soldier total capacity will be built on Dixie Road. These barracks will house Soldiers of the 29th Infantry Regiment.

"This project is *not* the barracks (already) being built along Dixie," said Dean Miller, a project manager with the Master Planning Division, adding that those barracks are being constructed with fiscal 2003 appropriations.

The construction of a hazardous cargo loading apron at Lawson Army Airfield comes with an estimated $3.850 million price tag and is the least expensive of the four projects.

The apron will include a concrete surface hot loading area, a taxiway leading to Taxiway K, a box culvert drainage ditch crossing and a concrete tank trail route from the ammunition holding area to the aircraft hot loading parking area.

The loading pad will allow for simultaneous loading of two aircraft with ammunition, "hot loaded" track vehicles and other hazardous cargo, Holloway said.

"This project is required to provide a hazardous cargo loading area," he said. "Ammunition and explosive safety standards specify required separation distances between aircraft loading operations involving hazardous materials and the ammo holding area, inhabited buildings or other airfield operations."

Federal Aviation Administration regulations also specify minimum safety distances and clear zones for runways, taxiways and holding areas, he added.

Fort Benning currently loads aircraft with hazardous cargo at the 33 Holding Area, Holloway said. But a runway was extended to 10,000 feet, stretching into the restricted limits of the original apron.

"This project will provide an aircraft parking apron for loading hazardous cargo, such as ammunition," Miller said. "This facility will have all the required clearances — both ammunition safety distances and airfield clearance zones. We can operate without any restriction on airfield activities."

A new physical fitness center and a headquarters and classroom building for the APFS are expected to cost $18.5 million.

The project will serve several purposes, Holloway said.

The fitness center will provide Soldiers a place to meet their physical fitness needs — athletic training, physical conditioning and competitive sports — and will support the off-duty recreational needs of Soldiers and their families, he said.

Meanwhile, the headquarters building will support the mission of the APFS.

"Currently, an inadequate pre-Korean War vintage field house and four brigade gymnasiums, along with a converted 200-man classroom within a general instruction building, are the only permanent facilities designed, constructed or converted for physical fitness on Fort Benning," Holloway said.

The fitness center will include a swimming pool, three basketball courts, exercise rooms, a climbing wall, racquetball courts, cardio and weight rooms, a spin room and access to a walking track, Miller said.

If the project is not completed, Holloway said, the existing facilities will continue to be overtaxed and require significant maintenance.

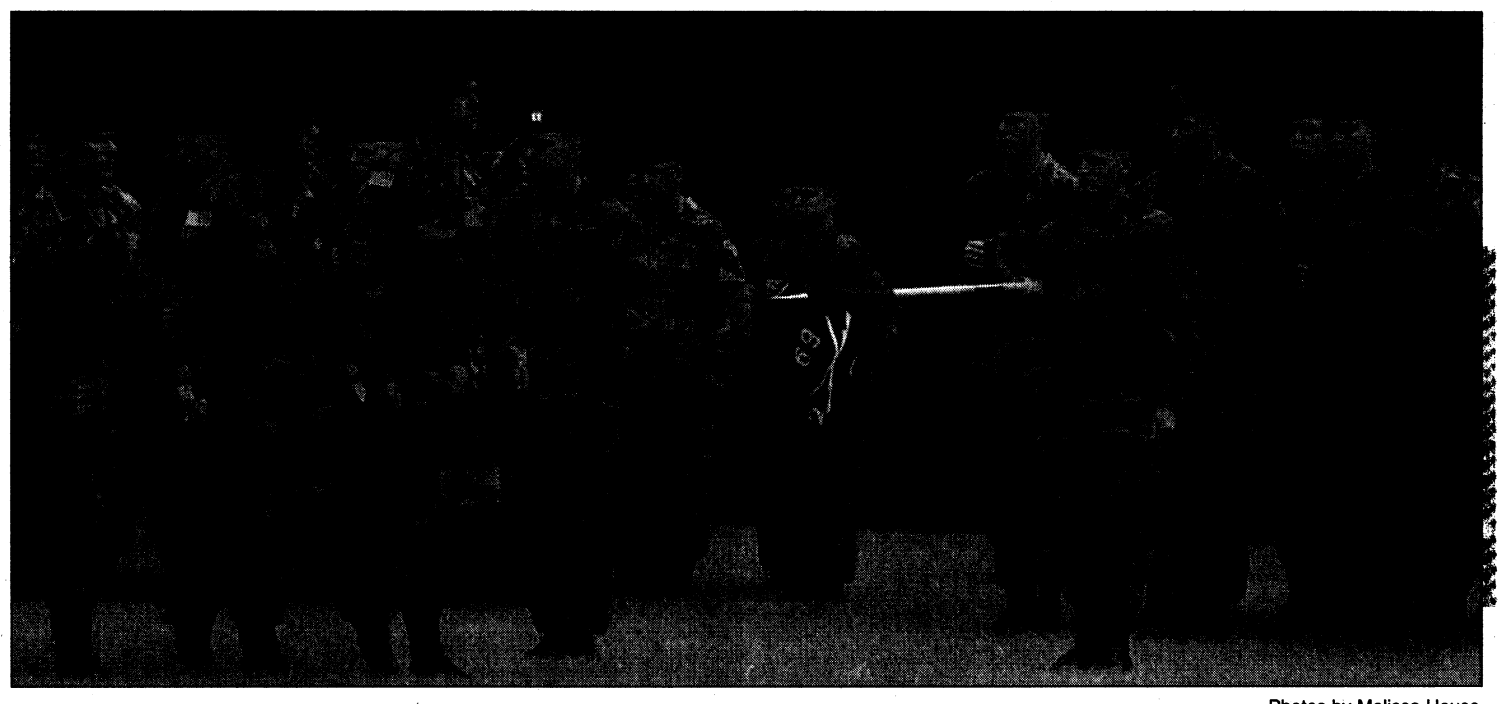
Also in the works is a consolidated health clinic, which will join three outlying clinics, costing $6.6 million.

The clinic will provide primary care, aviation medicine, physical therapy, a pharmacy, radiology, pathology and support services. The three buildings currently housing these clinics will be returned to the installation for other use.

"Current medical services are provided to Soldiers at two separate 1950s-era troop medical centers and one 1970s-era aviation medicine clinic," Holloway said.

"This project releases these three antiquated facilities from the medical inventory and consolidates their functions into one new location," he said, "providing health care treatment to Fort Benning Soldiers and their (families) in a cost-effective, efficient manner."

The clinics used right now are overcrowded and cramped, impeding medical treatment and draining both human and scare financial resources, he said.



Photos by Melissa House

Incoming commander, Lt. Col. Robert Roggeman, left, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Sanderson, center, and Col. Steven Salazar troop the line during the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment change of command.

Panther battalion changes hands

Sanderson hands guidon to Roggeman

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The men of 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, lined up to shake hands with Lt. Col. Jeffrey Sanderson June 3.

Sanderson, who led the battalion through five major battles in Iraq, relinquished command to Lt. Col. Robert Roggeman in a ceremony at Essenbagger Field.

The reviewing officer, Col. Steven Salazar, commander of 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, praised Sanderson as a "Soldier's Soldier, a commander's commander and a team player."

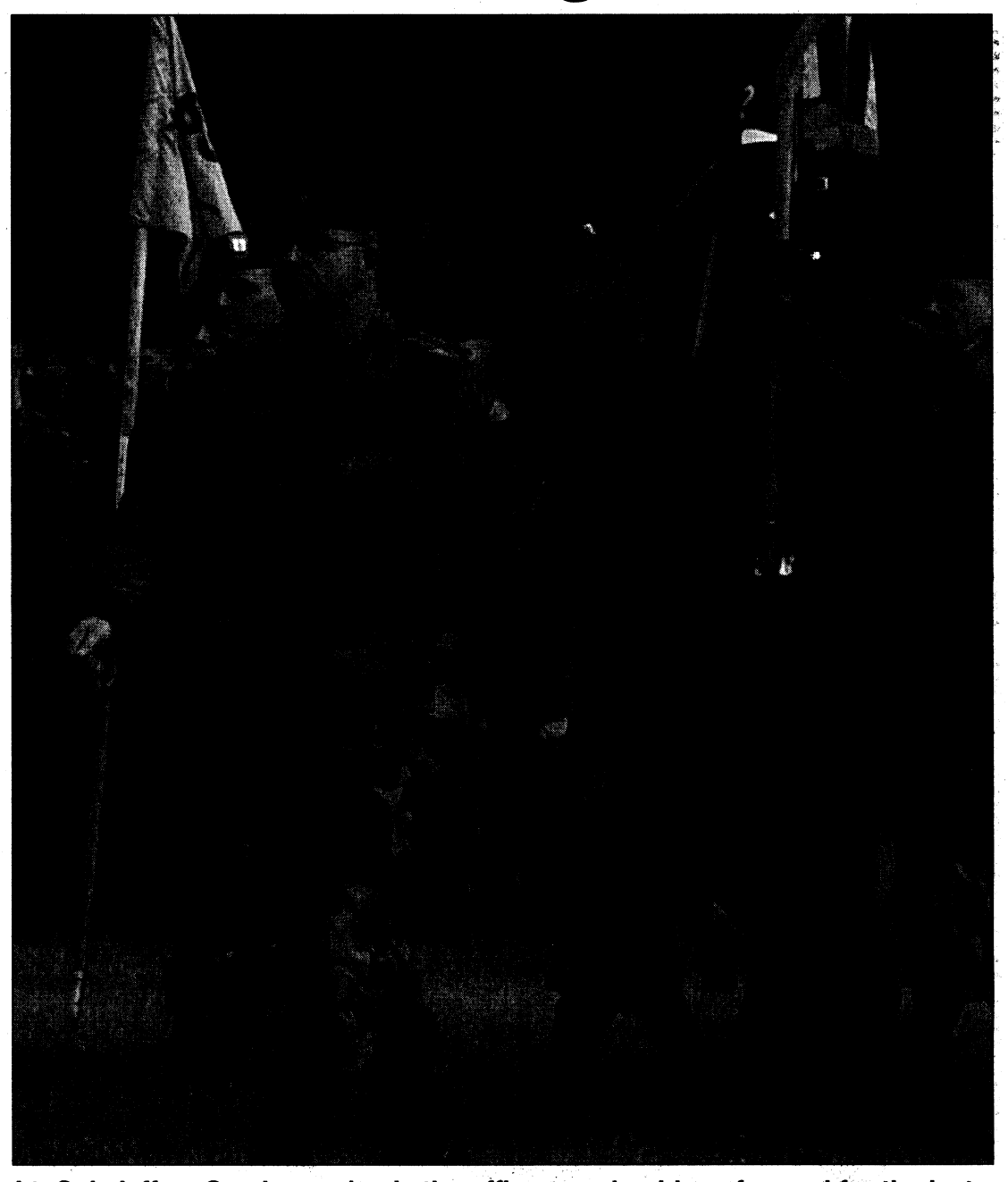
"J.R. sees the big picture and creates opportunities," Salazar said. "He has trained the most highly trained, disciplined and lethal battalion in the Army."

He said the change of command was not about Sanderson, but his Soldiers, whose accomplishments, dedication, and skill left no doubt about their commitment to their duty and to their unit.

"These Soldiers never accepted defeat, never quit, and never left a fallen comrade," Salazar said. "You can move on proud of all you've done."

Sanderson said his command was the most professionally rewarding experience of his life, and thanked those before him who taught him the value of calm and positive leadership. That type of leadership, he said, will rule.

"Remember my mantra from the Band of Brothers," he said. "Train lieutenants and trust NCOs. And never forget to toast our heritage."



Lt. Col. Jeffrey Sanderson leads the officers and guidons forward for the last time during the change of command ceremony June 3.

Sanderson said his real assignment was as the tank commander for H66, with a major additional duty as the battalion commander.

He thanked his tank crew for their hard work and professionalism.

"You men are the reason I serve," Sanderson said. "You led the Marne Division. We share many memories, and I will never forget your courage.

"While many units claim greatness, you showed it with your raw courage. You set an oppressed people free."

Sanderson charged Roggeman to continue the battalion's great legacy, saying the professional, polite and prepared-to-kill Soldiers "will be your credentials as they were mine."

"The Panther Soldiers will always be my heroes," he said.

Roggeman said he was "fired up" to be serving again in the Marne Division. His previous assignments were as an observer/controller at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., and with the 4th Bn., 64th Armor Regt., 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

Army: Celebrates 229th birthday

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The pay was $20 a month for captains, $13.33 for lieutenants, $8 dollars for sergeants, $7.33 for corporals and drummers or trumpeters, and $6.66 for privates. Each Soldier was to find his own arms and clothes.

One day after the birth of the Army, Congress unanimously chose George Washington as the commander of continental forces.

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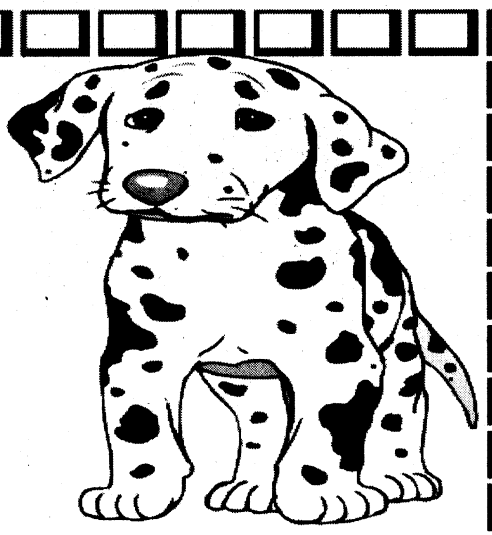

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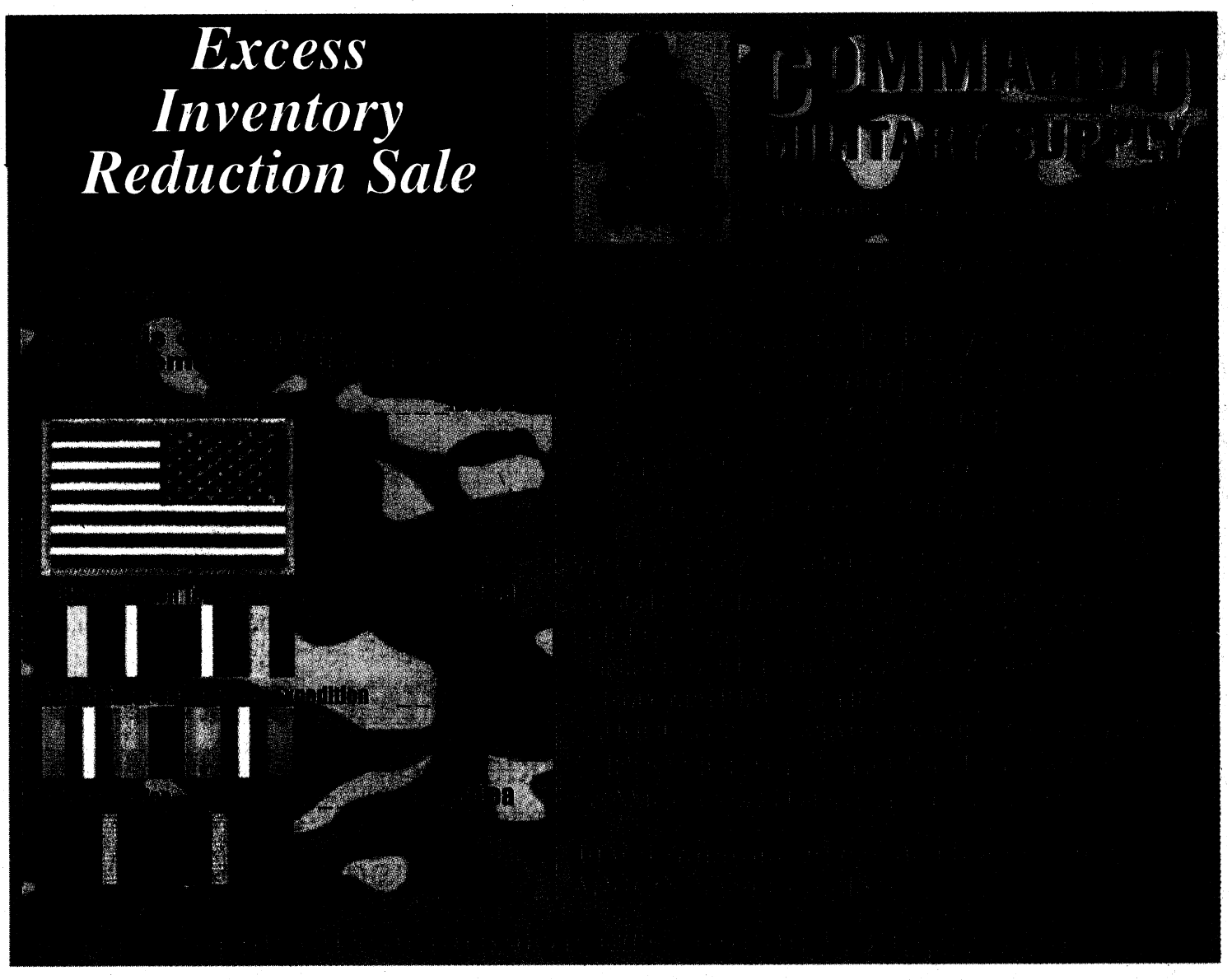



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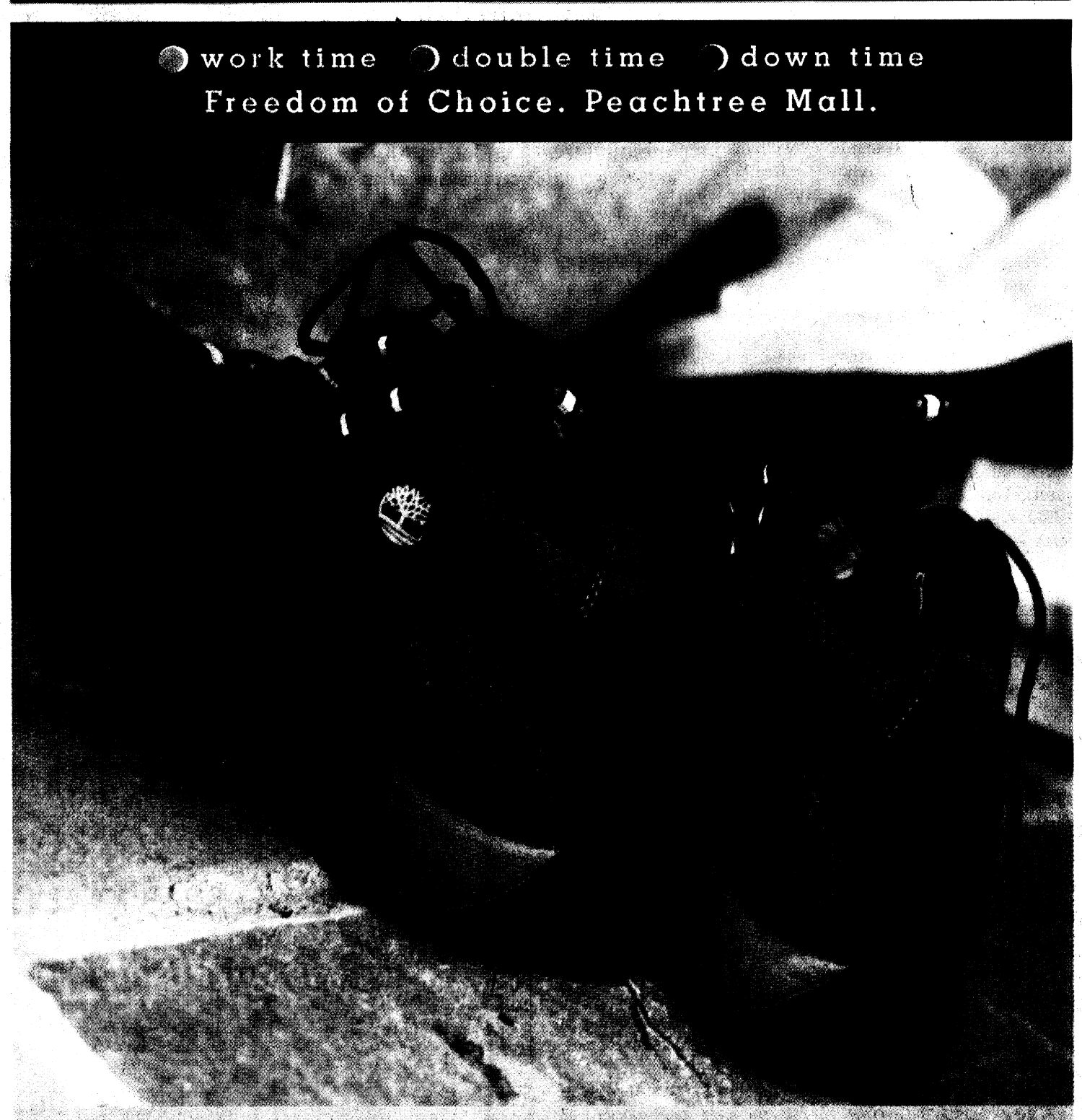

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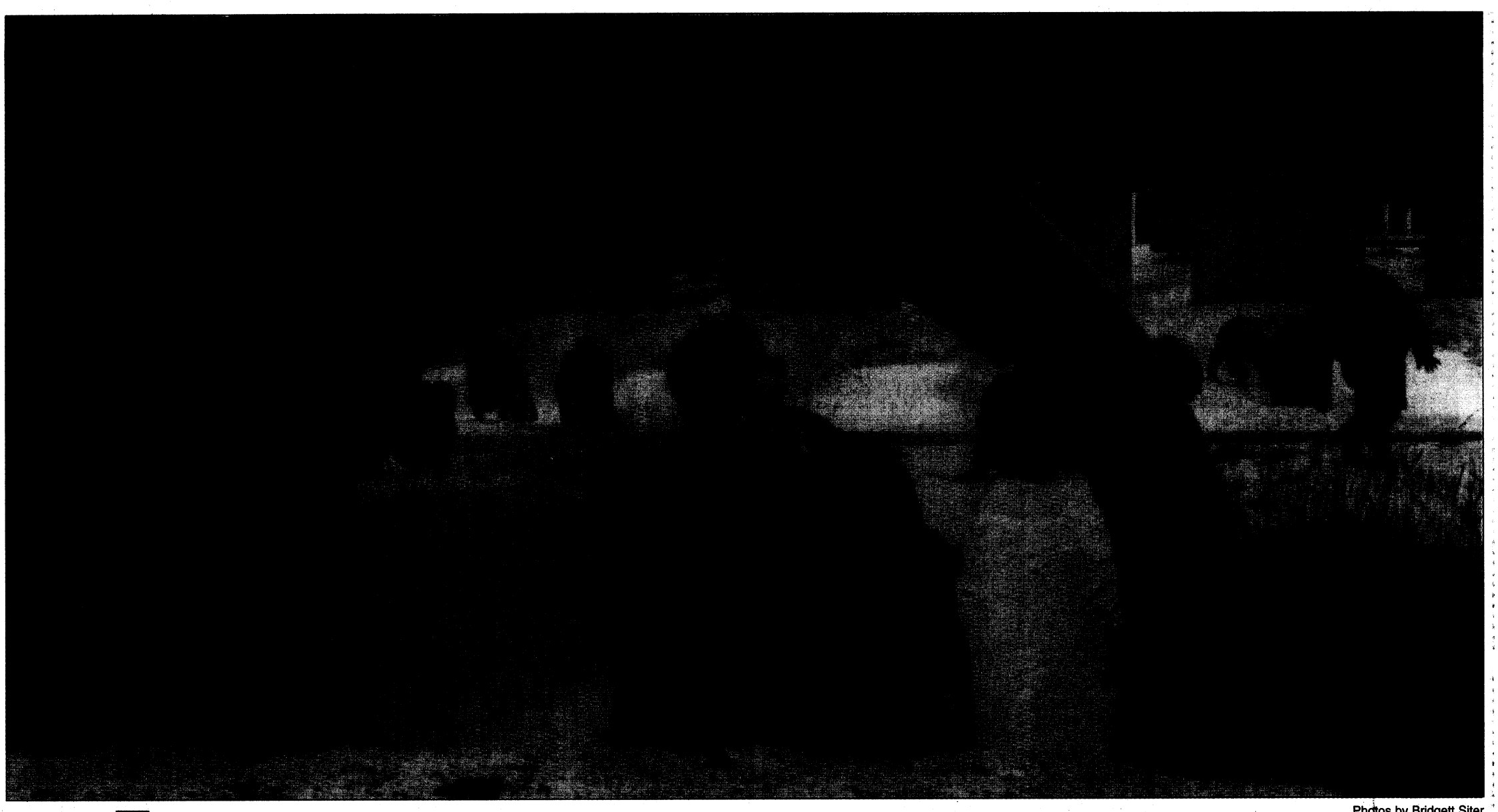

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Alex Deal, 16, a third-year cadet at Kendrick High School, eyes the finish line at the Sand Hill obstacle course Tuesday. This is the third year Deal has attended the camp, which teaches leadership skills. "It's humbling," he said of the five-day challenge.

JROTC

Cadets learn to fail, follow to succeed, lead during camp

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

You've got to know failure before you succeed. You've got to learn to follow before you can lead.

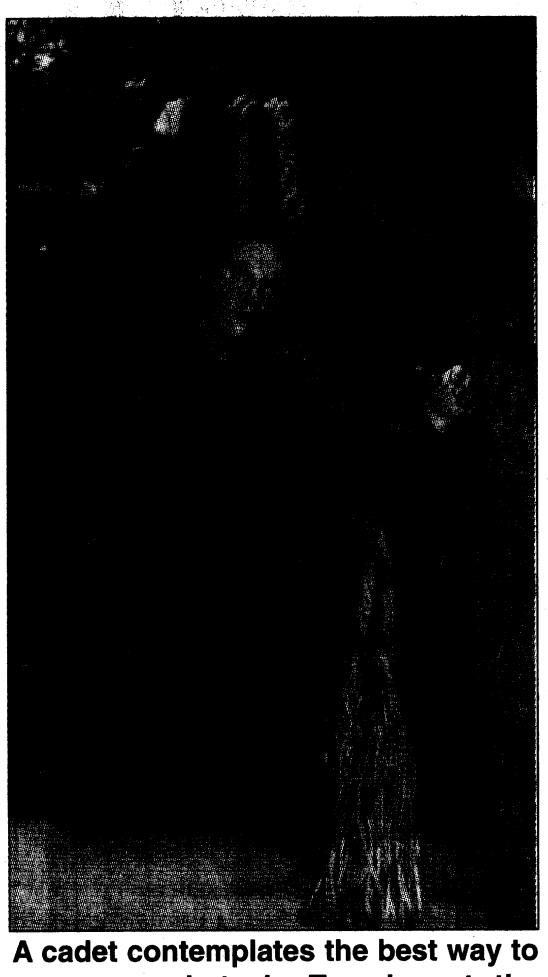
That's the premise behind the annual JROTC summer camp, a physically and mentally challenging, weeklong course designed to hone leadership skills and increase confidence.

Nearly 160 cadets from Muscogee County and the surrounding area converged on Fort Benning this week, the second year the camp has been held on post with support from post units.

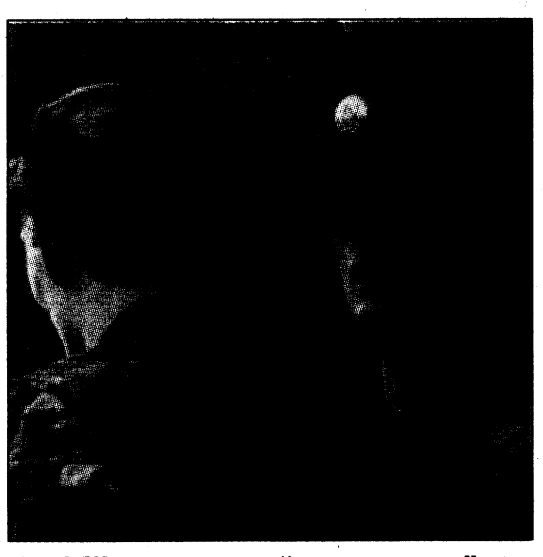
"For some of these kids, this is the highlight of their year. They come back every year," said Lt. Col. Steve Kuehl, the deputy camp commander. "For some of them, it will change their life."

That's because the cadets are forced to challenge themselves, to stretch their expectations, to flex their mettle and their muscle, Kuehl said.

JROTC — Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps — has evolved. Once primarily a drill and ceremony course, the high-school level JROTC now emphasizes academics, fitness and leadership. It's no longer "an easy pass course," Kuehl said. And there's nothing easy about the summer camp, either.



A cadet contemplates the best way to cross an obstacle Tuesday at the Sand Hill Confidence Course.



A drill sergeant "encourages" an unmotivated cadet during a particularly difficult phase of camp.

The cadets spent Monday at the Combined Arms Training Center familiarizing themselves with battlefield convoy operations in Bradley simulators.

Tuesday they hit the ground running at the Sand Hill Confidence Course, where they navigated some of the most fearsome obstacles known to basic trainees — the "weaver," the log roll and the wall climb.

Wednesday, they took a swimming test and spent the afternoon at Malvesti Field, the Ranger Training Brigade's obstacle course.

Thursday's agenda featured the 34-foot airborne towers and the Leader's Reaction Course, a climb-it, cross-it, pass-it, watch-out-for-the-water, teamwork challenge that requires more mental acuity than brawn.

Today, they're being treated to a cookout at Uchee Creek, where awards will be given to the most accomplished senior and junior cadets.

The awards are nice, said Alex Deal, 16, a third-year cadet from Kendrick, "but it's not what it's all about."

"If I do my job and do it well, the awards will come," he said. "But that's not what keeps you coming back."

Deal's grandfather is a Marine medic. His great grandfather served in the Army during the Korean War. Deal sees himself as an Army sniper in a couple of years. For now, he'll be happy to make battalion sergeant major at Kendrick.

"I don't know, I just like everything about the military," he said. "I see how much my grandfathers accomplished, and it motivates me."

JROTC is *big* on motivation, Deal said. A good leader learns to motivate, and it takes skill to motivate cadets with different temperaments and personalities.

"You watch 'em out here," he said Tuesday at the Confidence Course. "You see some of them don't get it. They don't understand why it's important to do it all and do it right. They need motivation."

Though the cadets worked in pairs, similar to the Army's buddy system, Deal noted that other cadets, mostly those with a year or two of JROTC under their belt, went back onto the course when they were finished to encourage other cadets.



Kris Farrar, 17, holds his company guidon during formation. Farrar was one of 160 cadets from Muscogee County and the surrounding area who attended the weeklong JROTC camp.

"After a few hours out here, it's no longer a school loyalty thing. It doesn't matter where you go, we're all in this together," he said.

Summer camp breaks cadets down and builds them back up — even the most experienced, Deal said.

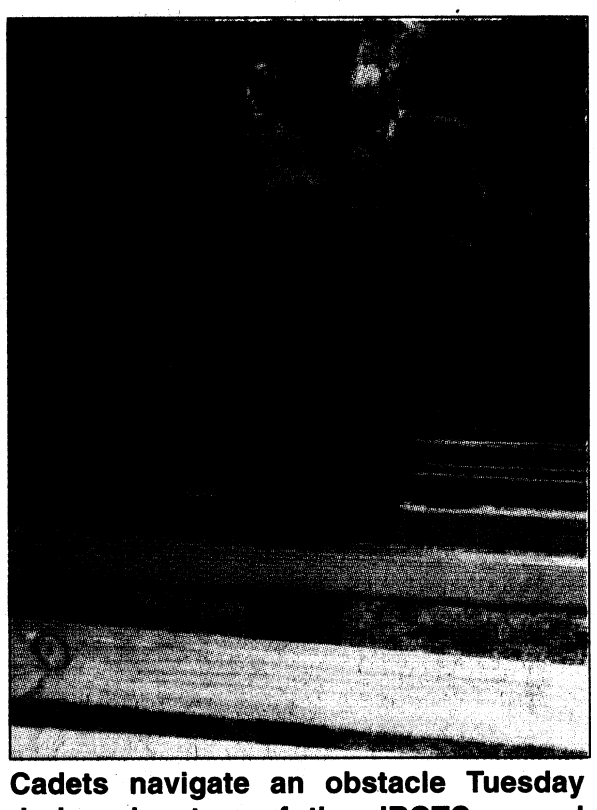
"It's humbling. We've both been squad members since we got here," he said, gesturing toward his friend, Kris Farrar, a fourth-year cadet from Columbus High School. "Here we are senior cadets and we have to take orders from them."

"It's a reality check," Farrar said with a nod. "JROTC doesn't only teach you how to lead, it teaches you how to follow. You can't lead till you've learned to follow. You gotta deal with it."

Kuehl said the corps relies heavily on the enthusiasm of the cadets who attend summer camp to motivate the county's other 1,000 cadets.

"They can't all be here. We realize that," he said.

"But we want to see the leadership skills carry over into the school year."



Cadets navigate an obstacle Tuesday during day two of the JROTC annual summer camp.

ITB faces up to LRC challenge

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff



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A Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, Soldiers pull their buddy over a wall at an obstacle at the Leaders Reaction Course on Main Post Tuesday afternoon. The 17-lane obstacle course tested the Soldiers' abilities to work as a team. The infantry Soldiers took on the course as part of their first phase of training.

The Soldiers of A Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, were thinking hard Tuesday as they tried to successfully complete the obstacles of the Leaders Reaction Course on Main Post.

"Today's mission was to come out and execute the Leaders Reaction Course to teach these young Soldiers team development toward accomplishing a certain task ..." said Capt. Joel Benefiel, A Co. commander.

The Soldiers were given ammunition boxes, ropes, pipes and wooden planks to help tackle each obstacle, which required them to get their squad from one side of a mine field to the other without losing or injuring any Soldiers.

The LRC is not the first obstacle course the Soldiers of A Co. have taken on.

"We've been to the confidence course and the Eagle Tower obstacle courses on Sand Hill," said Pvt. John Ingle, a 3rd Platoon Soldier.

"They want us to learn to work cohesively; they want us to work as one."

The 17-lane obstacle course had the Soldiers climbing walls, jumping on ropes, walking on wooden planks and working together to get to safety.

The Soldiers waiting their turn to tackle the obstacles were actively involved in common task training, which included a review of first-aid, U.S. weapons, nuclear, biological and chemical warfare, map reading and camouflage, Benefiel said.

"It's concurrent training, which is additional training on areas that the Soldiers have covered throughout the cycle. The purpose of this training is to keep them current on their training so they do not forget it in between their phase testing," said Staff Sgt. Donovan Malcolm, 3rd Platoon drill sergeant.

As Pvt. Jimmy Torries, a 2nd Platoon Soldier, struggled to position his buddy for a fireman's carry during a first-aid exercise, he recognized the importance of the company's overall training.

"This type of training ensures that we know what we have to do if we're in a combat situation and we have to save our buddy's life," he said.

Another Soldier, Pvt. DeAndré Henderson, 1st Platoon, said this type of training helps all Soldiers know how to take charge if they are caught in a situation where their leaders are taken out.

"If we all know how to lead, any one of us will be able to get our platoon or squad to safety," Henderson said.

"We're not only building individual Soldiers, we're building future leaders," Benefiel said.

The A Co. Soldiers have been in training for three weeks and moved on to phase two of their training Thursday.

The company is scheduled to graduate Aug. 27.

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WHINSEC graduates largest CGSOG class

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The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation marked the completion of its third and largest Command and General Staff Officer Course with a morning graduation ceremony in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall June 4.

The yearlong course trains officers and civilian officials of all services for duty as field-grade commanders and as principal staff officers at brigade and division level in their armed forces.

This year's class totaled 75 officers from Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru, the United States, and Venezuela.

Guest speaker and presenter for the event was Maj. Gen. Keith M. Huber, deputy commanding general of the 1st U.S. Army, at Fort Gillem near Atlanta.

Speaking in both Spanish and English to the graduates, Huber commended the exchange of cultures and ideas, which he said he felt is essential to ensure cooperation and security throughout the hemisphere.

"Soon you will all return to your respective countries and duties. You need to take the opportunity, take the responsibility, to protect the innocent and defend your country and defend the lives and liberty of current and future generations," Huber said.

His key message to this year's class was, as leaders, to spread the knowledge they acquired at the Institute.

"You are all now members of a team of excellence and success as part of this course," Huber said. "Your responsibility is to form and build other teams of success of your profession for the future. You should all have success in accomplishing this and I know in my heart you can do this."

Huber also talked about the importance trust can play in leadership.

"It is written that the first casualty of war is innocence," he said. " I propose to you that if there is another casualty, it is trust. Once you lose trust in your fellow members it is something you will never regain, and you should fight 'til your last breath to maintain that trust."

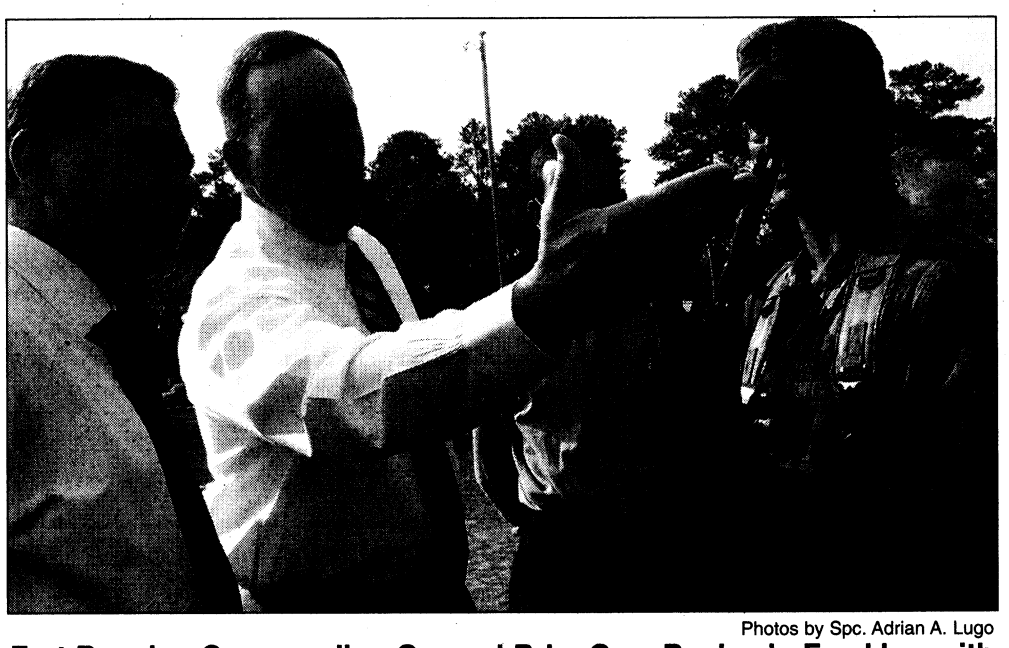
He ended his speech with the words "¡Vaya con dios! (God speed!)" after congratulating the class on their accomplishment.

During the ceremony, 12 of the class members received master's degrees earned during their time at the CGSOC.

Nine students earned a master of science in management from Troy University; one, a master of education in sports management from Troy State University; one, a master of arts in human resources development from Webster University; and one a master of science in administration from Central Michigan University.

Although not a member of the graduating class, Peruvian Navy Commander Luis Garcia, a guest instructor at the institute, also received a master of science in management from Troy State.

Staff talks internationally



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Fort Benning Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, with help from Staff Sgt. Mathew Reigle of 4th Ranger Training Battalion, explain a Ranger's weapon system to Brazilian Maj. Gen. Marco Aurélio on June 8 at Malvesti Field. The visiting general is chief of Special Operations for Brazil, and headed a delegation of officials wishing to learn more about U.S. training and institutions — specifically special forces training and peacekeeping operations in Haiti.



Brazilian Maj. Gen. Marco Aurélio and WHINSEC Commandant Col. Gilberto Pérez unveil a painting of "The Great Peacemaker: Duque do Caxias (Luis Alves de Lima e Silva)" at the Institute on June 7. WHINSEC named a conference room in Ridgway Hall in honor of the Brazilian founding father.

Fort Benning's staff talk week provided leaders of the United States and Brazilian armies an opportunity to exchange knowledge at an exceptional level.

A delegation of senior U.S. and Brazilian military leaders arrived at Fort Benning Monday. They met in several sessions to discuss issues and present briefings on aspects of each country's armed forces.

Staff talks are conducted by national delegations representing their armies on a number of issues of interest. Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley and Fort Benning held the staff talk week on behalf of the chief of Staff of the U.S. Army and the Training and Doctrine Command.

Delegates were briefed on issues like the training of Brazil's special forces, U.S. Special Forces and Rangers, the Brazilian army's peacekeeping operations and its role in urban operations and homeland security; and the U.S. experience in the Haiti peacekeeping operation.

During the week, the delegations also had the opportunity to visit Atlanta and observed Ranger hand-to-hand combat and obstacle course training.

The staff talks concluded Thursday with bilateral presentations and a closing dinner at the River Club in Columbus.

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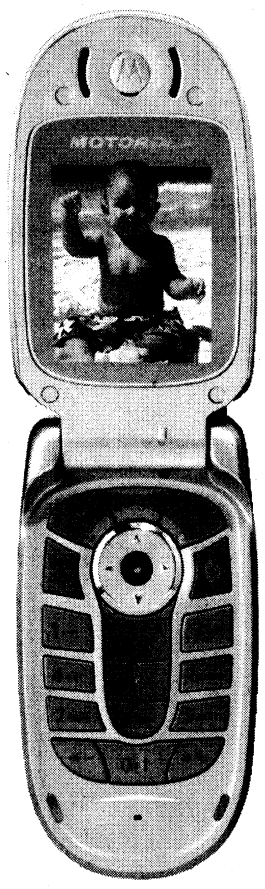

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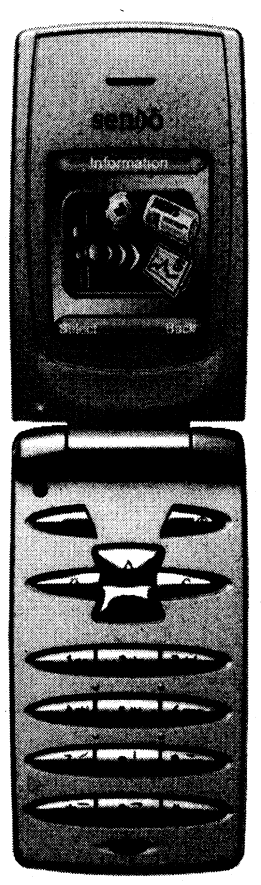

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Environmental assessment team to visit Fort Benning

Robert Mlakar
SERO EPAS

An assessment team will be on post June 22 through July 2 to identify and prescribe fixes to environmental issues .

The team, comprised of 17 area experts selected by Department of the Army, are to identify environmental issues and prescribe meaningful fixes.

The identified fixes may be additional resources or corrections to daily business practices, to further heighten the installation's overall level of compliance, said Jackie Lynd, an environmental specialist and the post Environmental Performance Assessment System program manager.

This visit will have a three-pronged intent:

• To identify areas in need of assistance and provide suggested corrections with estimated costs, if applicable;

• To identify the positive efforts and programs Fort Benning's Environmental Office is performing over and above federal, state, local, Department of Defense, or Department of Army laws and regulations; and

• To identify other initiatives in areas that may not exceed environmental regulations or laws but are extremely well managed and worthy of recognition through the Southeast Region Office to HQDA to share with others (Issues of Special Recognition).

The process that aids in accomplishing this effort is the external portion of the EPAS.

The EPAS serves as the garrison commander's "early warning device" of potential risks, with associated fixes and costs, as well as identifying positive initiatives already in place, Lynd said.

The EPAS has been in effect for 11 years and doesn't create a "gig sheet," issue fines or penalties, carry a gun, or point fingers, but rather provides suggested building blocks for the installation to consider, to further elevate the overall environmental compliance posture.

Lynd said it is important to be open and candid with the individual team members if the team visits your activity. Inaccurate or partial information may cause allocation of inadequate resources or prevent a true fix, leaving Fort Benning open for potential enforcement actions.

The team has extensive compliance experience and may be able to offer corrective suggestions on how to improve upon a current practice or provide instructional on-the-spot solutions.

For more information about the EPAS or environmental issues call Lynd at 545-1296.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Passport photo date change

The Training Support Command is switching their hours for official passport photos.

The change is from Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. to Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. This change will take effect Monday.

For more information, call Sissy Hines at 545-2133.

Freight office relocates

The Transportation Freight Office has relocated from Building 280 to Building 1836, which is the old historic white railway station, northeast across from Building 280.

The phone numbers remain the same.

Army birthday celebration

Fort Benning will celebrate the 229th birthday of the Army from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall.

The celebration is open to the public and all Soldiers and will feature the Infantry Center Band presenting a streamer ceremony.

For more information, call 1st Sgt. Wendy Thomson at 545-4583.

Change of command

1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, will change of command at 9 a.m. June 22 on Kanell Field. Outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Bradley K. Nelson; incoming commander is Lt. Col. Thomas H. Brittain.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Andrea J. Kunst at 544-8558.

2004 elections

To be eligible for absentee voting in the 2004 elections, you must be registered to vote.

To register, complete a Federal Post Card Application and mail to the state where you vote.

To get the FPCA, contact your unit Voting Assistance Officer or download it from www.fvap.gov.

The deadline to mail the FPCA is Aug. 15.

The deadline to mail the absentee ballot is Oct. 11.

AEC rescinds restriction

Effective immediately, the Army Education Center has rescinded the restriction on issuing tuition assistance for the current semester.

For more information, call Paul LaPointe at 545-3237.

EOD recruiting

EOD recruiters are looking for Soldiers who are looking to make the move and become Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialists.

To schedule an EOD interview, call 545-5372 or 545-4154.

Tax center remains open

The Fort Benning Tax Center remains open and will still prepare federal and state tax returns for the 2001, 2002 and 2003 tax years. The off-season location is Building 5, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Appointments are required.

For more information, call 545-3281.

Ranger School graduations

The following Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

• Class 7-04, July 9

The graduation is preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration, starting at 10 a.m.

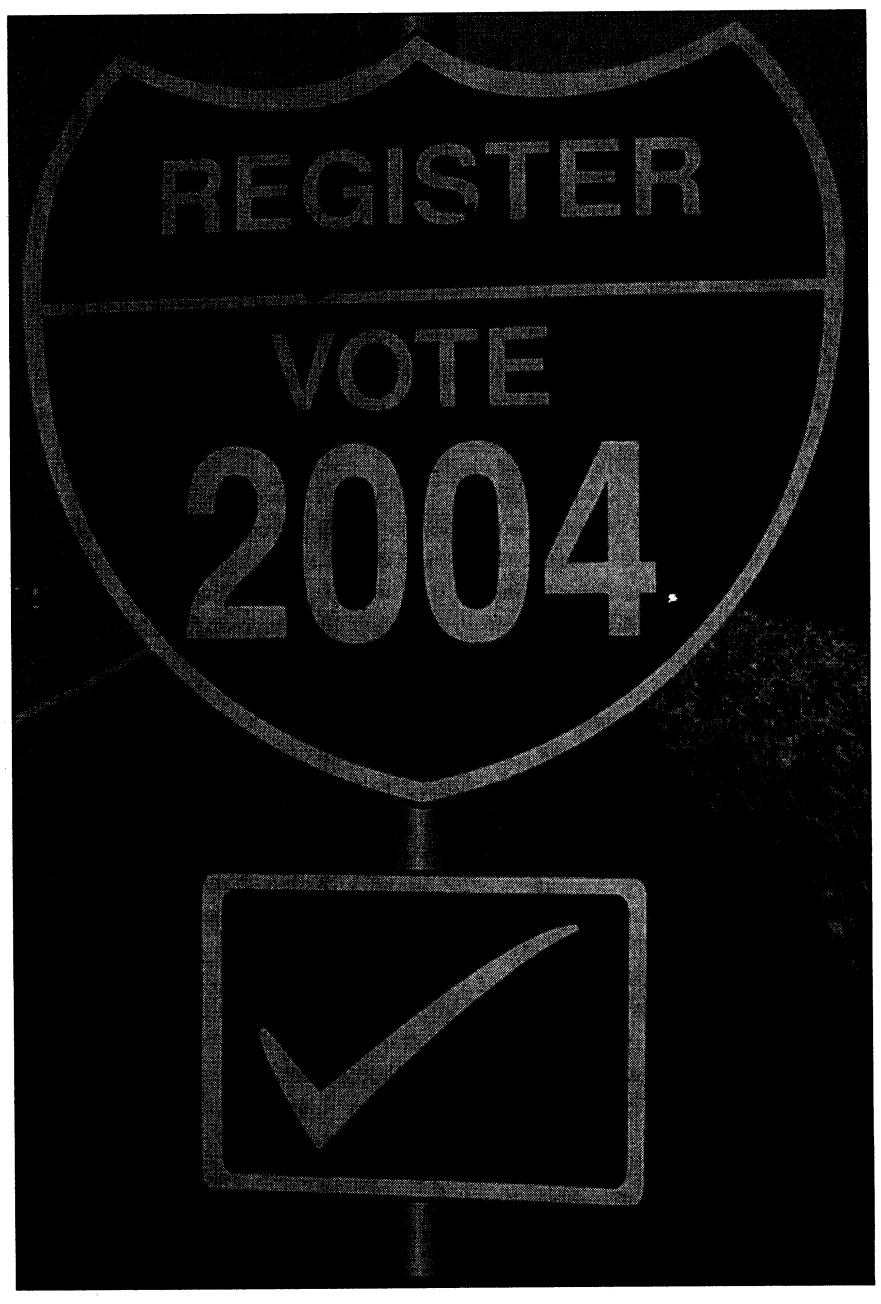
Hatch Act

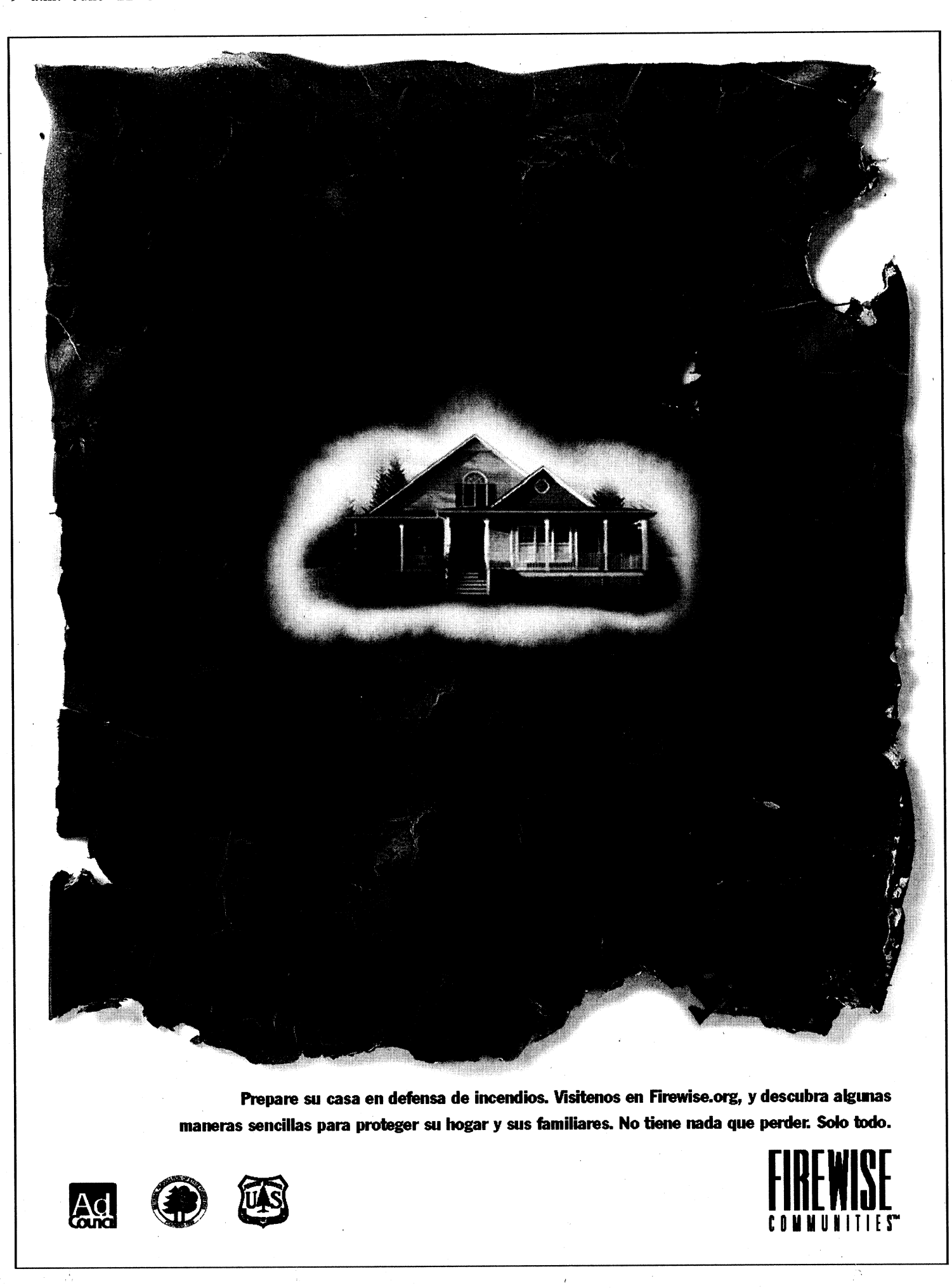
It's election time, and time to remind government civilian employees of the restrictions on their political activities.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has issued a letter identifying in detail many of the prohibitions relating to political activities.

The letter can be viewed by employers and employees at www.osc.gov/hatchact.com.

For more information, call Nancy Skates at (703) 325-1334, DSN 221-1334 or e-mail nancy.skates@asamra.hoffman.army.mil.







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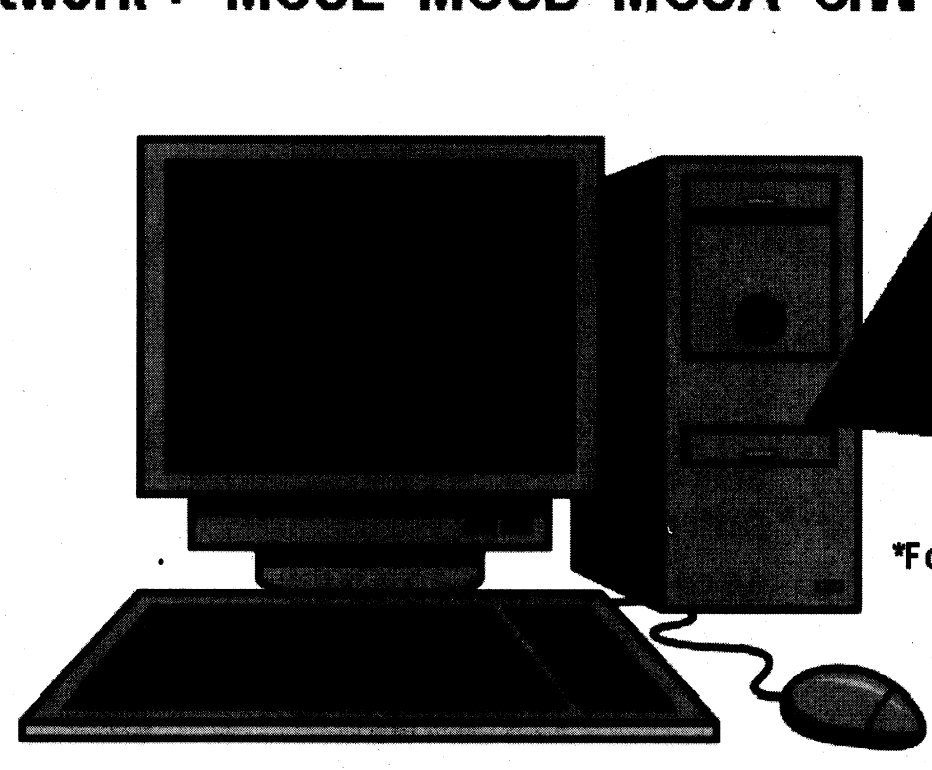

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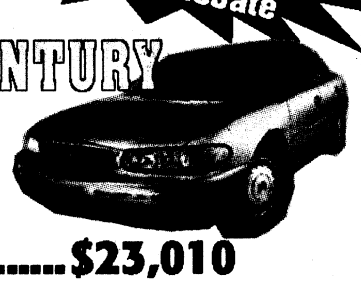
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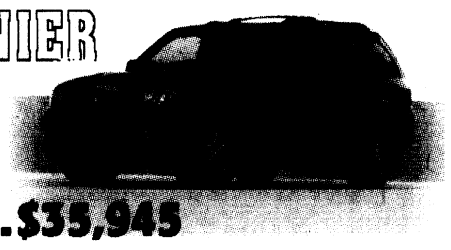
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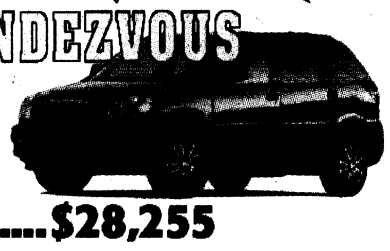
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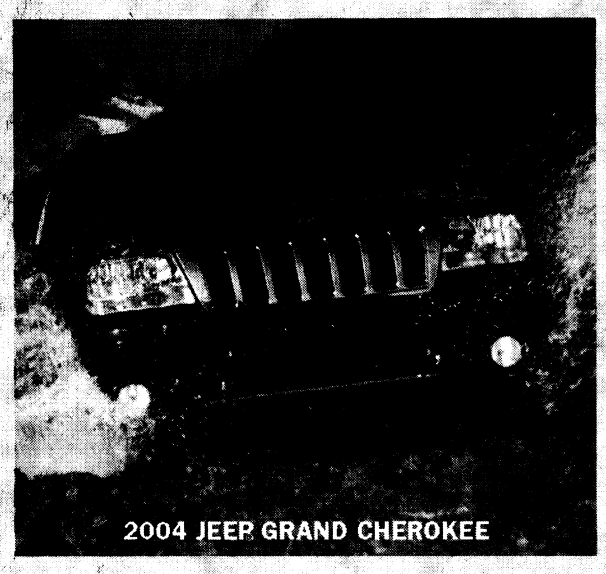

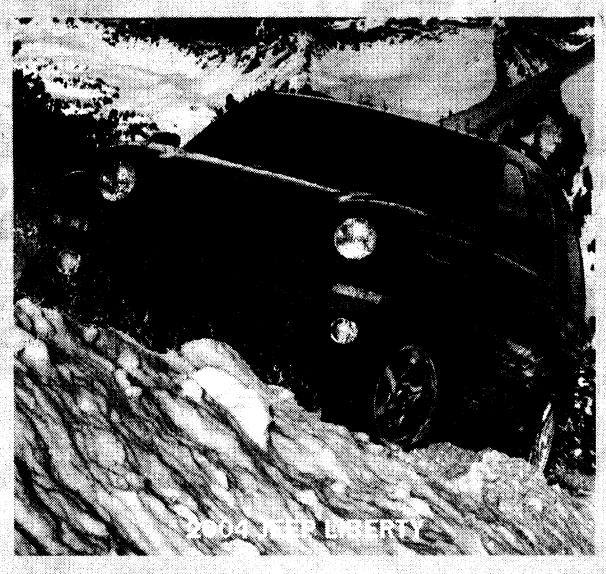



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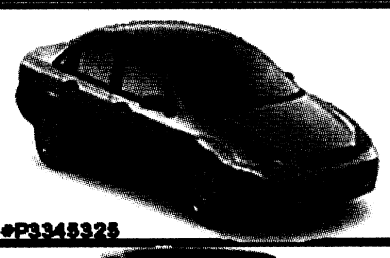

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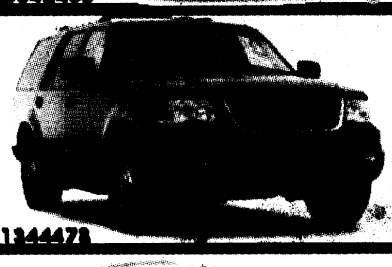

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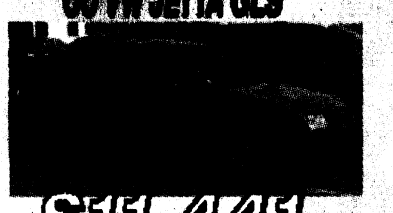

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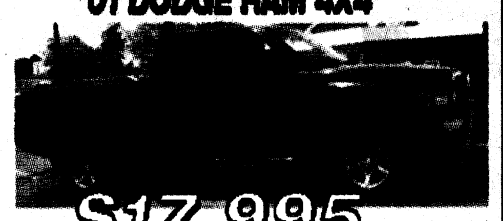

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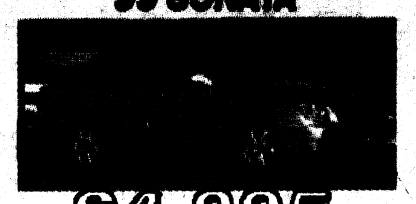

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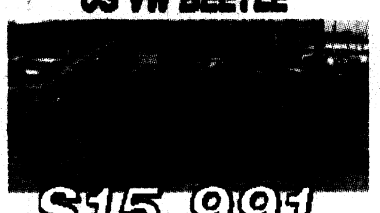

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SECTION B

CRIME SCENE

Vandals strike at Stowers ... twice

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

The sign on the door reads "Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them become what they're capable of being."

The window above it is smashed to smithereens.

At last count, 21 windows had been busted out at Stowers Elementary School, the result of two attacks by neighborhood teens.

Alarms were ripped from their sockets, ceilings were damaged, vending machines smashed, doors spray-painted, and equipment and money belonging to the school and staff were stolen — all in all, authorities are making an early conservative estimate of nearly $6,000 worth of damage and theft.

"In a sense, we're kind of fortunate, I guess," said Dr. Tom Dignan, Stowers principal. "They obviously spent a lot of time in here. It could've been so much worse. That's the way we're trying to look at it."

Stowers sits smack-dab in the middle of the Bouton Heights and Davis Hill housing areas, but it's fairly secluded, encircled by woods, with one access road.

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> **Dr. Tom Dignan**
> Stowers Elementary School principal

Authorities say at least two juveniles broke into the school sometime after the last custodian left at 11 p.m. June 2, which was the last day of school for Fort Benning students. A staff member discovered the damage the following morning, and teachers were turned away from the building so authorities could investigate.

Then it happened again, this time in broad daylight.

A military policeman on patrol spotted a youth fleeing the school Sunday evening around 6 p.m. Another youth was apprehended shortly thereafter.

Sgt. 1st Class Clarence Rambo, MP investigation supervisor, said officials believe the subjects were in the building at least once before the break-ins.

Neither of the subjects have prior criminal records, Rambo said. They were released to their parents, and the case is still under investigation.

The subjects may be tried in Muscogee County or here on post, through the garrison's Juvenile Misconduct Administrative Action Program.

Don't let pool chemicals get 'out of whack'



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Brittney Ventimiglia, 8, adjusts her goggles while taking a breather in the MWR pool Wednesday.

Erin A. Nash
Bayonet staff

The hot Georgia weather has set in, and with it comes a staple of summer — swimming. Pool owners need to be aware of several factors when maintaining their pools.

Barbara Rivera, a nurse at Pediatric After Hours in Columbus, is seeing patients who have chemical reactions because the pH in the pool was too low.

"Children have come in with second-degree burns in places that get rubbed a lot while swimming.

"Around the time they come to us, there is no skin on the areas that were rubbed, either with their clothes, swimming floats or by a parent just holding them.

"Not only does it happen to children, it will happen to anyone swimming in water where the chemicals are out of whack."

The two most important chemical levels to measure in swimming pools are chlorine and pH, according to the Center for Disease Control. They disinfect germs that can make swimmers sick.

The pH is important because the germ-killing power of chlorine varies with pH level.

As pH goes up, chlorine's effectiveness goes down. A swimmer has a pH between 7.2 and 7.8, so if pool water

See **POOL,** B-4

Benning neighborhood kids pitch in to save 7-year-old dog-mauling victim's life

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

A full-grown, female Rottweiler attacked a 7-year-old girl in the Custer Terrace housing area May 28.

Kayla Sifre and her friends headed for the wood line within earshot of their Kessler Drive homes around 7 p.m. Within minutes, Kayla was attacked by the dog, leaving her with 60 holes and scratches on her body, a deep gash in her right thigh and a broken left arm.

Kayla was in the middle of a hill, several yards from her friends, Alexis Adkins and Reno Kincy, when Alexis heard the dog growl.

"Reno said a bad word and he ran," Kayla said. "Lexi said 'dog' and then she fell down the hill. I just stood there."

Kalya said the dog started to chase Reno as he ran. When Reno stopped, the dog stopped and turned around toward her. She picked up a stick, threw it and told the dog to "fetch."

Instead, the dog bit her first in the leg, leaving a tear that went all the way to the muscle and required eight stitches to close.

"The next thing I knew, I was yelling 'help'," she said. "I had my arms up over my face and the dog pushed me down and was biting my back and he bit my butt."

The dog bit Kayla's arms as she protected her face, breaking one of the bones in her left forearm.

Neighbors Lance Lejeune and Brandon Kincy, both 7, were at the top of the hill and saw the dog attacking her. Lance ran for help. Brandon threw his slice of watermelon to try to distract the dog. When it didn't move, he grabbed a big stick and started to hit the dog.

The beating, Kayla's mom, Spc. Wendy Singleton said, broke the dog's concentration long enough for Kayla to crawl out of the wood line.

"They saved my life," Kayla said.

The dog turned to Brandon, who continued to hit it as Lance's mother, Jennifer arrived with Wendy right behind. Jennifer grabbed Kayla and the dog started to go toward Wendy, then

See **ATTACK,** B-4



Melissa House

Lance Lejeune, left, Kayla Sifre and Brandon Kincy revisit the site where Kayla was attacked by a Rottweiler two weeks ago.

Get Outta Here

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Sick of sitting around in that barracks room looking at the walls? Need to get the family out of the house or just take a break? We've got the answer for you. 'Get Outta Here' appears in The Bayonet *each week to highlight recreation and leisure venues right here in the tricommunity. If you would like to suggest a hot spot for the column, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367.*

If you read the opinion page this week, you already know I'm on a budget. And lucky for me, I have the perfect place to while away hours at a time and not even notice — for free.

Barnes & Noble has always been one of my favorite stores, although it is a big chain store. In a way, that's part of the appeal. I've been going to one Barnes & Noble or another since I was old enough to drive.

Back home in Portland, Ore., in high school, I was a frequent visitor, trudging with my backpack and books to do homework. Then, in California, where I spent three years at the National Training Center, it was a place to get away from the God-awful heat and pretend I wasn't really in the Mojave Desert.

Even if you're not a Barnes & Noble regular, there's a little something in it for everyone. The store has books and magazines on just about any subject you can think of, big, comfy chairs and a Starbucks.

Just last weekend, my boyfriend and I stopped in for our little ritual — he drooled over snowboarding magazines, and I brought my trusty pen and paper and rifled through home decorating rags.

Before we knew it, we'd been there four hours. Count 'em, four.

Granted, my attention span is a little longer than his. But even after he'd had all the extreme winter sports literature he could handle, he moseyed on over to the humor section and came back to the table with an arm full of joke books.

He spent the next hour or so trading jokes and one-liners with a friend he'd bumped into.

It was perfect.

We were both completely entertained, content and definitely not ready to go home by the time we realized it was getting dark outside.

As you can tell, we had plenty of time on our hands that

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BIRTHS

Boys

Jateliln De'Andre Scott — born May 24 to Niki and Staff Sgt. Rickey Scott.

Nicolas Johnson Alwine — born May 26 to Kristina and Spc. Casey Alwine.

Logan Reed Vetter — born May 28 to Capt. Brooke and Timothy Vetter.

Kwesi Philip Yansen — born May 28 to Wynnetra and Spc. Kwesi Yansen.

Antonio Carlos Molina Jr. — born May 31 to Claudia and Spc. Antonio Molina.

Girls

Allysha Renee Bryant — born May 21 to Capt. Yamile and CW2 David Bryant.

Suraiya Khaleyse Thompson — born May 24 to Nikesha and Cpl. Antione Thompson.

Helen Sophia Martinez — born May 24 to Delmis and Sgt. Erick Martinez.

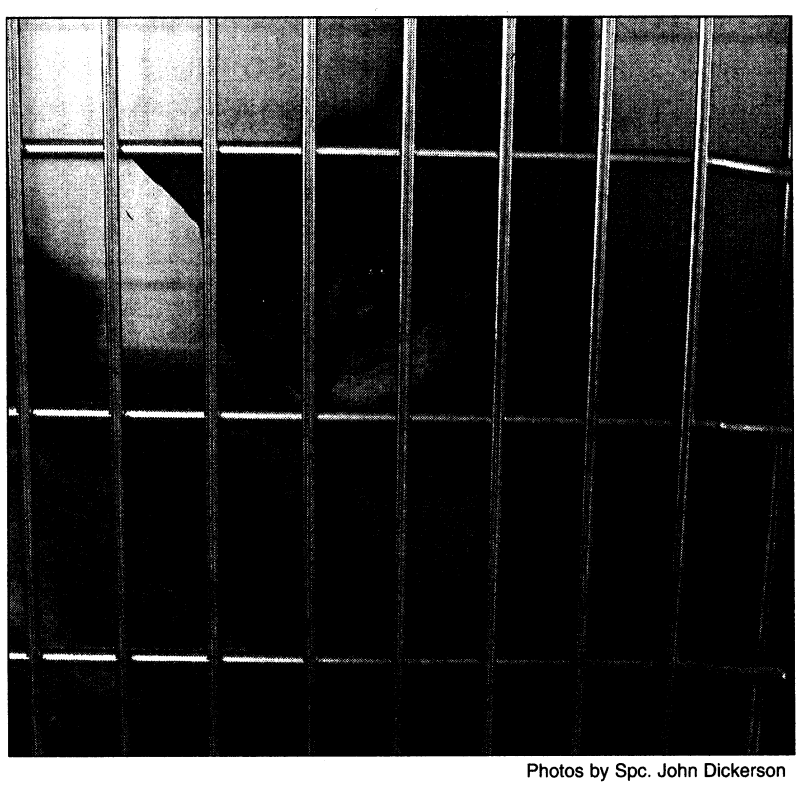
Destinee Ann Flowers — born May 30 to Spc. Shanta and Leopold Flowers Jr.

Summer Anne McFarland — born May 31 to Christina and Spc. Christopher McFarland.

Azaria Simone Martin — born June 2 to Sciafe and Sgt. Michael Martin.

— Martin Army Community Hospital





Photos by Spc. John Dickerson

This dog and cat are just two of the animals available for adoption at the post Veterinary Clinic. To adopt one of these animals or for more information, call 545-4444.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Full Spectrum Warrior — The Full Spectrum Warrior event planned for today has been rescheduled for Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Main Mall Post Exchange. Compete via the Internet against warriors in California. There will be prizes and free barbecue.

For more information, call 687-0384.

Camp Courage — Camp Courage, School Age Services' summer camp, will begin Monday, with registration in progress. Spaces are reserved only if they are paid for in advance.

For more information, call 513-2079 or 513-3605.

Benning Buddies — Child and Youth Services will begin a "Benning Buddies" program at Tot Town CDC Monday.

The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., including lunch, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

It will include beginning gymnastics, beginning sports and fitness, and music and movement within the regular developmental program. Children from 2 years old to preK are eligible.

Fees will be based on family income, and may range from $82 to $170 per month. Fourteen slots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. A $50 nonrefundable placement fee will be required.

For more information, call the CYS registration office at 545-2079.

MACH News — Beginning July 1, Martin Army Community Hospital will remove Allegra, an antihistamine, from the formulary, and it will no longer be available. Claritin, however, will remain on the formulary as a prescription, non-sedating antihistamine.

If you need an antihistamine, ask your physician to provide you with a new prescription for Claritin 10mg.

As with other non-formulary medications, if your provider feels it necessary for you to continue taking Allegra, you may obtain it through a network retail pharmacy or through the Tricare mail-order system with a small co-pay.

For more information, call the pharmacy at 544-4666.

Camp Follow Me — Child and Youth Services and Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program will offer Camp Follow Me, a special needs summer camp, for grades kindergarten through eighth, July 26-30.

Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Activities offered will be bowling, arts and crafts, movies, sports activities and more. Snacks will be provided.

Registration will be June 21-25.

Also, both CYS and the ACS EFMP are recruiting volunteers for this program who have an interest in becoming camp assistants and buddies to program participants.

To register, call Central Registration at 545-2079.

If you have are interested or need more information about the camp, call the ACS EFMP manager at 545-7517 or 545-5521.

June MACH classes — The U.S. Army Medical Activity offers the following classes:

- An Expectant Parents Class will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Call 545-4041 to sign up.
- A Diabetes Lifestyle Seminar will be offered through the Internal Medicine Clinic June 24 from 8 a.m. to noon.
- A Child Car Seat Class will be offered from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Community Health Nursing. Call 545-4041 to make an appointment.
- Weight loss classes are offered every Tuesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Call for an appointment.
- A pregnancy nutrition class is offered every Tuesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
- A diabetes education series is offered through the Nutrition Clinic every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a series of three classes.
- Active-duty weight classes are offered every Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.
- A hypertension class featuring the DASH diet is offered every Wednesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.
- A cholesterol nutrition class is offered every Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m.
- A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

Family housing medical conditions — Family Housing Maintenance Shaw Infrastructure requests that all family housing occupants who have medical conditions provide a doctor's letters for medical exception to the Family Housing Maintenance Shop at Building 228 on Kilgore Street.

The purpose for the medical exception letter is to allow for a higher priority on service orders pertaining to air conditioning, heating and other maintenance requests.

This only affects occupants of Iron Triangle, White Elephants, Miller Loop, Austin Loop, McDonald Manor, Indianhead Terrace, Upatoi Terrace and Custer Terrace.

For more information, call Bill Napier at 545-4326.

OSC Super Sign-Up — The Officers' Spouses' Club will host its Activities and Membership Sign-Up Night Aug. 19.

This community event is held annually as a resource for the Fort Benning community. Organizations and vendors from on and off post will set up booths to offer information about upcoming events, needs, products and services.

The OSC is currently taking applications for organizations and vendors interested in participating in the event.

Booth space is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To receive a vendor application, call Georganna Rapaport at 687-9396 or grap4vt@hotmail.com or Sheryl Nix at 685-8566 or thnixes@pkfamily.com by June 30.

Educational Task Force — The garrison commander would like to recruit volunteers to serve on a new Educational Task Force.

The task force's responsibility will be to report to the garrison commander on issues affecting military families and students in surrounding school districts.

The task force will be comprised of parent volunteers who have students in each of the following school districts: Russell County, Harris County, Lee County (Ala.), Phenix City, Fort Benning Dependent School System, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County.

If you are interested in joining the Educational Task Force, call Dewayne Baldwin at 545-3062 or e-mail dewayne.baldwin@benning.army.mil.

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Summer tutorial program — Combined Communities of Southeast Columbus offers its annual Volunteer Summer Tutorial Program. Classes end June 25.

Lunch is provided daily by the Columbus Parks and Recreation.

Tutoring takes place at Eastway Elementary School, located on Buena Vista Road in Columbus.

For more information, call C.C.S.C., Inc. at 321-9596.

Muscogee County Town Hall Meetings — Citizens of Muscogee County are encouraged to attend one of the following town-hall meetings:

- Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Baker Middle School, 1544 Benning Road.
- June 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Northside High School, 2002 American Way.

The committee is asking area businesses to demonstrate their support by encouraging employees to participate and allow them to take time off to attend the meeting. Volunteers are also needed to help with the process.

For more information, call 317-1863.

Girl Scout camp — The Girl Scouts of Concharty Council, Inc. offers six weeks of resident camp and five weeks of day camp for girls ages 5-17. Spaces are limited.

For more information, call 327-2646.

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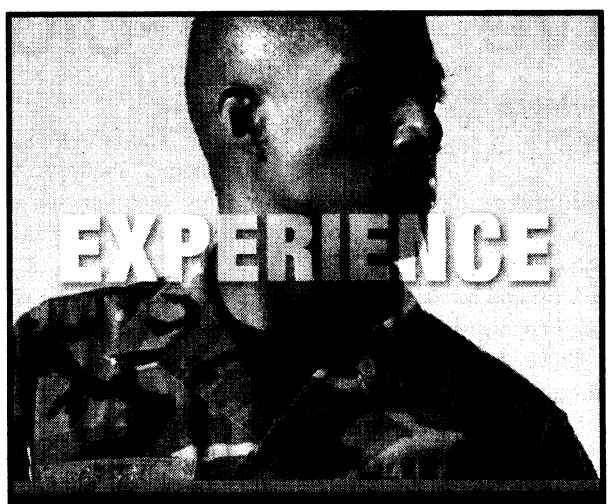

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Establishing credit: A Catch 22

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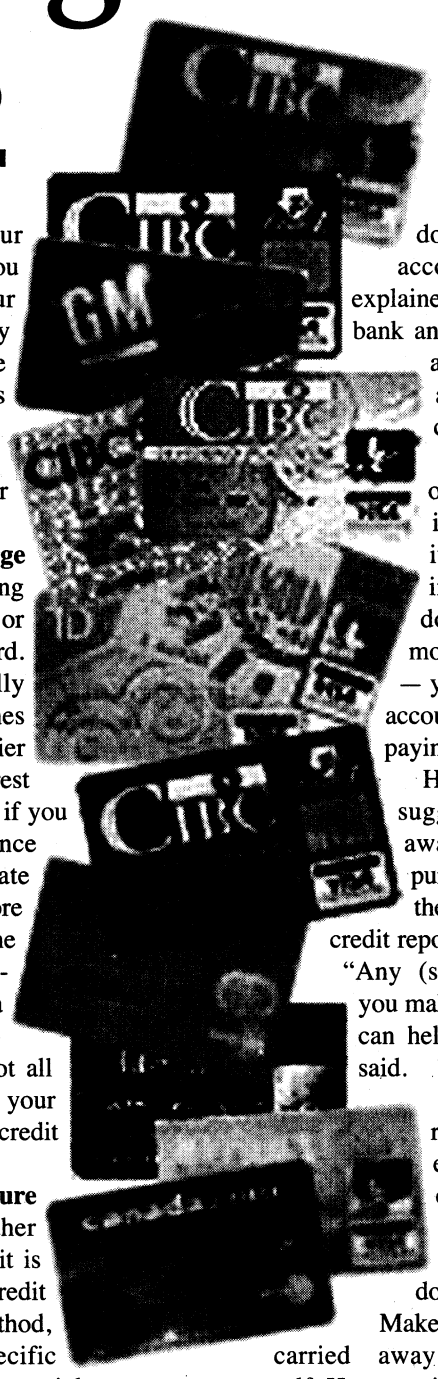

Credit — it's a nasty word in most circles. But what many people may not understand is that it's a necessary evil.

Many people think of maxed out credit cards and sinking in debt when they think about credit. But that's not the only form. In fact, credit isn't always a bad thing.

Establishing credit for the first time can be a Catch 22 situation, according to a press release from the Georgia Society of CPAs. You need to establish a credit history, but it's hard to obtain credit without a credit history.

"You need credit to get credit," said Patricia Herron, a financial counselor at Fort Benning's Financial Readiness Program.

"Many people won't give you credit if you don't already have it," she said. "And a lot of Soldiers end up going downtown to payday lenders, not because they have *bad* credit, but because they have *no* credit."

There are several credit-wise ways to build up a history that might come in handy in the future. The GSCPAs suggests the following:

• **Open a bank account.** Opening a savings or checking account is the first step to establishing a financial history, according to the GSCPAs. Follow the bank's rules and be sure you don't overdraw your account. While bank accounts don't create a credit file, their very existence demonstrates that you have money and shows you can handle it responsibly.

• **Put your apartment and utilities in your name.** This allows you to establish a regular payment history under your own name and social security number. Recurring bills, such as rent, utilities and car insurance, paid in a timely manner, can indicate that you are a good credit risk. Keep copies of the bills and your cancelled checks. You might also ask your landlord, utility company or insurance agent to write letters on your behalf, stating that you have consistently paid your bills on time.

• **Apply for a charge card.** Consider applying for a department store or oil company credit card. These cards usually carry low credit lines and are typically easier to obtain. The interest rate may be high, but if you pay the entire balance each month, the rate won't matter. Before opening one, ask if the lender reports repayment information to a recognized credit-reporting agency. Not all do. You don't want your efforts to establish a credit rating to be wasted.

• **Consider a secure credit card.** Another way to establish credit is through a secured credit card. With this method, you deposit a specific amount into a special account, and you receive a card with a credit limit that equals your deposit. For example, if you have $1,000, your credit limit will be $1,000. So you're borrowing against your own money and paying interest to do so. Although this is not a good deal financially, it's a viable way to establish credit.

You can also use your savings account as a sort of "secure" credit source, Herron said.

"Say you have a couple hundred dollars in your account," she explained. "You go into the bank and you borrow $200 and use your savings account as collateral.

"So the amount of the loan is frozen in your account, but it's still collecting interest. So, you don't spend the money you borrowed — you put it back in the account — and you start paying back the loan."

Herron also suggested using lay away for large purchases and putting the purchases on your credit report.

"Any (situation in which) you make regular payments can help your credit," she said.

No matter what route you choose to establish your credit, the key is to be careful and ensure your efforts don't hurt you.

Make sure you don't get carried away and overextend yourself, Herron said, and always try to pay off your full amount on charge cards every month.

She also emphasized the importance of protecting yourself from identity theft by checking your credit report once a year once you establish credit means.

"Sixty percent of people who discovered they were victims (in the past few years) found out when they checked their credit reports; otherwise, they would have never known," Herron said.

Fort Benning Independence Day Celebration

Celebrate America's day of independence and the return of the Follow Me Statue at 5 p.m. on July 1 at York Field.

There will be food, fun for the kids, music by JAG STAR and the Infantry Band, an air assault demo by the Rangers, a jump by the Silver Wings Parachute Team and a fireworks display sure to top last year's.

So come on out, bring a blanket and enjoy the fun, but no pets, please!

Admission and parking are free and the event is open to Fort Benning and the Columbus community.

In the event of inclement weather, the celebration will move to July 2.

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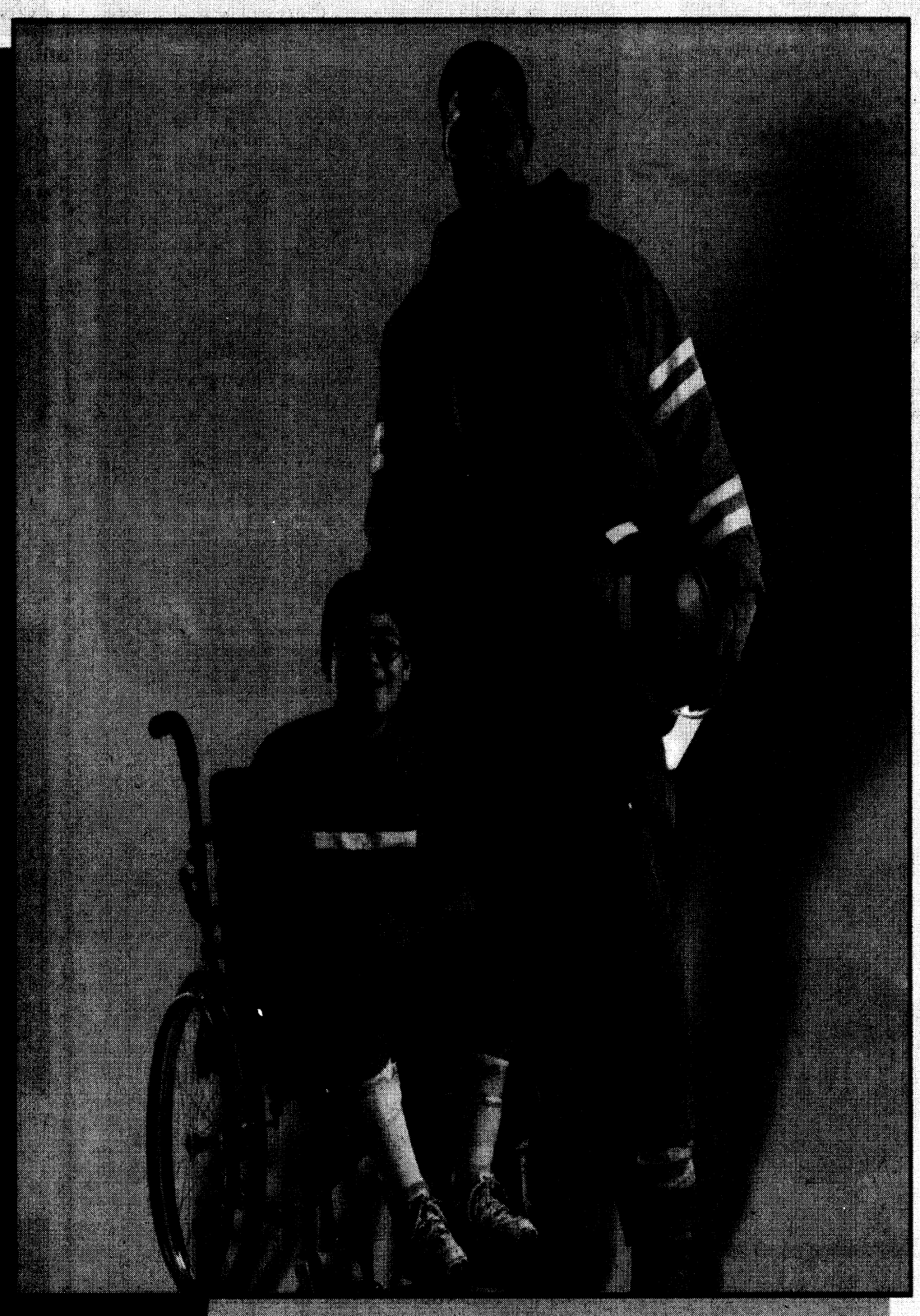

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turned and went back into its yard.

Kayla went by ambulance to Martin Army Community Hospital, where she was treated and released.

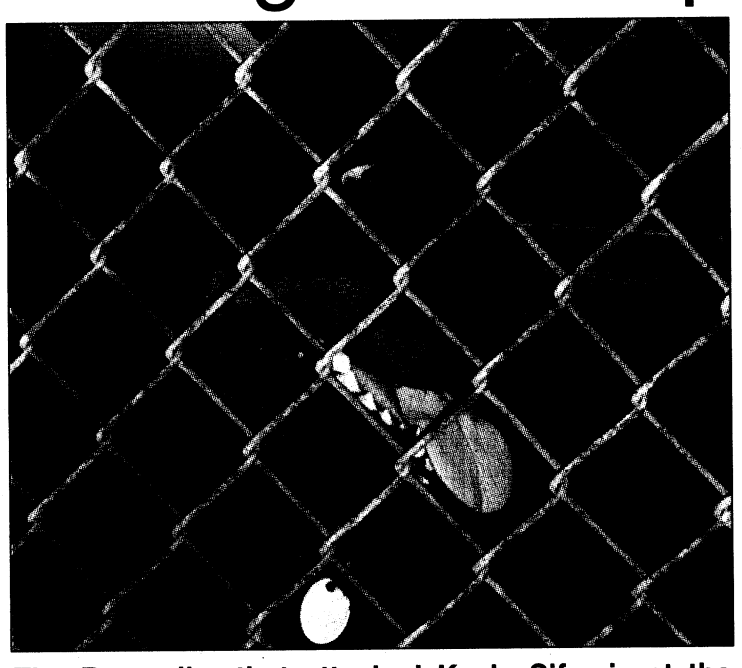
The dog's owner was in California at the time of the attack. The Rottweiler and its female littermate were in a makeshift enclosure behind the owner's house and were being cared for by a neighbor.

By the time Staff Sgt. Dan Akens got outside, he said the dog had gotten back into the enclosure — blocked at one entrance by a doghouse and a table at the other. Military police took both dogs, which are being held at the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

Singleton is waiting to find out what will be done with the dog who attacked her daughter.

"I'm a dog lover," Wendy said. "I'm not one to say 'kill the animal' over a bite. But this was classified as a mauling because of the repeated bites."

She has Kayla's bloody sock and shoe, and can put a finger through the one bite hole in Kayla's shirt. All of Kayla's injuries, thankfully, she said, were below her neck.



The Rottweiler that attacked Kayla Sifre is at the Veterinary Clinic, awaiting the return of its owner.

Wendy said Kayla is upset that she can't do the normal summer activities.

"But she's a very strong kid," she said. "She's doing well and is very mature about what happened."

Although she is healing quickly, Wendy said Kayla remembers every detail and will have to live with that trauma and the visible scars for the rest of her life.

Ironically, the week before the dog attack was National Dog Bite Prevention Week.

More than 4.7 million people each year are bitten by dogs, according the Center for Disease Control Web site. The CDC also tracks data on dog attack fatalities.

Between 1979 and 1997, Rottweiler attacks had the second highest number of fatalities, behind pit bulls.

Because half of the 800,000 Americans seeking treatment for bites are children, the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control recommends parents teach children basic safety around dogs. Downloadable resources are available at the American Veterinary Medical Association Web site, www.avma.org.

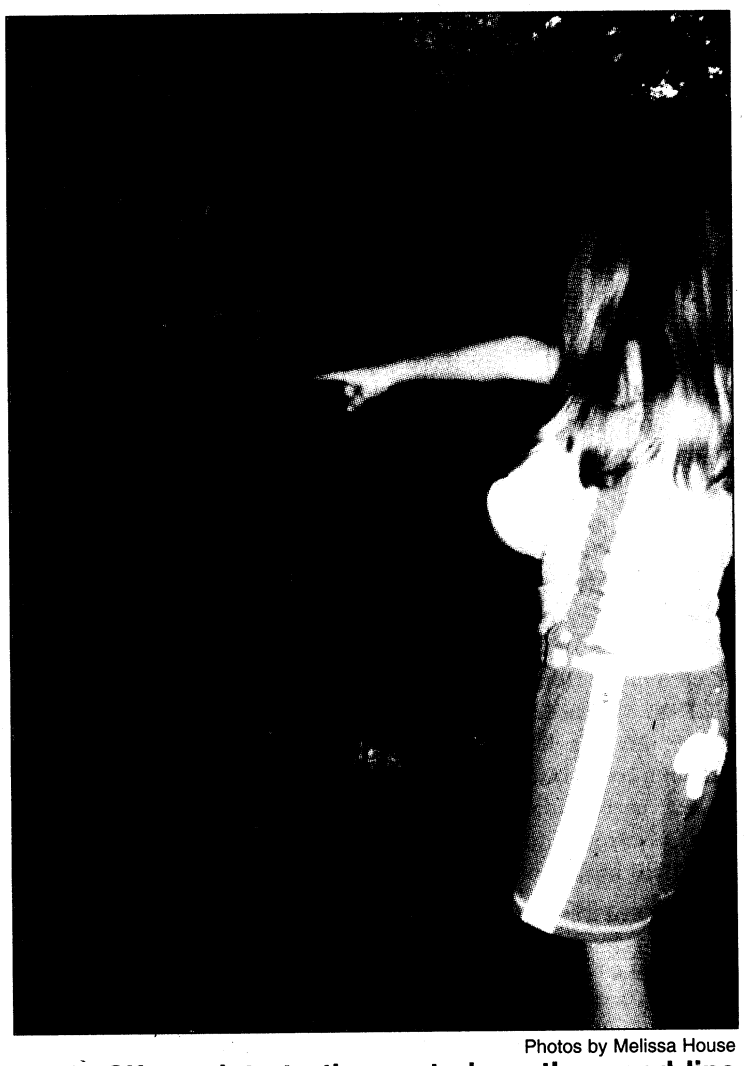
Severe injuries occur almost exclusively in children 10 and younger and 61 percent happen in a familiar place.

A dog may do these things before it attacks:

Stiffen
Lean forward
Growl
Stare
Hair stands up

If you notice a dog exhibiting these signs:

Stay calm
Back away slowly
Avoid eye contact
Curl into a ball and protect your head and face if the dog knocks you down
DO NOT RUN.



Photos by Melissa House

Kayla Sifre points to the spot along the wood line where she was attacked and mauled by a dog.

Ph: Pool chemicals

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isn't kept in this range, swimmers can start to feel an irritation on their eyes and skin.

Keeping the pH in this range will balance the chlorine's germ-killing and minimize skin and eye irritation.

Simple kits bought at a department or a local pool store can measure both chlorine and pH levels.

More extensive test kits are also sold.

General tips for good water quality include:

• Checking pH and chlorine levels daily. These tests should be done before the first swim of the day.

In hot weather, check the pH and chlorine levels twice a day.

• Brush and vacuum the pool on a regular basis.

• Regularly check the pump and other pool equipment and repair or replace parts as necessary.

Also, the CDC Division of Parasitic Diseases recommends not swimming if ill with diarrhea, taking frequent bathroom breaks, not swallowing pool water and practicing good hygiene.

GOH: Book a spot at B & N

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day — it was a Sunday after all. But whether you're in it for the "long haul," or just looking to kill 30 minutes until your movie starts down the way, it's a great place to wander around and see what interests you.

There's only one other book store like this in Columbus that I know of, and that's Books-A-Million. I prefer Barnes & Noble (it's a nostalgia thing), but Books-a-Million is good in my book (ha... ha... get it?). It's generally less populated than Barnes & Noble, and offers all the same amenities, including their own version of Starbucks, Joe Muggs.

Both places have convenient plug-ins for your laptops, too. So, it's a good place to get some work done — if you're not easily distracted, that is.

So next time you're holed up working on that term paper, bored out of your mind sitting in the barracks, or just out on the town looking for something to do, stop in and take a look around at either of these places. Especially if you have an interest in mind. Everything from sports to music to language to crafts to food to … well, whatever else there is, you're bound to find it.

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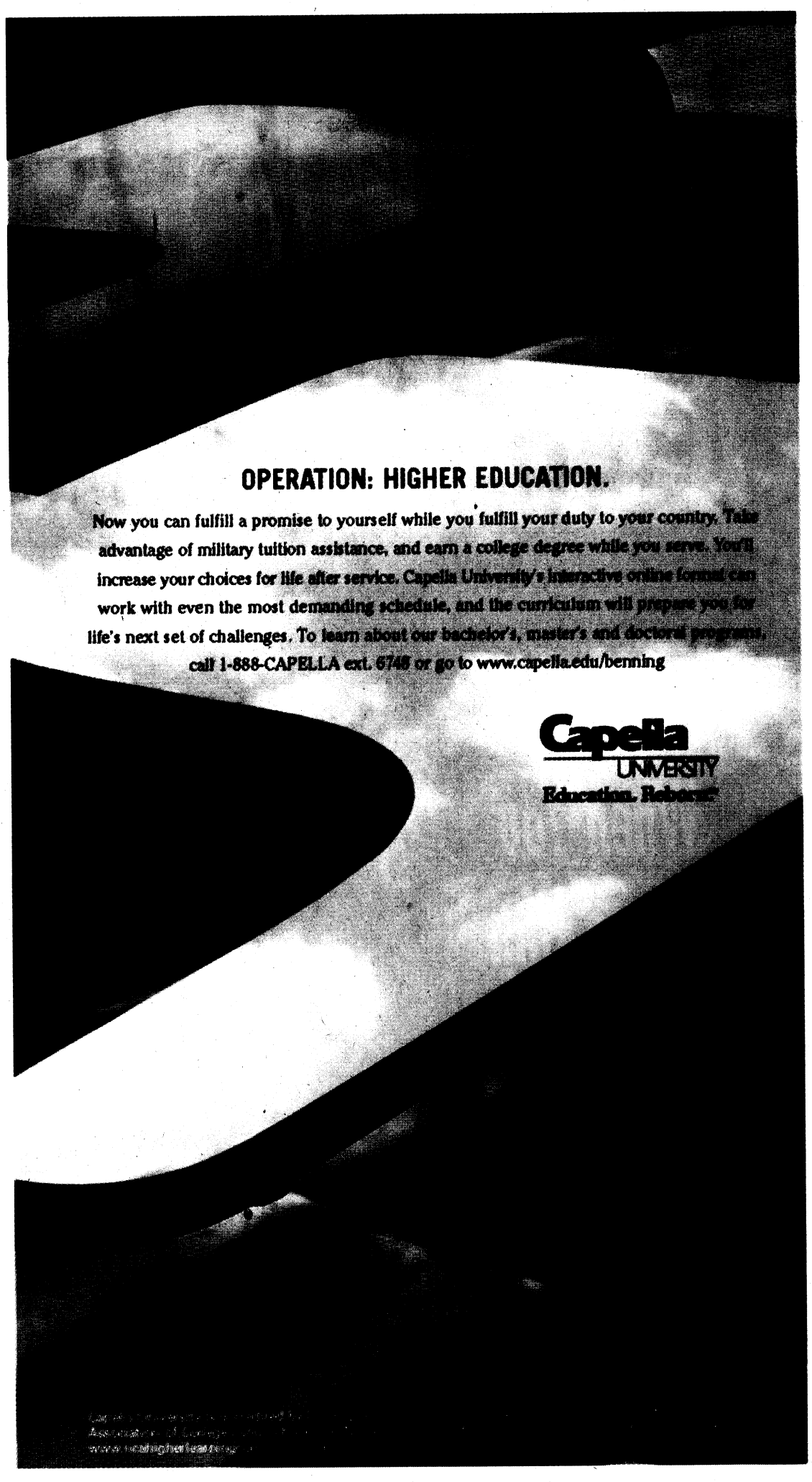

Random thoughts on God's grace

Like Abraham, we must trust God for provision

Chaplain (Capt.) Se W. Park
2nd Battalion,19th Infantry Regiment

It is said that history repeats itself, but God intervenes through it all.

God provided the Promised Land for his chosen people.

He gave his son for our salvation.

He is even now looking for individuals willing to be used for his purpose.

Joseph heard God's voice through two dreams and made it his mission to be a witness for God, no matter what the consequences.

According to my count, Abraham heard God's voice 10 times and received amazing grace.

One of God's messages to Abraham was a command to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice (Genesis 22:1).

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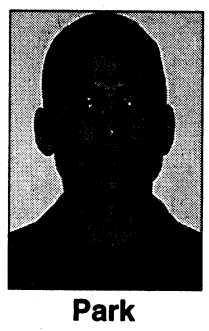

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His faith was sorely tested, but he acted in confidence that God's will would ultimately produce wonderful results.

He was willing to obey, though his submission would bring great personal pain.

Abraham prepared himself and his son until the very moment of sacrifice, and God, seeing his willingness, provided a substitute sacrifice.

True faith means being faithful to God in *all* things.

We hear God's voice through the Scripture, and we are to obey it no matter what will happen to us, because we know God will provide something good in all circumstances. (Romans 8:28)

The Scriptures read "...when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8)

We have tendencies to compromise ourselves with things like sex, alcohol and money. Why? "Because it is the end." (II Timothy 3:1-4)

The Bible tells us that in the end of time, men will love themselves, money and pleasure more than God.

That means we are losing the fundamental mission, "to enjoy God himself."

But God wants to provide something good for us and for this country still.

CHAPEL NOTES

Vacation Bible School — Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through June 18 at White Elementary School.

Sign-up is at the Religious Education Office, located in Room 122 of Meloy Hall.

The classes are for children in pre-school thorough sixth grade.

If you would like to help with this program, or for more information, call 545-4715.

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Make teenagers mind, don't lose yours

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Chaplain Family Life Center

Drawing on the latest scientific studies of adolescents, Laurence Steinburg, a professor of psychology at Temple University, offers this advice for the parents of teens:

• What you do matters.

Many parents mistakenly believe that by the time children have become teenagers, there's nothing more a parent can do.

But studies clearly show that good parenting continues to help teenagers develop in healthy ways, stay out of trouble and do well in school.

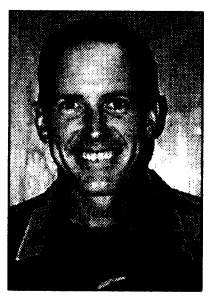
• You can't be too loving.

Don't hold back when it comes to pouring on the praise and showing physical affection.

There is no evidence that adolescents are harmed by having parents who are unabashedly loving — as long as you don't embarrass them in front of their friends.

• Stay involved.

Many who were active in their child's life during the early years withdraw when their child becomes a teenager. This is a mistake.



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It's just as important for you to be involved now — maybe even more.

Participate in school programs. Get to know your child's friends. Spend time together.

• Adapt your parenting.

Many parenting strategies that work with one age group stop working at the next stage of development.

As children get older, for example, their ability to reason improves dramatically, and they will challenge you if what you are asking doesn't make sense.

• Set limits.

The most important thing children need from their parents is love, but a close second is structure.

Even teenagers need rules and limits. Be firm but fair. Relax your rules bit by bit as your child demonstrates more maturity.

If he or she can't handle the freedom, tighten the reins and try again in a few months.

• Foster independence.

Many parents erroneously equate their teenagers' drive for independence with rebelliousness, disobedience or disrespect.

It's healthy for adolescents to push for autonomy. Give children the psychological space they need to learn to be self-reliant and resist the temptation to micromanage.

• Explain your decisions.

Good parents have expectations, but in order for your teenager to live up to them, your rules and decisions have to be clear and appropriate.

As your child becomes more adept at reasoning, it's no longer good enough to say, "Because I said so."

Steinberg's most recent book is *The 10 Basic Principles of Good Parenting*.

If you'd like some coaching on how to polish your skills as a parent, give the Chaplain Family Life Center a call at 545-1760 or come see me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel on Kelley Hill at 11 a.m. Sundays on Kelley Hill.

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.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
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- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

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Sunday Worship Services

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9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
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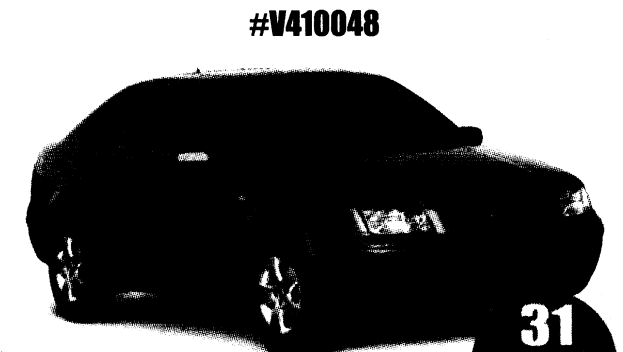

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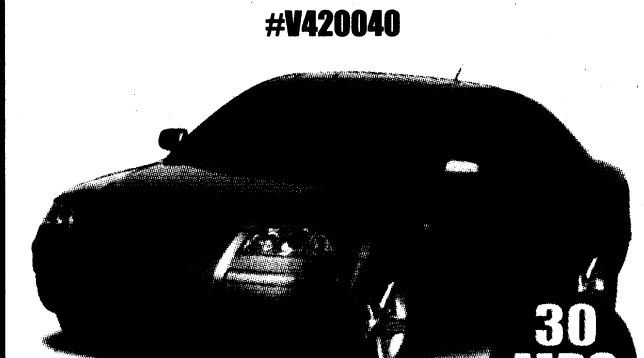

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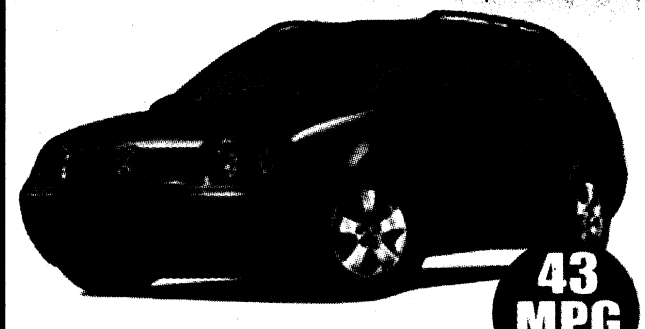

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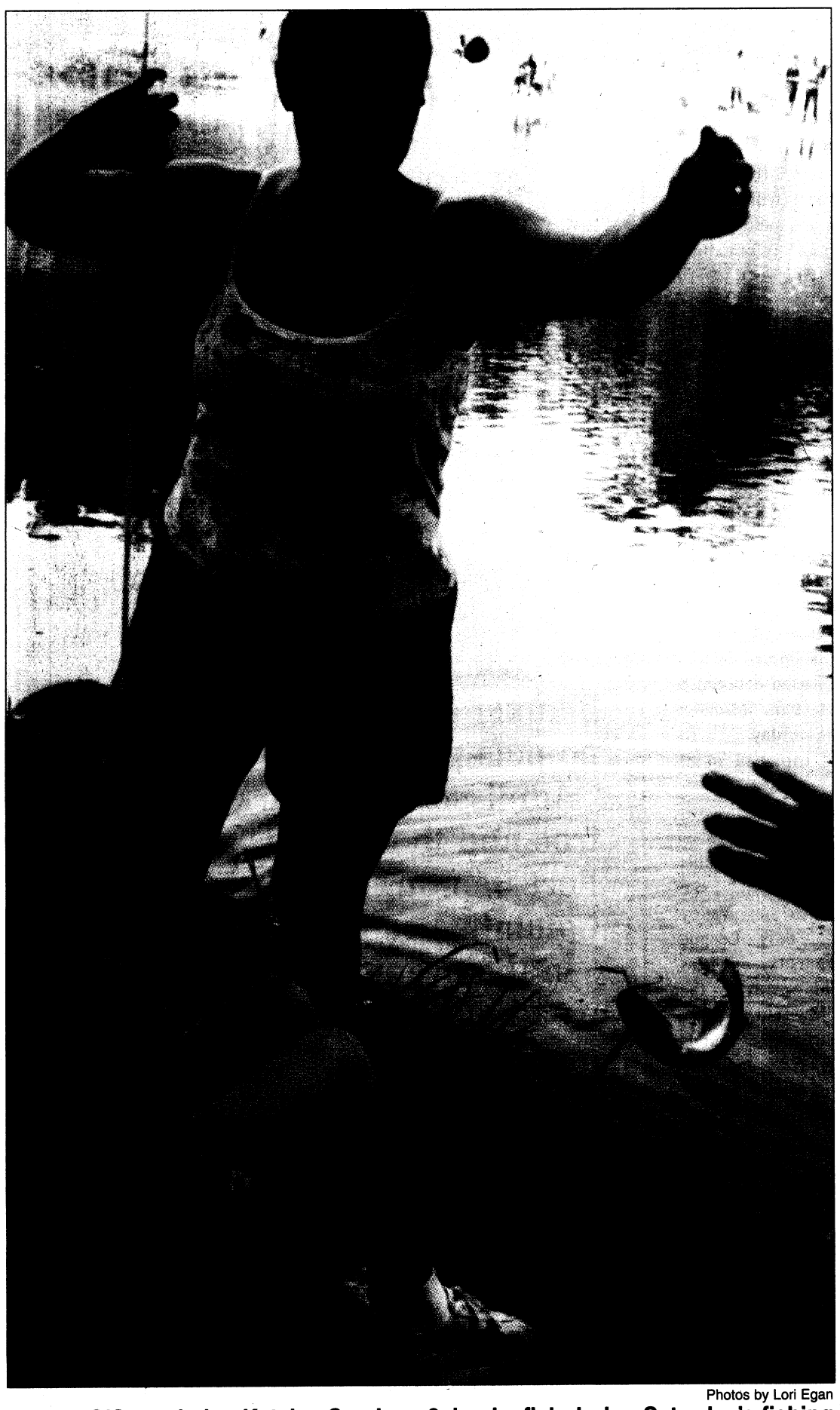
WHAT'S THE CATCH? Pool stocked with catfish, nearly 300 hooked



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Denise O'Steen helps Katelyn Sanders, 8, land a fish during Saturday's fishing rodeo at Russ Pool. There will be another fishing rodeo 9 to 11 a.m. June 19 at the duck pond on Sand Hill for children ages 1 to 15 with parental supervision. Bring your pole and bait. Prizes will be awarded for first through third place for the following age groups: 1 to 3, 4 to 6, 7 to 10 and 11 to 15.

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

Cries of "I've got another one!" and "Ooh! It's a big one!" floated across Russ Pool during the annual fishing rodeo Saturday.

Jediah Conachan, 6, reminded his parents that he won his age category last year for the most fish caught and was fishing with the pole he received as the prize.

"I know how to fish now," Conachan said, dismissing beginner's luck for his success in last year's rodeo.

During last year's rodeo, 500 fish were caught. This year, Russ Pool was stocked with 1,500 channel catfish. And children were catching fish with almost every cast.

Andrew Kessler, 8, and his brother Ian, 6, kept their dad busy removing hooks and putting fish on the stringer.

Andrew said they caught 16 fish big enough to keep but released a lot of the smaller fish.

Addison Nash, 5, developed a blister by reeling in 12 fish in 40 minutes.

After Sage Miska, 8, caught one fish, she was ready to go home and show her catch to her mother. Miska caught her first fish at Lake Hickory, N.C., during the Easter holiday and Saturday's catfish brought her record to four, she said, as her father improvised a way to get the fish home.

The Miskas didn't bring a stringer or a bucket to put fish in, so the plastic bag the children received when they signed in became the carrier for the catfish.

However, the Trueloves came prepared. The family of seven and one neighbor were fishing



The Truelove family catches fish at Russ Pool.

with chicken liver, and Shiann, 8, had a stringer of fish to prove her fishing prowess. To keep the fish from disappearing and fish stories to a minimum, Shiann's stringer was hooked to her tennis shoe.

"We fished every weekend when we were home," said Staff Sgt. Tim Truelove from Bowling Green, Mo. "The kids grew up on the river."

"Fishing is a great way to spend family time," said Kris Truelove, while her daughter Izzy, 2, caught her first fish.

"We catch fish every time we come to Russ Pond," said Landon Truelove, 11.

The fishing rodeo was sponsored by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Youth Sports and Fitness, the Fort Benning B.A.S.S. Club and the Conservation Branch of the Directorate of Public Works, formerly known as the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics.

The catfish were donated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and Michael Fuller, a fish and wildlife technician with DPW, built a feeder ring and monitored the fishes' well-being until Saturday's rodeo.

Fuller said some of the larger catfish might be between 4 and 5 pounds with most weighing around 3 pounds. But prizes were awarded for the most fish caught not the largest.

More than 70 children and their parents lined the banks of the pool for the rodeo and nearly 300 fish were caught.

The winners of the most fish caught were:

5- to 6-year-olds — Addison Nash, 18; Ian Kessler, 11; and Nicholas O'Steen, 9.

7- to 8-year-olds — Andrew Kessler, 16; Jonathan Harling-Gray, 14; Ashley Cecil, 12 and Hanna Roenfanzi, 12.

9- to 10-year-olds — Andrew Locke, 23; Christina Aponte, 12; Kyra Rice, 10.

11- to 12-year-olds — Maite Aponte, 12; Bethany Hart, 7; Tevin Hill, 4.

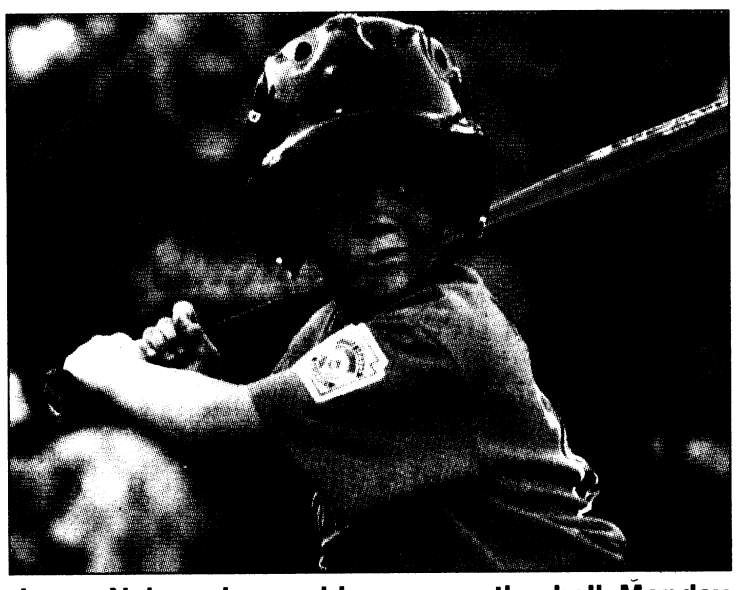
13- to 15-year-olds — Sarah Welty, 14; Tyler Welty, 14; and Raishaun Bennett, 3.

There will be another fishing rodeo June 19 at the duck pond on Sand Hill. For more information, call 544-7516.

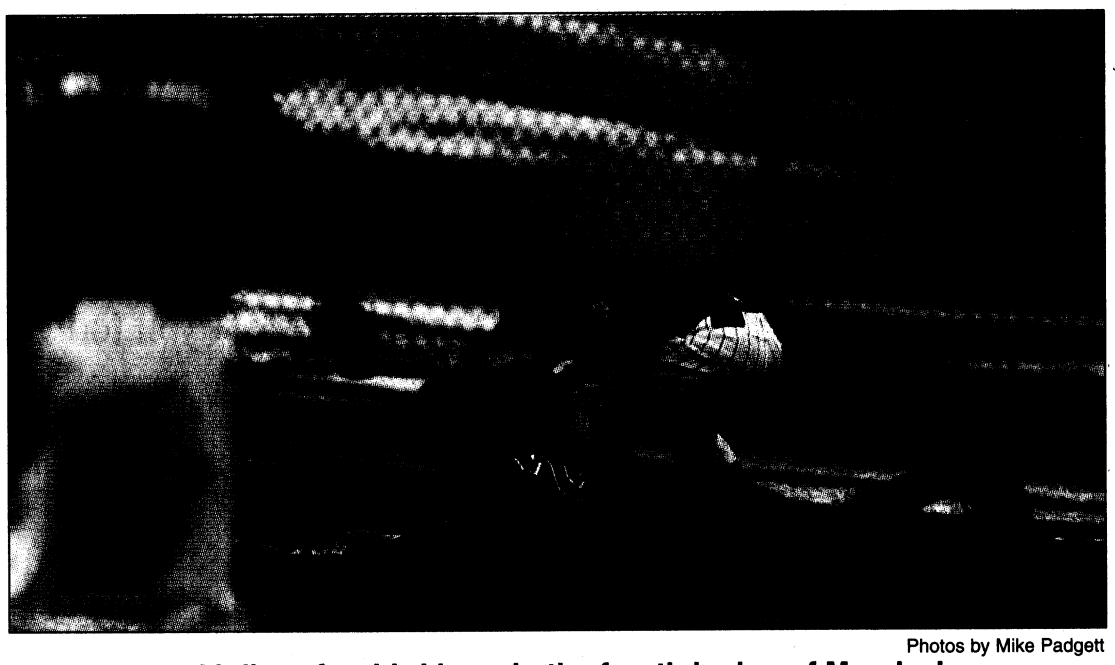
National Little League plays close to Benning

Giants lose to Sharks in city tourney

Melissa House
Bayonet staff



Jesse Nelson keeps his eye on the ball Monday during the tournament game at Lakebottom Park.



Photos by Mike Padgett

Ryan Borowski dives for third base in the fourth inning of Monday's game.

Parents looking for choices for youth baseball have an option that's close to post — the National Little League.

The league usually has seven or eight teams in T-ball, coach pitch and kid pitch, and around 100 players, said Willie Epps, NLL president.

"We teach the fundamentals of baseball," he said. "We have more games, and we also travel to play against other teams in the area.

Epps, who was a sergeant in the Marines, said a number of the league's coaches and assistant coaches have some connection with the military, and the league has a number of Fort Benning players.

Retired 1st Sgt. Linwood Johnson, coach of the 9- and 10-year-old Giants has been involved in the league for the last six years, when he signed up his grandson, Alan Harris II, and became a coach. Through the years, he's served as a coach, board member and as the league's vice president.

Johnson said the league has been around for about 50 years, even before its home field was called Rigdon Park. The complex was rebuilt 15 years ago and has three baseball fields and one for softball.

Monday night, three Fort Benning youths on Linwood Johnson's Giants team, went to bat against the Chattahoochee County Sharks in the City Tournament, and all three will be members of the NLL All-Star team that will begin playing later this month.

Nate Morrison, 10, got started in baseball six years ago and hopes to play someday for the Cleveland Indians. He started the game at second base, but was called in to pitch the last four innings in the Giants' extra inning loss to the Sharks.

"This is only my first year pitching," Nate said, "and my favorite position is pitcher."

This is also Nate's first season playing with the NLL at Rigdon Park, which he said he likes because of the 20-game season.

Nate said he felt the most pressure when he was called in to pitch at the city tournament, but was able to keep his head in the game and actually stole home to put a run on the board for his team.

Teammate Ryan Borowski is a shortstop at heart, but played at second and third base during the season. It was also his first season at Rigdon Park and he plans to play there again, hoping they win the city tournament next year.

"I like it because it's competitive," Ryan said. "We have more games so we have more playing time and it's fun."

He said the city tournament put more pressure on the team not to make mistakes. Despite the pressure he felt, he batted in one run to put the Giants ahead in the third inning, attributing his success, in part, to the fact that he's the only left-handed batter on his team.

Ryan said the Giants had lost to the Sharks in one regular season match up, 8-6, and were hoping to win the game.

Johnson said despite the loss, the team played well.

"My hat's off to them, Johnson said. "We started working toward the city tournament at the beginning of the season."

The Giants' overall record was 15-2.

Johnson said although Fort Benning is in his league's recruiting area, the military kids only began trickling in within the last three years.

This year, he said, about 25 percent of the players are from post.

"I enjoy all the kids," Johnson said. "And the military children are disciplined. Ryan Borowski is probably the best I've ever coached. It's his attitude and his willingness to learn."

He said what helps is that the military dads come out when they can.

"They help out a lot," he said. "They work around their schedules, help the kids and help the league."

Although the season is now officially over, Johnson will start working with the players from his team selected for the all-star team.

Fort Benning players, Jesse Nelson and Ryan, along with Alan and teammates Brandon Bynam and Donald Crayton, start practice Monday with the all-stars.

For more information about the NLL at Rigdon Park, call Johnson at 464-5001.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Baseball camp — CYS Sports and Fitness will hold registration for baseball camp from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through June 18, weekdays, at Building 359. The camp is for children ages 5 to 15.

Camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 21-22 at the CYS Baseball Complex, across from Faith Middle School. The camp is free and lunch will be available.

For more information, call 545-2079 or 545-3582.

Kids fishing rodeo — There will be a fishing rodeo June 19 at the Duck Pond on Sand Hill.

For more information, call Michael Fuller at 544-7516.

Army 10-Miler pre-qualifier — Fort Benning will hold a pre-qualifier race for the post's Army 10-Miler team. Racers with the top times will earn spots on the team.

The race is June 19. The race will begin at 7 a.m. in front of the Santiago Fitness Center, and is open to all active-duty military.

Registration will begin at 6 a.m. For more information, call 544-9486.

Sports and fitness events — Youths Sports Fitness will conduct a Father and Son Basketball Tournament at the CYS gym June 19. Time are noon for ages 8 to 10, 2 p.m. for ages 11 to 13 and 4 p.m. for ages 14 to 16.

June 21-22 will be a Baseball Camp from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the baseball complex.

There will also be a Golf Camp and Tournament June 21-25 at the golf course.

For more information, call Dorrie Wagner at 545-1853.

Aerobics classes — The Briant Wells Fitness Center Aerobics Program is in full step.

The fitness center offers box aerobics, aeromix, step combo, core crunch, yoga and aqua aerobics. The cost is $25 per month or $3 per class.

For more information, call Briant Wells at 545-4388.

Saturday bike rides — Saturday bike rides are in full gear. Riders meet at 10 a.m. at Briant Wells Field House and ride 10, 15, 20 miles or more. All you need is a bike, helmet, water and plenty of energy. For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-4388.

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Football fields closed — All of Columbus' football fields are closed for maintenance through August 15. These fields include Lakebottom and Rigdon Park.

For more information, call Philip Naylor, Parks Manager, at 653-4189 or 653-4190.

Titan Games — The Atlanta Sports Council and the U.S. Olympic Committee will extend a special discount offer for the Titan Games to Soldiers of the armed forces.

The Titan Games, the road to Athens for America's elite boxers, fencers, shot-putters, wrestlers, weightlifters, judo and taekwondo, will be in Atlanta June 19-20.

With a valid military ID, personnel can purchase a ticket with a $5 discount at the Philips Arena box office.

Tickets must be purchased in person. Ticket prices include $25 (lower level), $20 (mezzanine) and $12 (upper level).

For event schedule and information, log onto www.titangames2004.com.

Best Ranger television schedule — ESPN2 will air the 2004 Best Ranger Competition from 3 to 4 p.m. June 19 and July 4.

Special Olympics volunteers — The 2004 Special Olympics Masters Bowling Tournament will be held July 17-18 at the AMF Peach Lanes in Columbus. Volunteers are needed to help out with this tournament.

Volunteers need to be at least 16 years old. Shifts are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and noon to 6 p.m. July 17 and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 18. Volunteer orientation will be held before each shift. For more information, call Myra Tinney at 464-4950.

Golf tournament — The community is invited to participate in the Kenneth Walker Memorial Golf Tournament, a regional event intended to promote unity and raise scholarship funds for children whose mothers or fathers have passed away.

The tournament will be held Sept. 2 at the Bull Creek Golf Course, 7333 Lynch Road in Midland, Ga., just off Highway 80 (the North Bypass).

For more information, call Jim O'Donnell at 644-2066 or 569-5057.

Par for a Purpose — The golf tournament Par for a Purpose, benefiting the Columbus Alliance for Battered Women, will be June 17 at the Woodland Hills Golf Course. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is $50 per golfer and $200 for a four-person best ball scramble.

Lunch will be provided, along with prizes for first-, second- and third-place teams. There will also be door prizes and mulligans for $5. For more information, call 225-4101.

Children's fishing — The Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority invites groups of children (minimum of 10 per group) to fish at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter during June, National Fishing Month. One of the Agricenter's lakes, which has been stocked with catfish, will be available at no charge on a reservation-only basis.

Fishing is limited to any three-hour period between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. To schedule a trip, call (478) 987-3247.

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 museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free. For more information, call 649-0713.

Fort Benning Independence Day Celebration

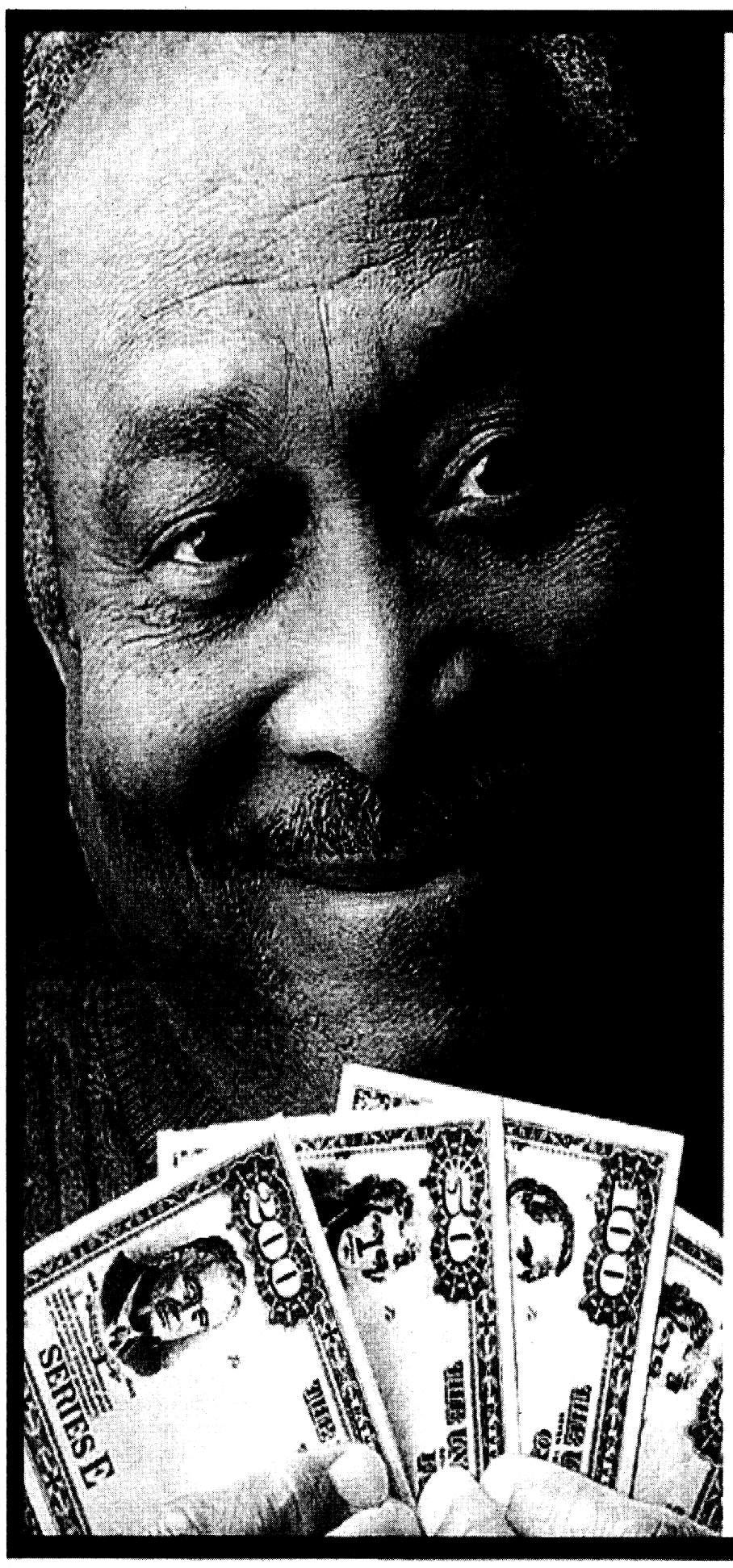
Celebrate America's day of independence and the return of the Follow Me Statue at 5 p.m. on July 1, at York Field.

There will be food, fun for the kids, music by JAG STAR and the Infantry Band, an air assault demo by the Rangers, a jump by the Silver Wings Parachute Team and a fireworks display sure to top last year's.

So come on out, bring a blanket and enjoy the fun, but no pets please!

Admission and parking are free and the event is open to Fort Benning and the Columbus community.

In the event of inclement weather, the celebration will move to July 2.



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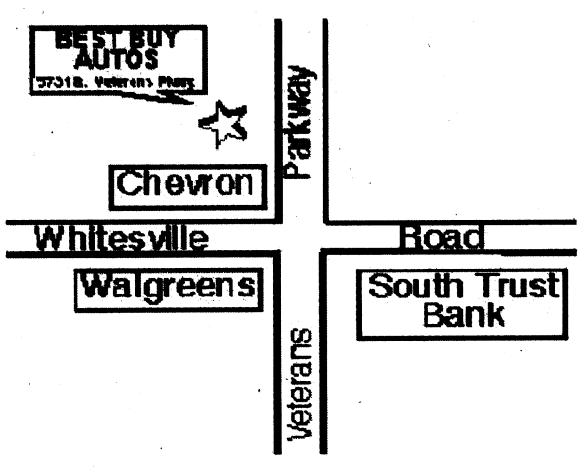

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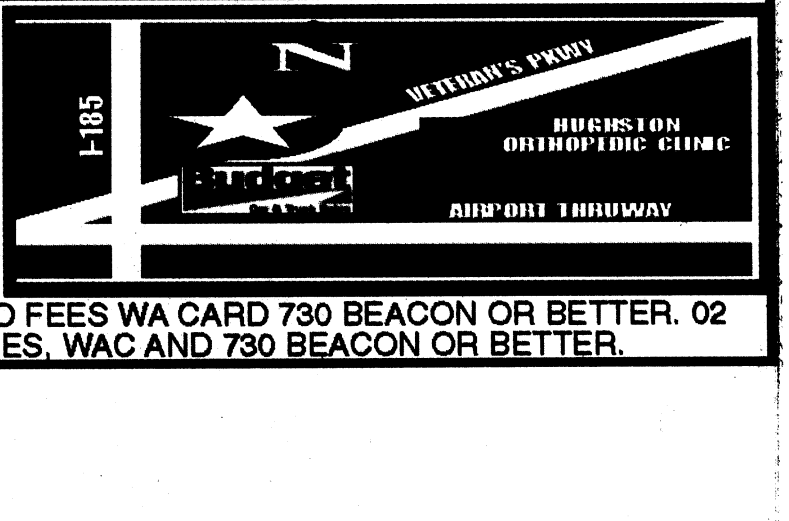

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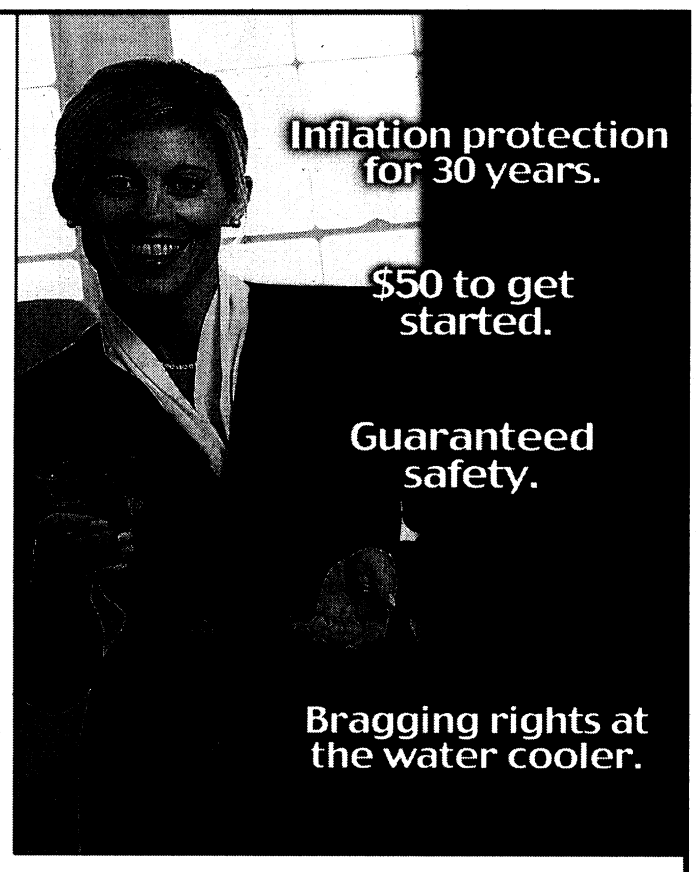

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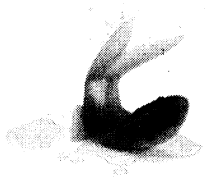

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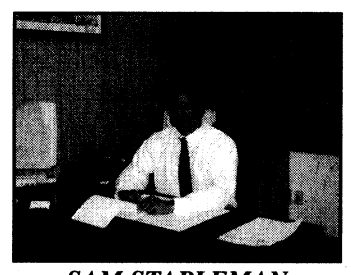

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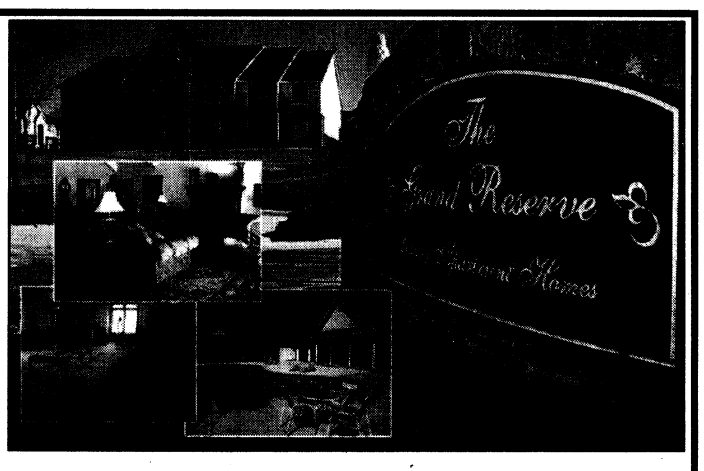

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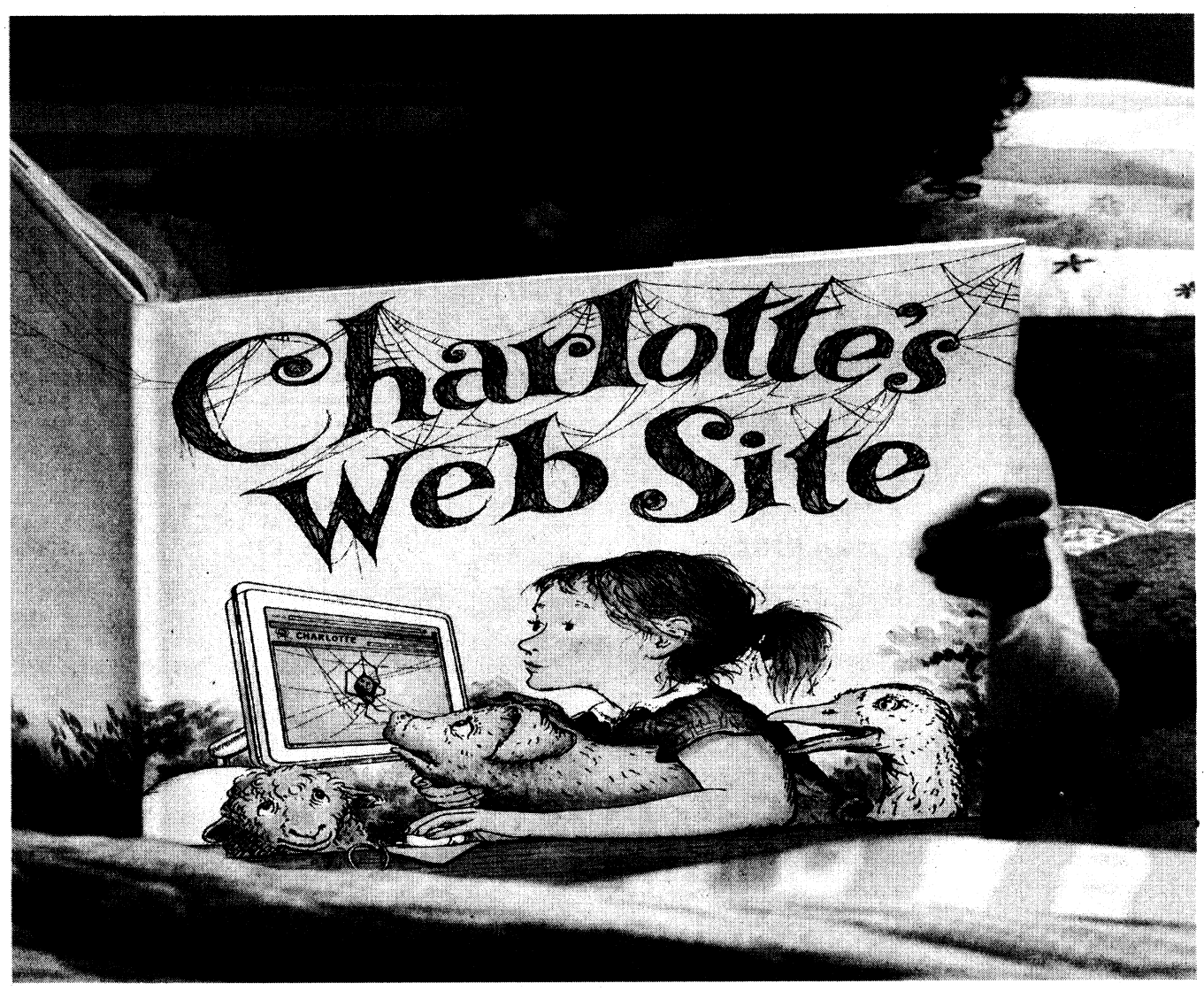

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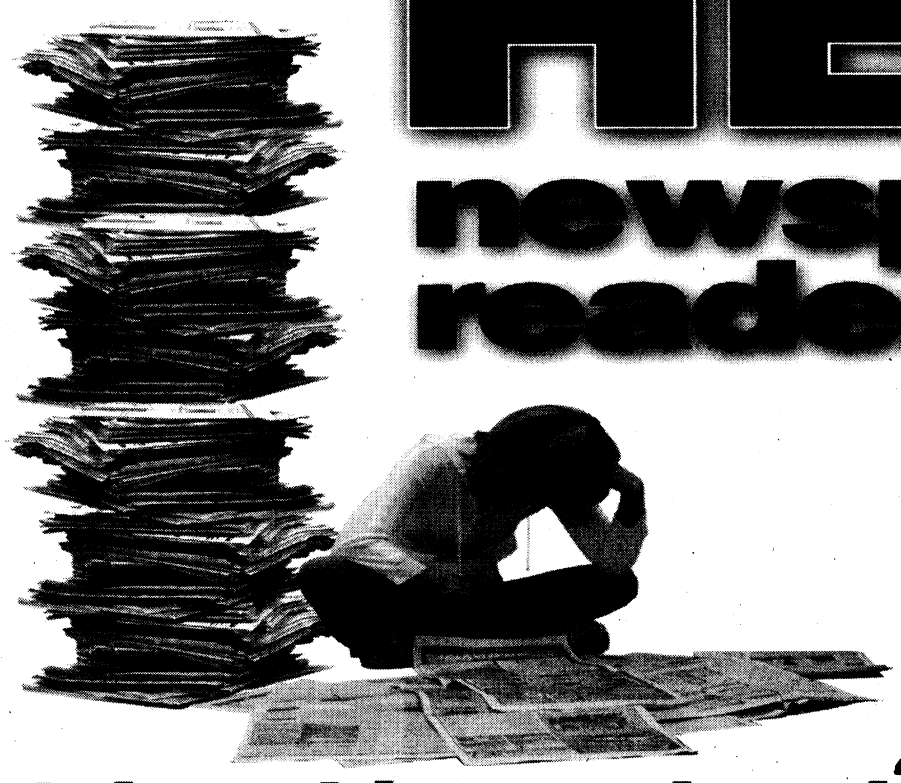

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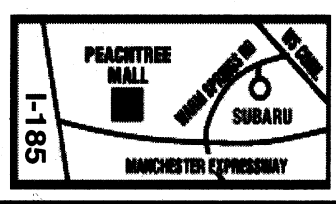

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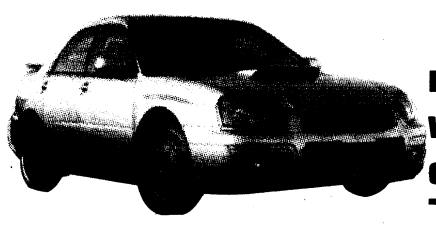

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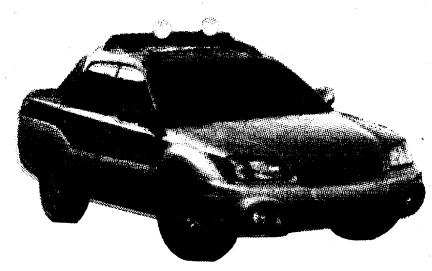

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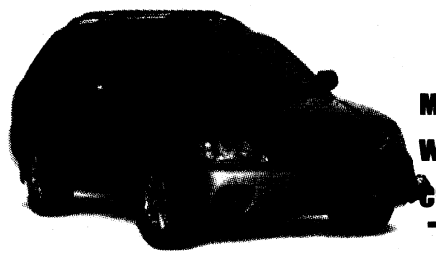

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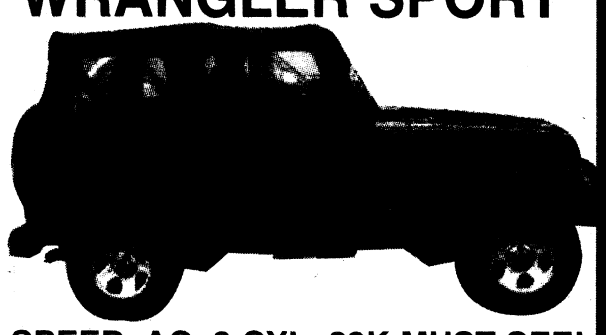

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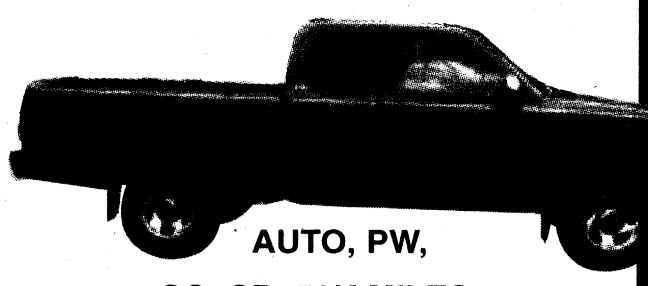

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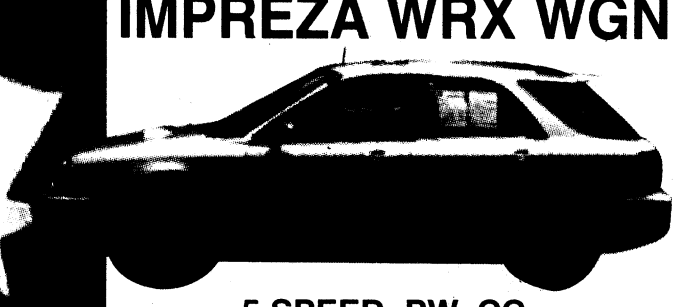

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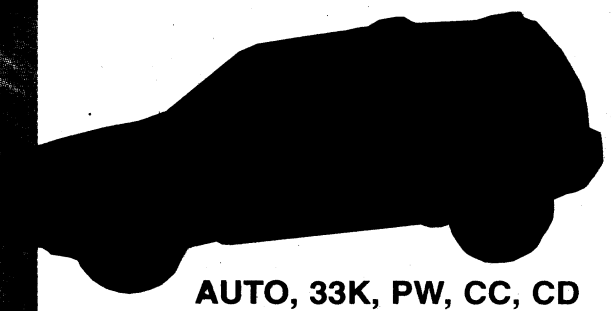

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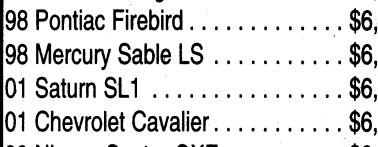

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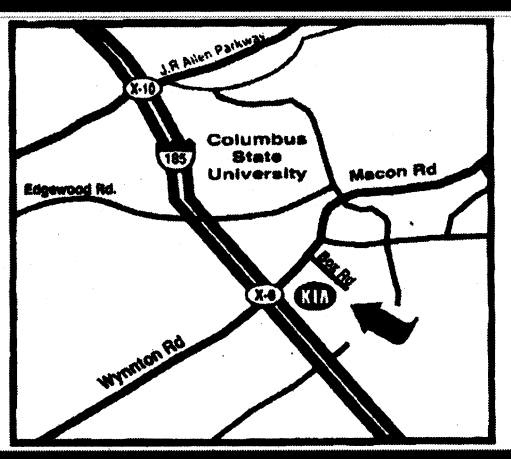

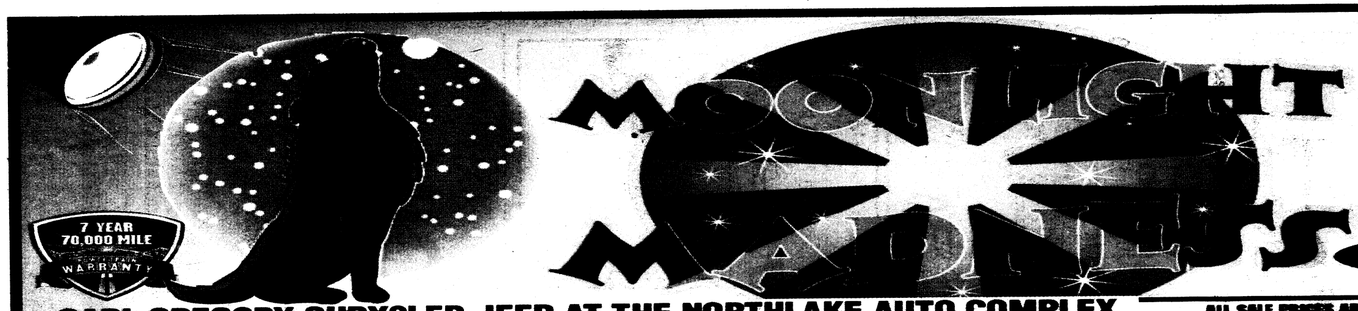

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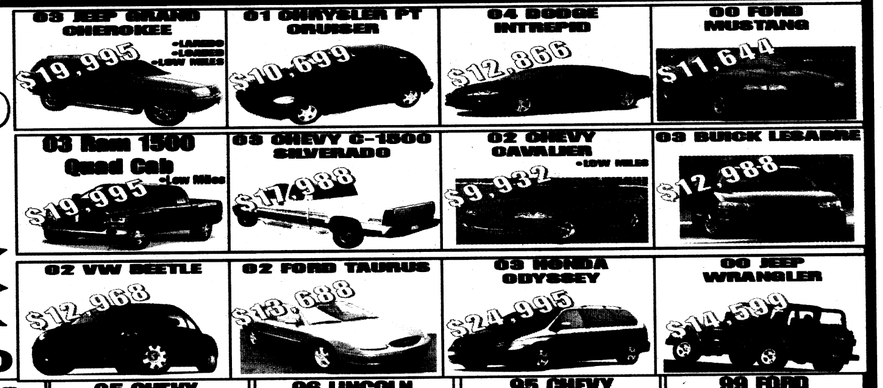

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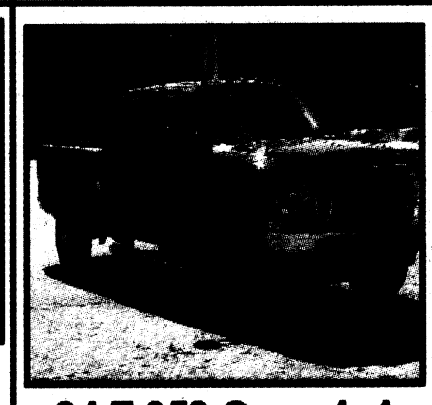

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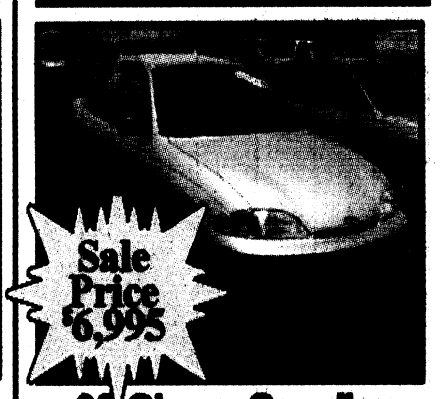

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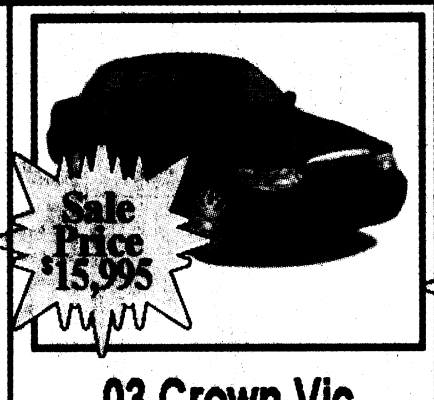

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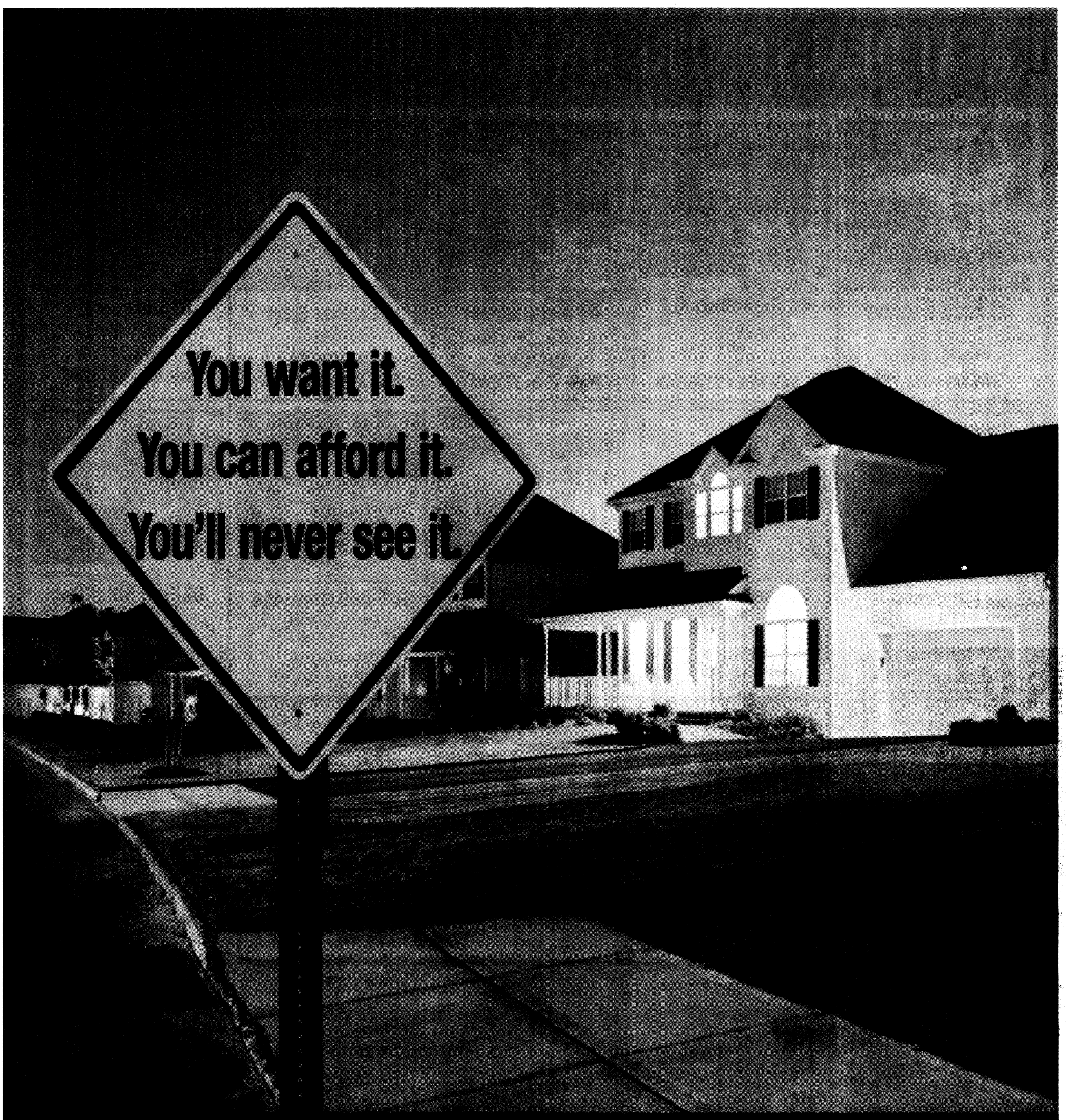

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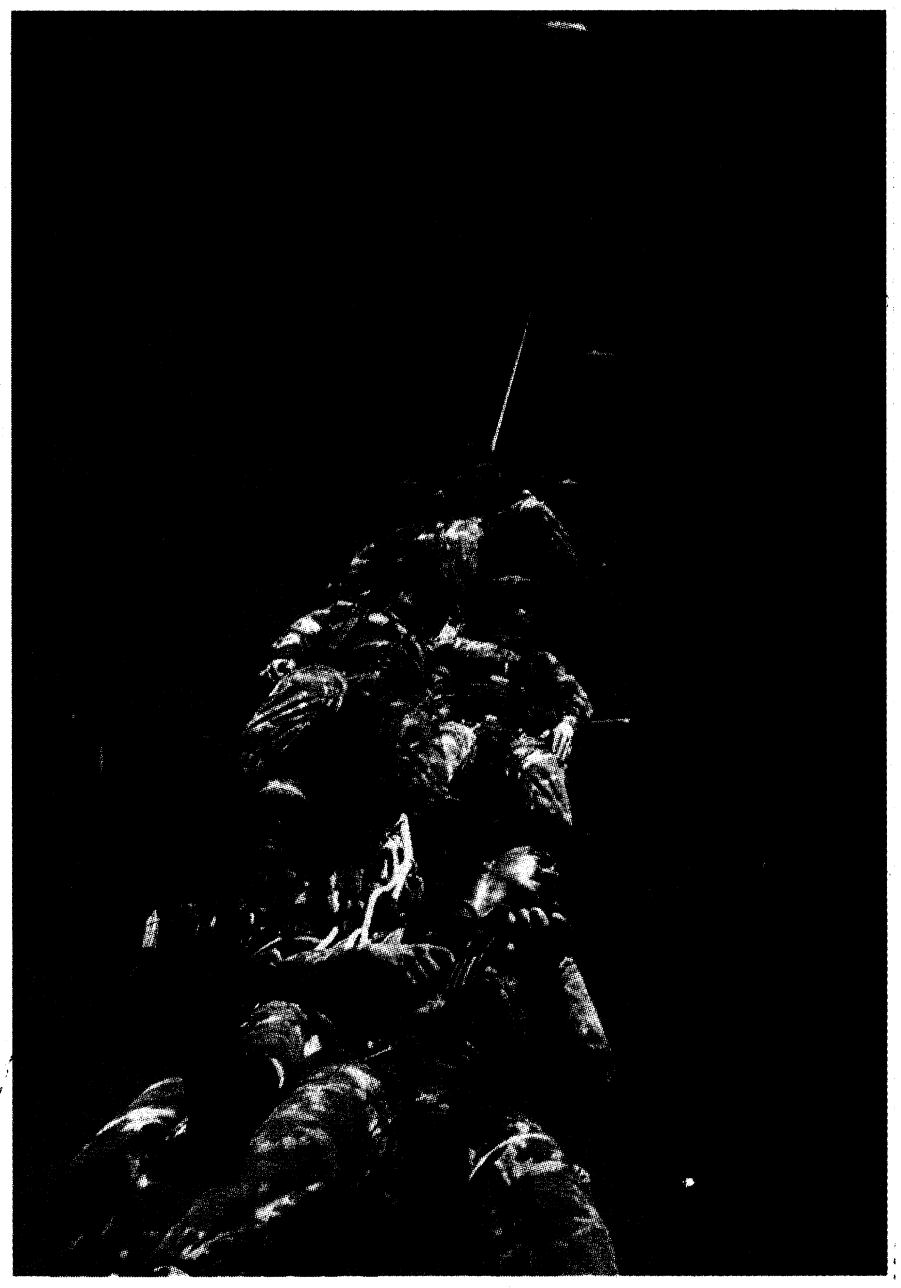



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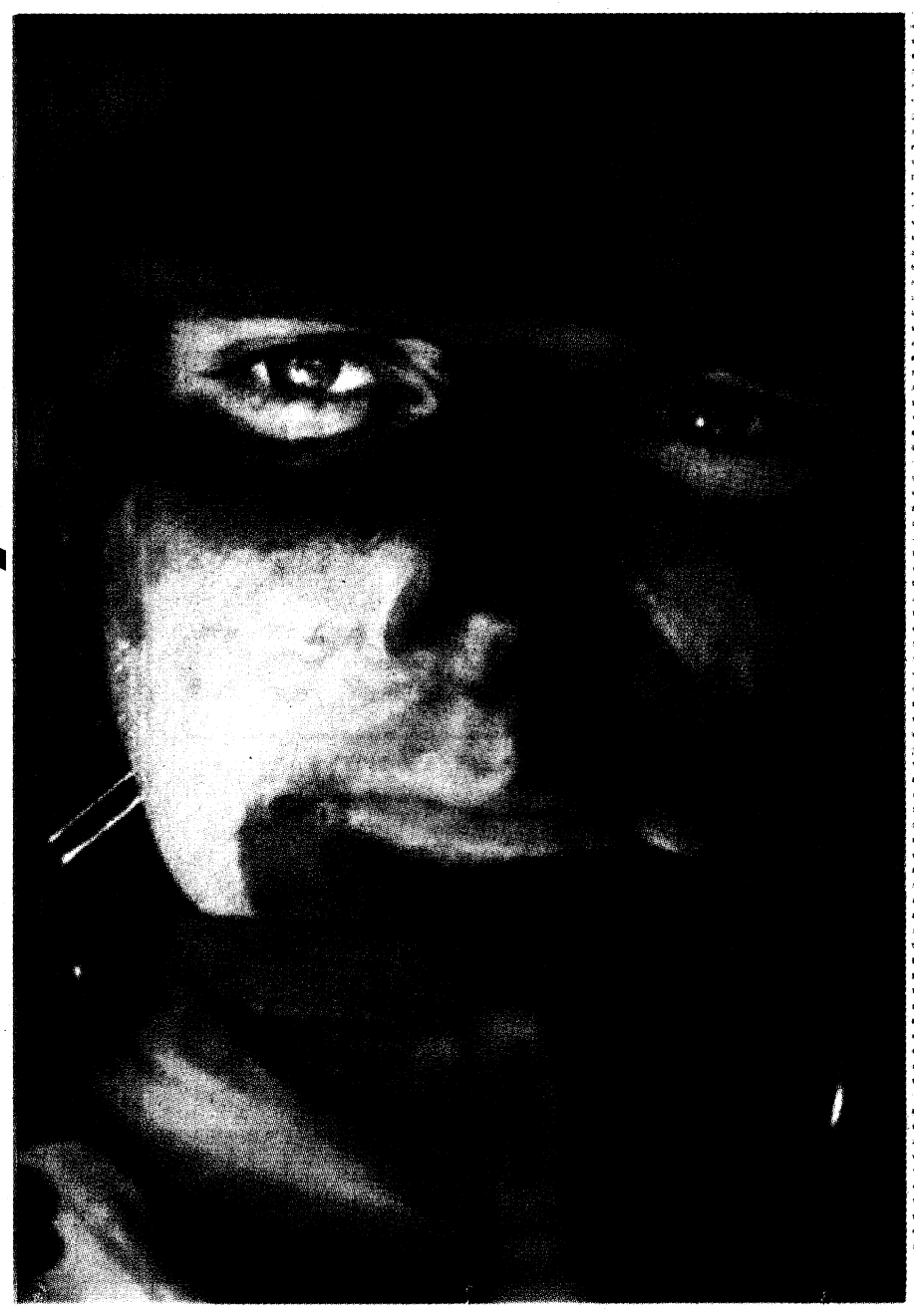

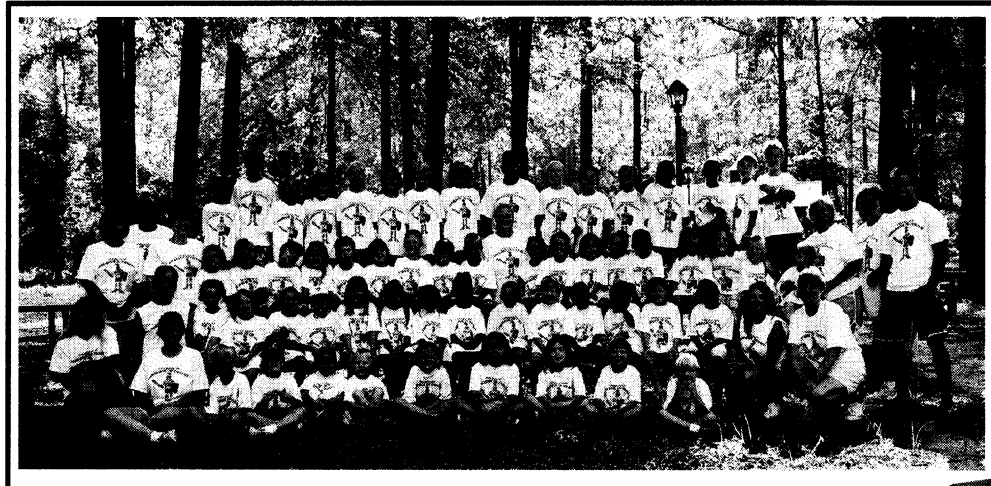







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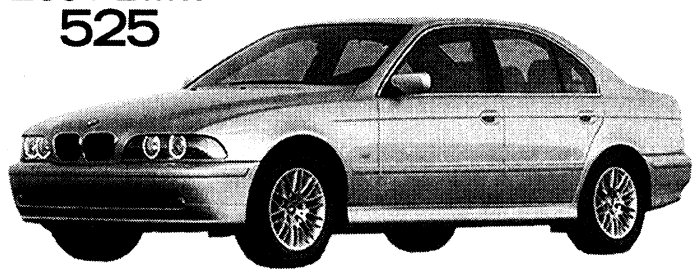

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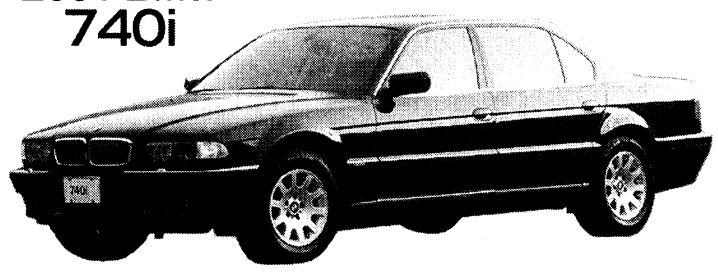

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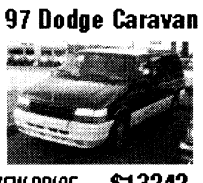
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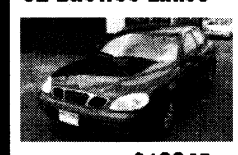
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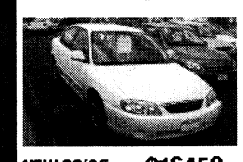
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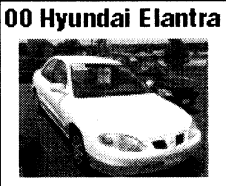
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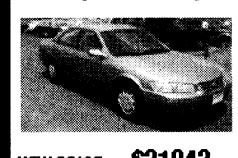
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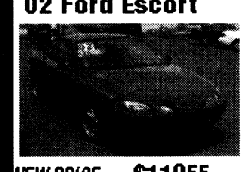
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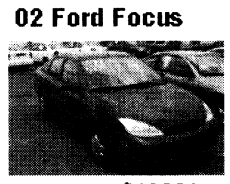
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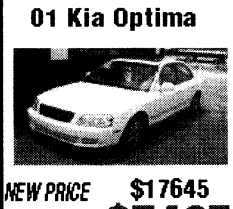
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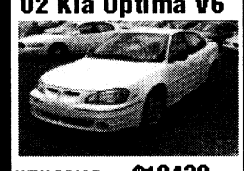
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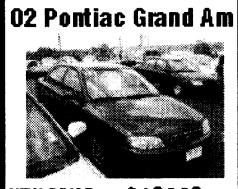
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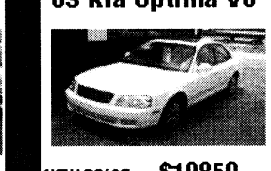
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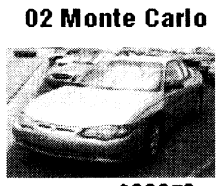
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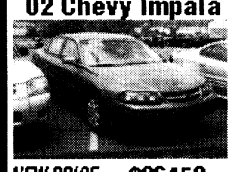
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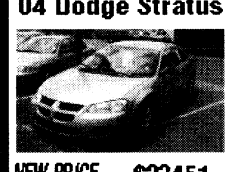
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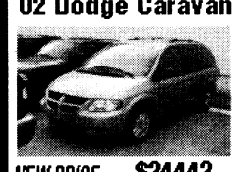
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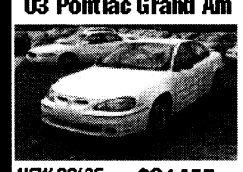
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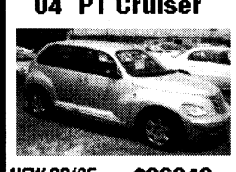
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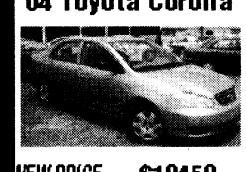
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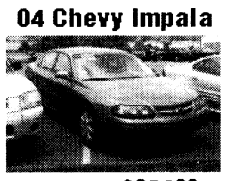
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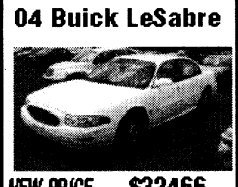
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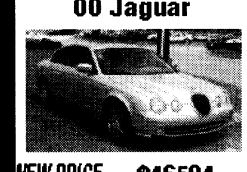
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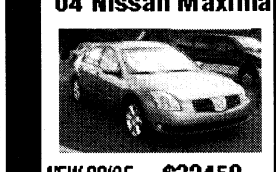
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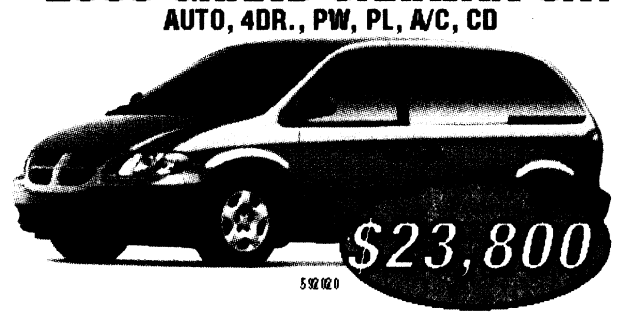

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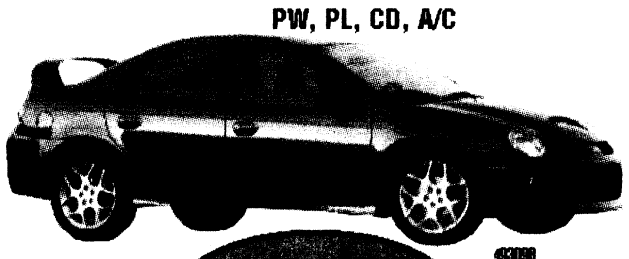

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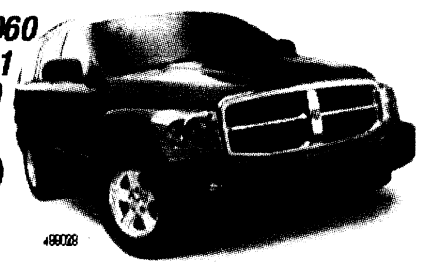

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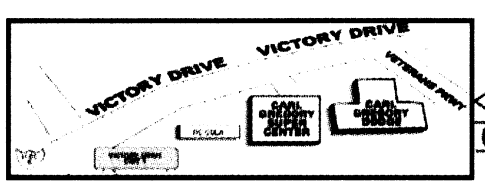

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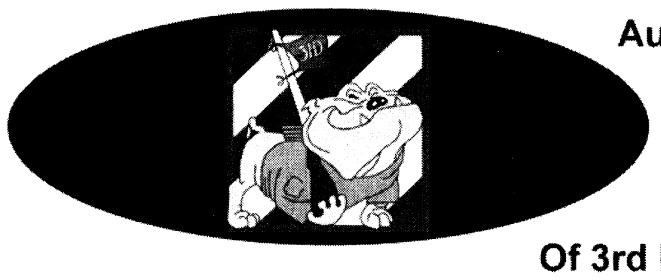

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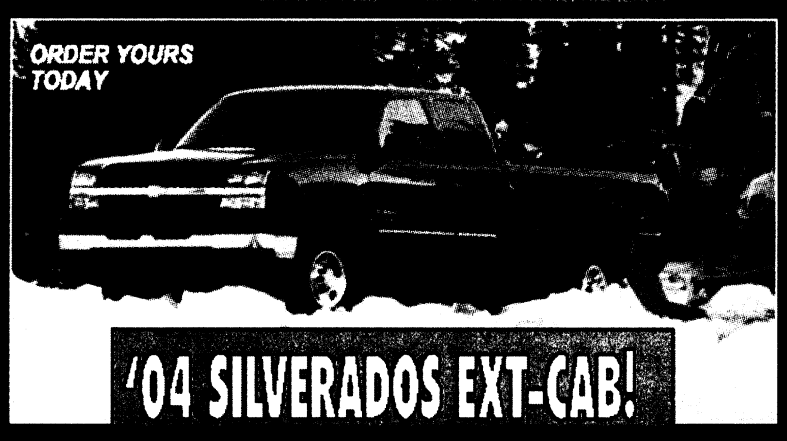

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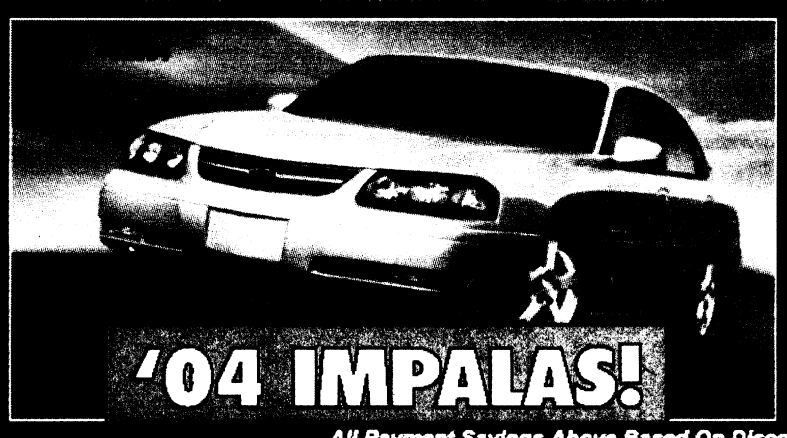

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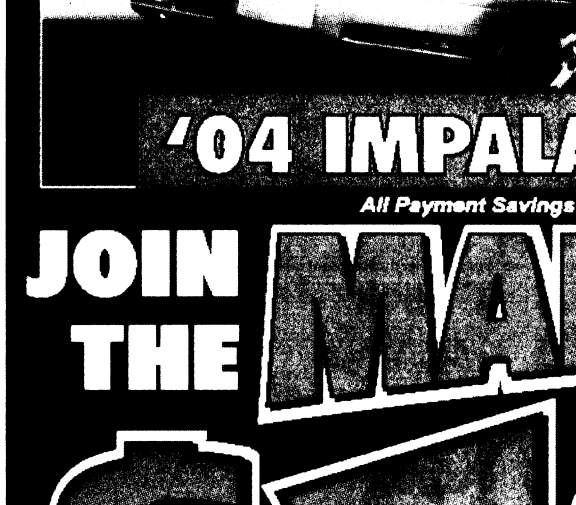



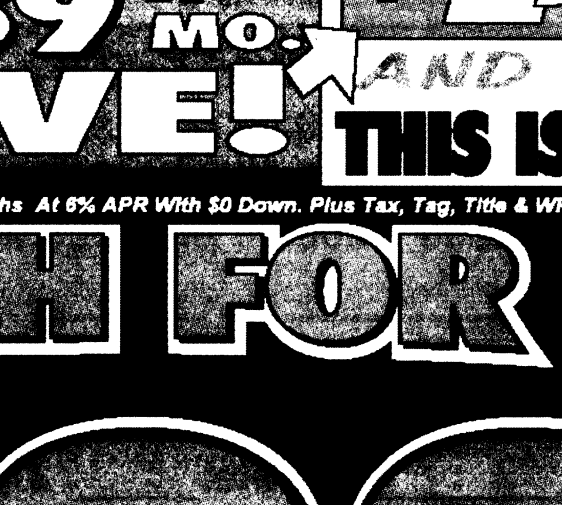

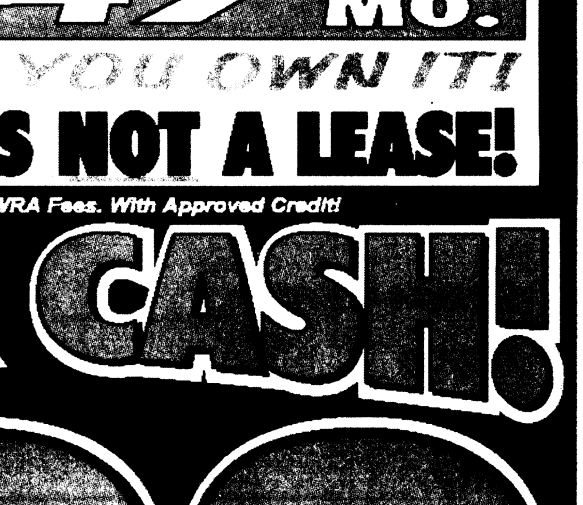

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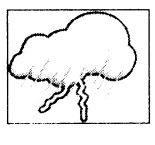
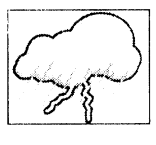
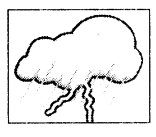
Friday		high 92 low 75
Saturday		high 92 low 72
Sunday		high 93 low 69

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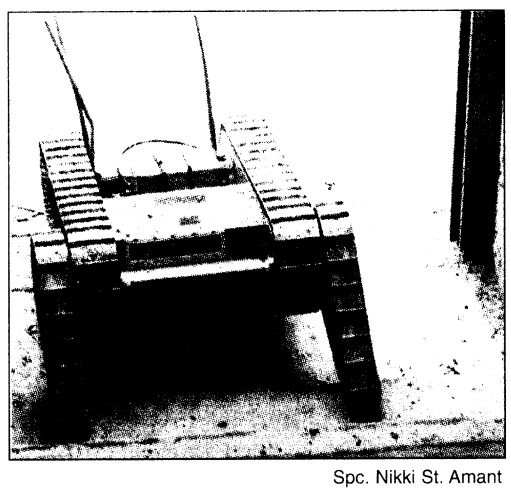
Post unit tests robot system



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The advanced robotics controller system is a multi-purpose system .

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
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The 29th Infantry Regiment's new experimental force platoon put a new advanced robotics controller system through the paces this week at the McKenna MOUT site.

Rapid Equipping Force personnel, along with Soldier Battle Lab representatives and a team from Exponent, a defense contractor specializing in failure and success analysis, oversaw the testing, which ends today.

The system, which is also being analyzed in select units on the ground in Afghanistan, is designed to increase situational awareness and lethality, said SBL project manager Capt. Joshua Stiltner.

The $10,000 ARC system is a multipurpose system that allows the remote control of several different types of unmanned robotics elements and exponentially expands the communication capabilities from firing teams to higher echelons, Stiltner said.

The Sensoria radio, which is powered by the same battery as the widely used SINCGARS, has a 400- to 600-meter, line-

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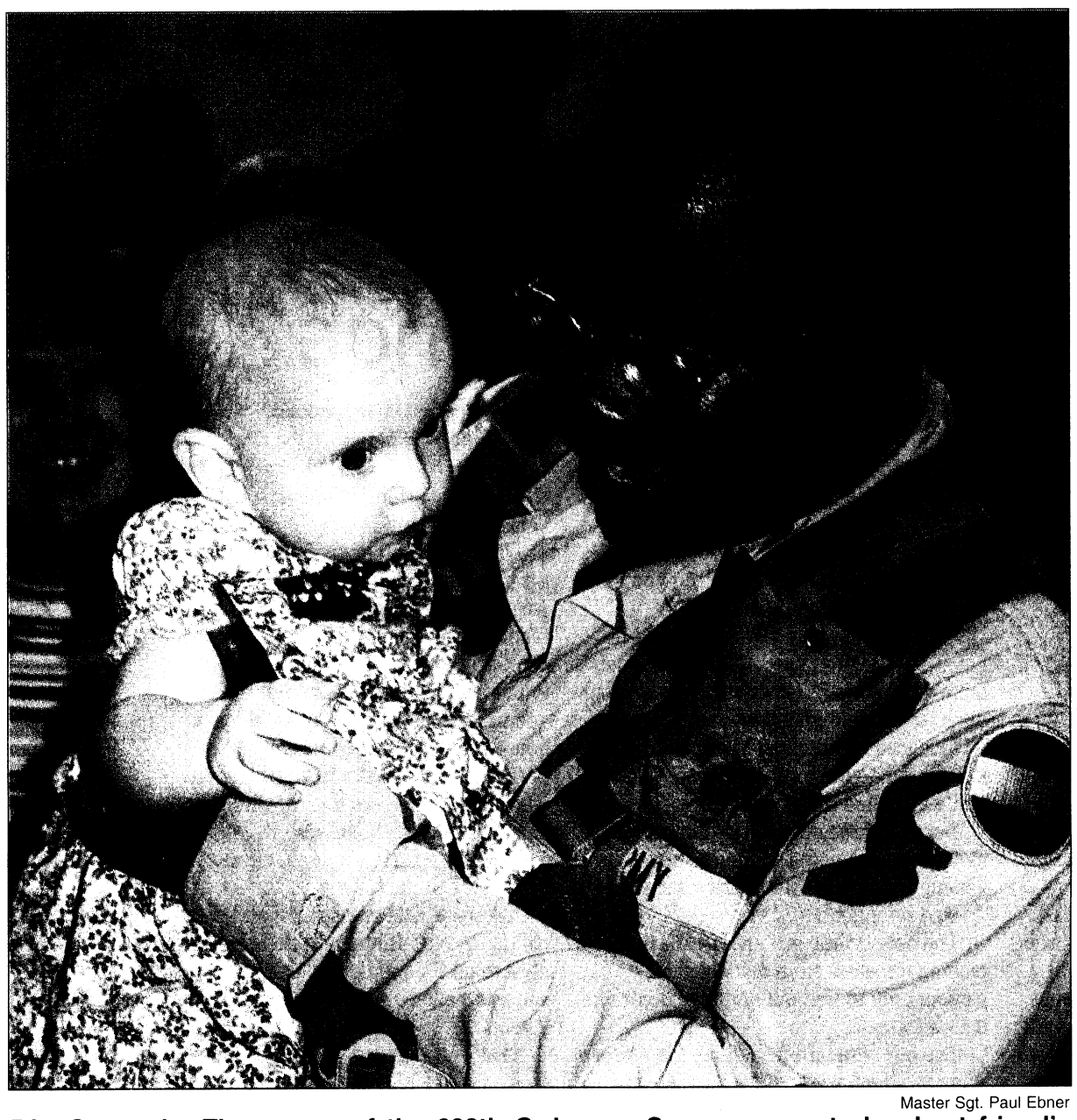

Master Sgt. Paul Ebner

Pfc. Samantha Thompson, of the 608th Ordnance Company, meets her best friend's daughter, Ally Wilson, upon returning from deployment this weekend.

36th Engineer units return

Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner
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Soldiers from the 608th Ordnance Company and the 233rd Heavy Equipment Transport Detachment suffered no injuries during their deployment to Iraq, although there were plenty of tears, when family members attacked them at Audie Murphy Gym Saturday.

Col. Jim Brooks, commander of the 36th Engineer Group, ordered the attack after a brief ceremony welcoming the troops home from tours supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Both units returned with no casualties or serious injuries, Brooks said.

The Soldiers will undergo 10 days of reunion and integration with their families, with assistance provided by Army Community Services and other post agencies, and will then take two to four weeks of block leave. When they return from leave, they will recover their equipment.

For Spc. Teresa Conley of the 63rd Engineer Company, the homecoming is none too soon. Conley's husband, Staff Sgt.

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Anti-terror efforts step up

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Construction on the new Interstate 185 access control point continues as Fort Benning authorities work to harden the post's defense against terrorism in accordance with the the Army Antiterrorism and Force Protection Program.

The installation antiterrorism force protection officer, Bob Robertson, said that while no location is ever absolutely safe from the danger of a terrorist attack, the security at Fort Benning is sound and is being developed and transformed into an even stronger safety net.

"Given the current threat level at Fort Benning, I am comfortable," he said. "Prior to 9/11 we were an open post. We have come a long way, and great strides have been made to make the installation closed."

The prime focus is to stop vehicular-borne explosive devices, Robertson said.

"We have more than $8 million invested in upgrading and fortifying the access control points and a $5 million fencing project that should be completed by August," he said.

Robertson said the $8 million allotted for access control points will pay for surveillance equipment, slalom-type concrete barriers to make a speeding vehicle incapable of breaking through the gate areas

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Benning Soldiers fight fires, save lives

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

The calls come in at one, two in the morning — car accidents, medical emergencies, fires. They leave their beds, their families, and rush to Jefferson Avenue or Highway 280, wherever it is this time. They see terrible things, struggle to sleep for nights afterward.

And they do it for free.

Ladonia, a small, residential town of 15,000 just outside of Phenix City, is home to Fire Station 200. It's a place neighboring school kids love to visit and families stop by on their way through town, just to see the trucks.

The station also serves as the first responder to any emergency for the 6,500 residences and businesses in the 28 square miles it's responsible for. And it's a sanctuary for its professionals — men and women who volunteer as firefighters in whatever spare time they can muster between work and home life.

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Sgt. Kim Dooley

Sgt. Paul Walrath, a volunteer firefighter with Fire Station 200 in Ladonia, Ala., lifts his mask for some fresh air after training with the "jaws of life" in 94-degree heat June 11.

DADDY'S GIRL

Hopeless, but loving it

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor



My earliest memories of my father revolve around my favorite part of him, his feet.

Gnarly as they are, he frequently tried to convince me they "smelled like roses" while yanking them out of his combat boots and nudging them dangerously close to my freckled, little nose.

When I was 3, they were my saving grace after I split my head open in a freak accident. Lying across my mom's lap in the front seat of our VW Bug, soaking a rag with blood, my sister screaming bloody murder in the back seat, I glanced down at my dad's foot pressed down on the gas pedal as he sped to the hospital. In his hurry to get out of the house, he was barefoot in sneakers.

"Daddy's not wearing any socks!" I announced gleefully and burst into laughter.

I still remember that image.

Later, those feet became a drawing board for my sister and me, who gave each toe a happy face, colored in his toenails, and left cute, little messages and flowers with pens and the occasional permanent marker.

Poor old Dad spent many a morning shielding his feet from the view of the other Soldiers getting ready for work in gym locker rooms around the world.

But Daddy's always been a good sport. Whether we were attacking his feet, rubbing his bald spot "for good luck" or teasing him mercilessly about his broken down old jeep, he took it like a man — and returned the favor in good form.

Which is why, at 22, I am still a hopeless Daddy's girl. I still get that childlike excitement when he comes to visit and parade him around at work and rugby practice like he's my show-and-tell. I still call him at least once a week to catch him up on everything in my life. I still talk through all life's little troubles with him when I'm not sure what to do.

And Dad, in turn, is a regular Cosmo advice column. He's nursed me through more break-ups than any of my girlfriends. And he's coached me on everything from diet and exercise to boys to valuable vocational tips.

Not that he's one to give unsolicited advice — well, at least not without prefacing it with, "I hate to give you advice, but ..." Nope, Dad's an advocate of learning from experience, making your own mistakes.

He remembers what it was like to be my age. He remembers that there are lots of silly slip-ups on the road to adulthood, and he remembers how much he valued acceptance while finding his own path. And thank God for that.

There are very few people in life who can offer you complete, unconditional acceptance and love. Now that I'm out here on my own, I realize just how much that means.

Dad has become more of a destination than a person these days, now that I'm stationed here and he's retired out in Washington state. He's a place where I can go with my problems and fears, a place I can share my triumphs and joys, a place where someone genuinely cares. Dad is my sanctuary.

Ridiculously sappy as this is, it's true. And I pray that it's true for others out there, too. Because I can't imagine my life without my father.

And every day — every time I hear someone complain about their rotten old man or talk about never knowing their father — I appreciate him even more.

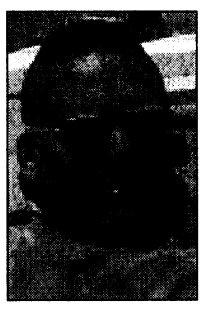
And Sunday is the perfect time to tell him. Not that I don't already tell him now and again, but Sunday is his special day — Father's Day.

So don't let your father go unappreciated. Think of all the wonderful moments your father has inspired in your life — even if it's only one or two — and be thankful for those.

And if you can, call him and tell him about it.

Are your children free range?

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Arabinko
U.S. Army Infantry Center



Ahhh ... it's that time of year again, school's out. It's time for the raising of Free Range Children.

Does this mean children who are fed wholesome, organic, pesticide- and additive-free food? Children who are taken places by their parents, instead of sitting around the house? No, not really.

This is the time for kids to run around, unsupervised, regardless of age.

This is the time for me to go outside, to water the flowers that my wife so painstakingly planted, and find the cutest little girl picking flowers.

"Hey sweetie! Whatcha doing?" I ask.

"I'm picking flowers for my mom," she answers.

Isn't that sweet? And it's a courageous adventure, this flower picking. No coward of the jungle is she. She just doesn't go for the blooms on the periphery. She wades right in deep, trampling the lesser blooms, to get to the good ones. You have to admire her.

A few days later, a young boy, maybe 8 or 9, comes knocking on the back door.

"Mister, do you have any band-aids?"

He had scraped his knee. Not a bad wound but a good scrape. He definitely needed to have the dirt and gravel washed out.

I cleaned and dressed his wound. Good trooper, he — not a flinch or a squeak while I cleaned the wound.

But this is the question — where was his mother and why would her child go to a complete stranger for medical help?

And on it goes.

The not-so-little girl and her playmate picking tomatoes from my vegetable garden, only to find out that they don't like the green ones.

The boy trotting off with my kids' super soakers, which were on the back porch. He didn't think anyone wanted them — "they were just laying around."

The kid walking down the alley with a metal mop handle in hand, dragging it down the side of my wife's truck. (Thank God it wasn't my Harley.)

Or the children my wife caught breaking the garage window out with a board. It was already broken, and they had no malicious intent. They were far too small for that. My wife takes the children back to their parents only to be told, "What are you upset about? It's not like it's your house. Just call in a work order."

Then there's the kicker: The mother who stands in her front yard yelling for her daughter to come home. By the way, her child is 2, a block away and walking down the middle of the road.

Are these Free Range Children bad children? No. But maybe their parents need to take a good, long look in the mirror and ask themselves if they are good parents.

That's all for now. I have to go find my boys. I never know where those critters are ... .

This place is dripping with signage

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff



I'm having a bad signage attack. That's right; signage, not sinus. Here at *The Bayonet*, we literary types like to poke fun at prolific useage — make that use — of pompous words.

Let's call it "pompage."

Take, for instance, the flagrant abuse of the word utilize.

Why would anyone use a word like utilize when they could, and should, utilize a word like use?

Simplistic instead of simple?

Lackadaisical instead of lazy?

Once is a crime — more than once is crimage and the offender should be pummeled with a stack of thesauruses. The carnage should be put on public display as signage to others.

Then there's my personal favorite, the phrase "to include." Nine letters, folks. The word "including" has the same amount, and it's stood the test of time, thank you very much.

Proper English shouldn't be tortured with trendy revisions of our most venerable verbage. Uckage!

My co-worker, Melissa, has her pet peeve, too. She reviles the intentional use of misspelled words, to include Krispy Kreme, Late Nite, Kool-Aid and the like.

"It's such a load of krap," she says.

Oh, and let's not forget the increasage in the usage of pretentious plurals, like "moneys" and "peoples," and the rampant rise in redundancies, like "each individual person," "assistant vice principal," or (this one recently on national TV) "Again, let me reiterate."

Then there's the use of the word "won" in reference to a military award, as in, "He lost his arm and won the Purple Heart." It therefore follows, that anyone who didn't lose his arm must have *lost* the Purple Heart, huh. Wars are won, peoples, military medals are not.

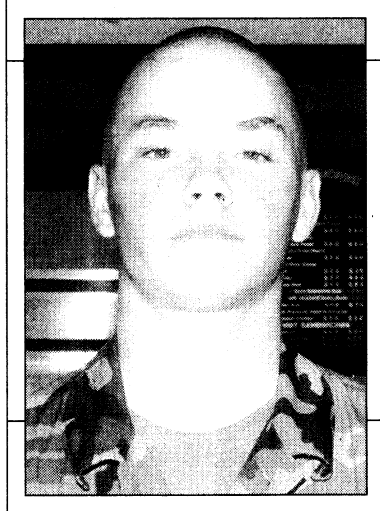
And yes, I have a personal problem with the unnecessary use of the word "personal," as in "personal opinion" or "personal courage." Are there any other kinds?

Well, there you have it, *The Bayonet*'s short list of literary pet peeves. Hey, it's just our public opinion, but try to keep it simplistic.

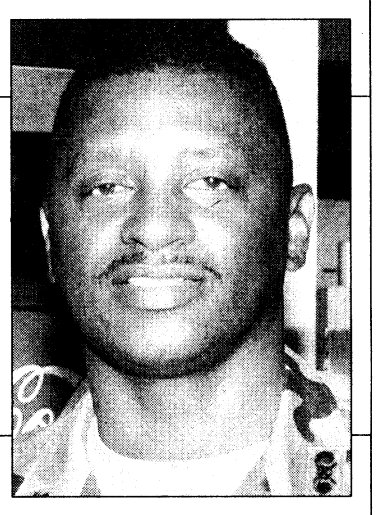
And at the risk of being redundant, please don't make me repeat myself.

VARIOUS VOICES

What would you do if you saw an unsupervised child or one doing something potentially dangerous?



Pvt. Justin Rhodes, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment — "If I saw a kid playing outside without supervision, I'd stop and talk to him, ask him where he lives and go talk to his parents. These days, it's crazy — people try to steal kids."



Lt. Col. Jerzell Black, U.S. Army Cadet Command Headquarters— "If I saw a kid riding down the street with no helmet, first, I'd tell him to get out of the street, and then it is important to think about safety. You need to tell him he needs a helmet."



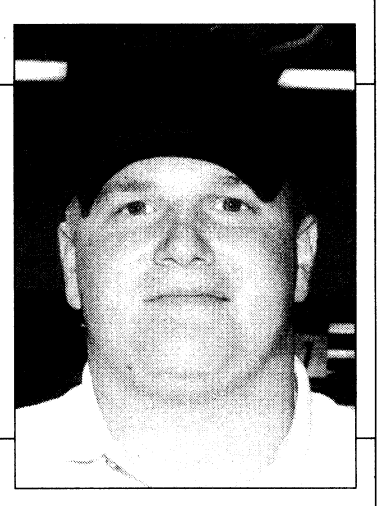
Mary Green, family member — "If I saw kids roller skating in the street, I would tell them to get out of the street, because they could be hit by a car."



Kathy Bielski, family member— "If I saw a child playing with a stray dog, I would call the MPs and obviously call my kids in the house."



Spc. Pamela Evans, 2025th Transportation Company — "If I saw younger children playing in a pool unsupervised, I would stop and ring the doorbell and ask who is supposed to be watching them, because that is very dangerous."



Spc. Mark Keller, 988th Military Police Company — "If I saw kids out and about after curfew, I would probably yell at them. If I was on the job, I'd pull them aside, make them tell me where they live and then take them home and inform their parents."

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Army unveils new combat uniform

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WASHINGTON — The Army officially unveiled its new combat uniform, designed with major input by NCOs and Soldiers and tested by Stryker Brigade Soldiers in Iraq since October 2003.

Three different versions of the Army combat uniform, or ACU, have been developed, and more than 10,000 uniforms have been produced and battle-tested in the sands of Iraq and at Army training centers. Even more are on production lines to be issued by April 2005 to Soldiers in deploying units.

Current fielding plans call for fielding to the total Army by December 2007, said officials from the Program Executive Office, known as PEO Soldier.

"This isn't about a cosmetic redesign of the uniform," said Col. John Norwood, the project manager for PEO Clothing and Individual Equipment. "It's a functionality change of the uniform that will improve the ability of Soldiers to execute their combat mission."

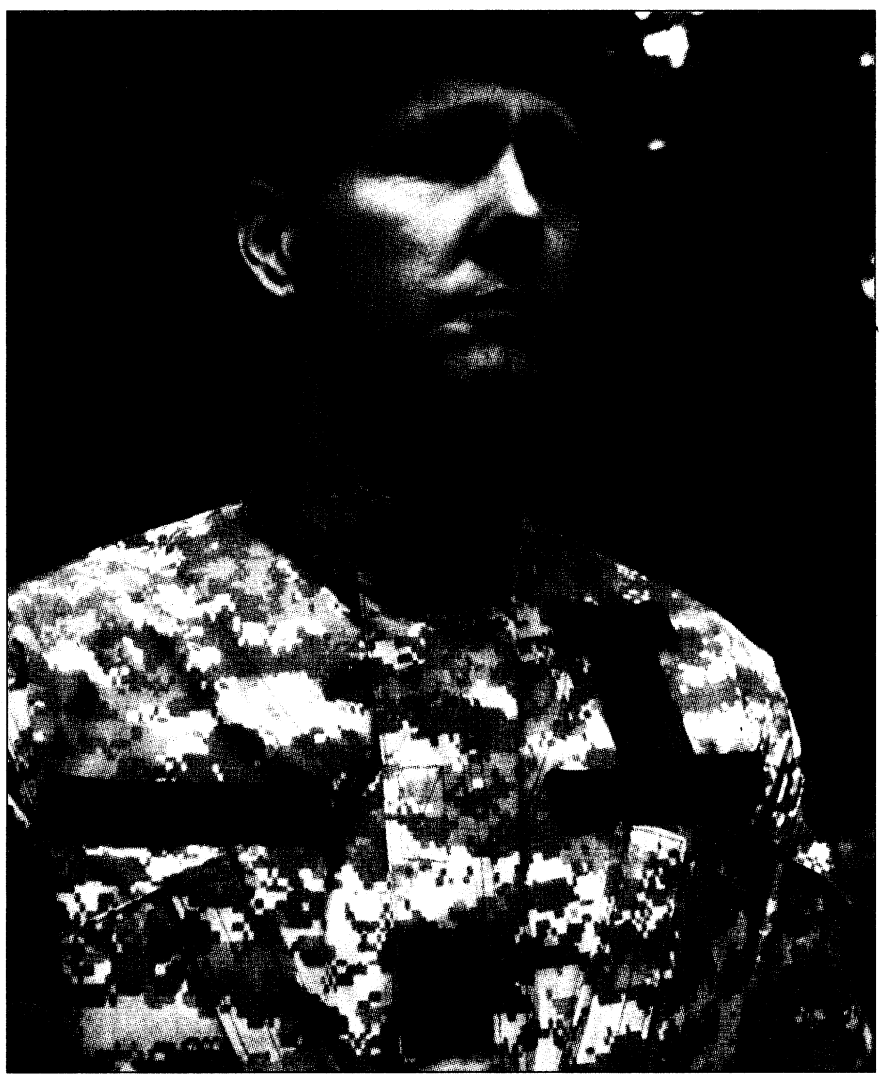
There were 18 changes made to the uniform, including removing the color black and adapting the digital print from the Marine Corps uniform to meet the needs of the Army, said Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre, the Clothing and Individual Equipment NCOIC.

The Army's Natick Laboratory in Natick, Mass., took the original digital pattern to the next level by developing a pattern for worldwide theaters to encompass both the BDU and DCU requirements.

Black is no longer useful on the uniform because it is not a color found in woodland areas, Myhre said. The current colors on the ACU are green and sandy brown.

The pattern is not a 100 percent solution in every environment, he said, but a good solution across the board.

Every change was made for a reason. The bottom pockets on the jacket were removed and placed on the shoulder sleeves, so Soldiers can have access to them while they're wearing body armor. The pockets were also tilted forward so that they are easily accessible. Buttons were replaced with zippers that open from the top and bottom to provide comfort while wearing armor.



Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs

Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre, the Program Executive Office Clothing and Individual equipment NCOIC, in the new ACU.

The ACU will consist of a jacket, trousers, moisture-wicking T-shirt and brown combat boots. It will replace both versions of the BDU and the desert camouflage uniform. The black beret will be the normal headgear for the ACU, but there is a matching patrol cap to be worn at the commander's discretion.

Patches and tabs will be affixed to the uniform with Velcro to give the wearer more flexibility and to save the Soldier money, Myhre said. Soldiers can take the name tapes and patches off their uniforms before laundering, which will add to the lifecycle of the patches. Also, the cost to get the patches sewn on will be eliminated, he said.

At $88 per uniform, about $30 more than the BDU, Soldiers will eventually reap gains in money and time by not having to take uniforms to the cleaners or shine boots.

The Army's new uniform, was developed with the concerns of Soldiers in mind and was a revolutionary step for the Army, officials said.

"We have not made a major change to our uniforms since the BDUs were introduced in the early 1980s," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston, one of the ACU's biggest supporters.

Back then, the BDU was the revolutionary uniform engineered to reduce detection in varying light levels and environments. It became the new standard in the Army's wardrobe, replacing the Army's all-purpose "green sateen" or olive-drab fatigues and the Army's camouflage-patterned green poplin jungle uniform, which was developed in 1968 for the Vietnam War.

It was the same feeling in the early 80s, Myhre said of the reaction of today's Soldiers to the ACUs.

And just like then, it'll take a little while for people to get comfortable with it, he said.

But "the Army was due for a change," Norwood said.

The ACU, Norwood's fourth uniform since joining the Army, "accommodates the needs of Soldiers in modern combat and integrates with the Interceptor body armor," a high-tech system of protective inserts that provides more protection than traditional flak jackets and is lighter in weight.

The ACU has "ergonomic improvements," said Brig. Gen. James Moran, the program executive officer for PEO Soldier.

Its modifications were intended to fulfill the needs of Soldiers in combat, he said. It analyzes what Soldiers need in combat and "increases fightability."

"This new uniform performs well in multiple environments," Preston said. "Its new pockets and color designs are a result of feedback from Soldiers in combat. Every modification made on the uniform was designed with a specific purpose and not just for the sake of change.

"It's only fitting that the next generation of Army uniforms be designed to meet actual wartime requirements," he said.

CLOSER LOOK

In addition to overall pattern and color changes, the ACU changes include:

- Mandarin collar that can be worn up or down
- Rank insignia affixed above right chest pocket
- Velcro for wearing patches and tabs
- Zipped front closure
- Elbow pouch for internal elbow pad inserts
- Knee pouch for internal knee pad inserts
- Elastic leg cuff
- Tilted chest pockets with Velcro closure
- Three-slot pen pocket on bottom sleeve
- Velcro sleeve cuff closure
- Shoulder pockets with Velcro
- Integrated blouse bellows for increased upper body mobility
- Bellowed calf storage pocket on left and right leg
- Moisture-wicking brown T-shirt

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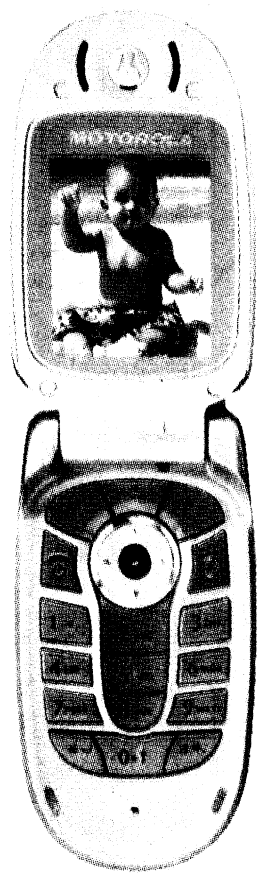
(Not yet, but we're working on that.)



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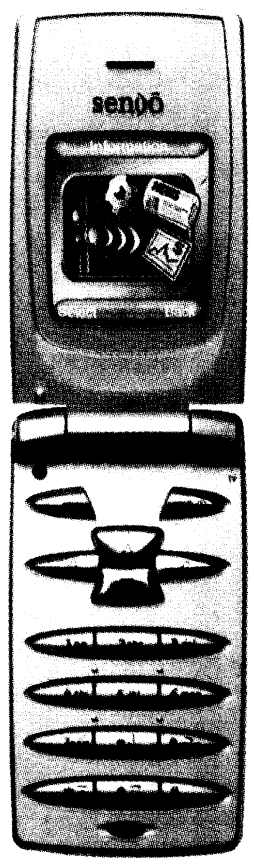

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Benning celebrates Army's 229th birthday

Post honors Army, infantry, country's flag

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Marshall Auditorium was filled Monday afternoon as Fort Benning celebrated the Army's 229th birthday.

"This is a one-in-three day," said Commanding General Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley. "We're celebrating Flag Day, the Army's birthday and the infantry birthday."

He reminded the audience that the Army was created before the nation, with the authorization of 10 companies of infantry from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia that composed the new Continental Army.

"The infantry has stood by and served the nation proudly," Freakley said.

Americans pause to honor the flag, he said, but the military honors the flag every day, raising it at dawn and lowering it at dusk.

He said Flag Day brings to mind famous pictures like the Marines raising the flag atop Mt. Suribachi.

"They raised the flag and there was a whole new hope that they would win, that they would prevail that day," he said. "All because valiant men got to the top of a volcano with the red, white and blue."

The stirring, patriotic feeling that picture evoked should not be taken for granted, he said and asked the audience to honor the flag always as a representation of the best of America.

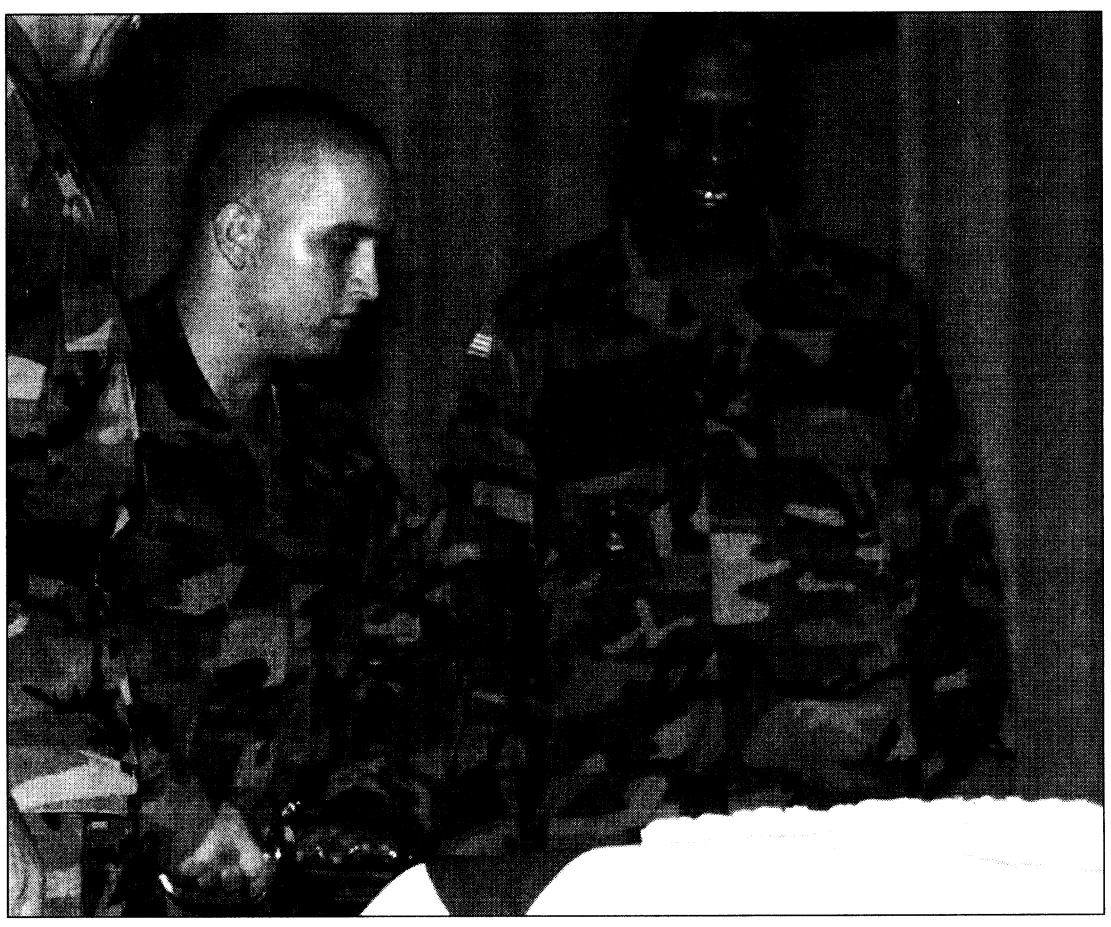
Celebrating the Army's 229th birthday, Freakley said, recognizes an Army which has never risen up to threaten the government or the citizens.

"The Army has been loyal to the country," Freakley said. "Its Soldiers have fulfilled their moral obligations by doing what they were asked, no matter where."

And the Army, he said, has always done its duty, espousing its values of respect and selfless service.

"The Army stands up for what's right and shows respect for mankind, for the fellow citizens of the world," he said. "And selfless service is personified in the World War II veterans who won't tell about their service unless you pry it out of them."

He said there are names of many great Soldiers in the Army's 229-year history that roll easily off lips — men like Audie Murphy and Alvin York, and more recent heroes like Sgt. 1st Class Randy Shugart and Master Sgt. Gary Gordon, killed in Somalia trying to rescue a downed helicopter pilot.



Melissa House

Pvt. Chris Kennedy, 17, left, cuts the Army's birthday cake during the ceremony Monday as Sgt. 1st Class Henry Sanders, 58, looks on. Kennedy and Sanders are the post's youngest and oldest Soldiers.

"But for every Medal of Honor recipient," he said, "there are hundreds of thousands who left the service with a simple piece of paper — an honorable discharge — and we should be proud of each and every one of them."

Following Freakley's remarks, was a streamer ceremony, during which Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Fortson, garrison command sergeant major, placed the 175 campaign streamers on the Army flag.

The streamers, some hung individually and others hung in groups of 10 or more, represent the campaigns throughout the Army's history where American Soldiers fought and died. The Army's first campaign streamer is from the Battle of Lexington in 1775.

And as no birthday celebration is complete without cake, Fort Benning's oldest and youngest Soldiers cut the cake to end the ceremony.

The oldest Soldier was 58-year-old Sgt. 1st Class Henry Sanders, an operations NCO from 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry Regiment, who heard someone "surfed the net at Fort Benning to find him."

The youngest Soldier, Pvt. Chris Kennedy, of B Company, 2nd Bn., 54th Inf. Regt., turned 17 in March. He knew he was the youngest Soldier in his battalion because the cadre made him the "keeper of the crossed rifles."

And just to show that the Army's spirit of selfless service was alive and well, even in the youngest of infantry Soldiers, Kennedy said he wouldn't be having any of the birthday cake.

"It wouldn't be right, because my company can't have cake," Kennedy said. "They're out there training."



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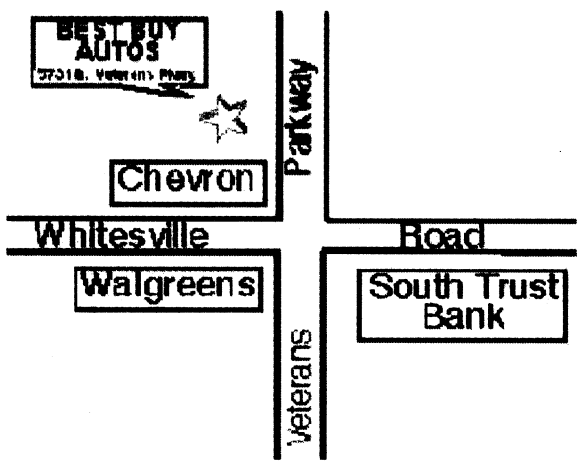

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Post gears up for July 1st

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning is set to celebrate Independence Day with style from 4 p.m. through the end of the fireworks July 1 at York Field.

Those who may have already marked their calendars for the event should note the change to the previously published start time.

There will be something for everyone at the celebration, from food to music to military demonstrations and displays.

A section of the middle of York Field will be roped off as the landing zone for the Ranger Training Brigade's FRIES and SPIES demonstration at 7 p.m., which involves Rangers conducting an air assault insertion and extraction. Fort Benning's Silver Wings parachute team will perform a spot jump at 7:15 p.m.

Jamie Enos, marketing assisant for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said there will be a number of differences from last year's celebration.

"There will be around 50 rides and activities," Enos said, "about double what was here last year."

In fact, she said, there isn't enough space on York Field to hold everything, so the site is expanding toward TIC credit union.

Another difference this year, Enos said, is the fireworks will be launched from the top of Infantry Hall instead of from across the street on Stewart Field.

The Infantry Center Band will play patriotic music during the fireworks show.

Throughout the day, the band, along with Jag Star, a pop group from Tennessee who played for coalition troops in Afghanistan last year, will entertain the crowd.

The day will also feature a military aircraft flyover, the unveiling of the refurbished "Follow Me" statue at 8:50 p.m. and a number of static military displays.

Enos said the DMWR staff expects 10,000 to 15,000 to attend the celebration.

The July 1st celebration is the first opportunity to buy tickets for the Miller Light Army Concert Tour — the Honky Tonk Tailgate Party. Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 at the gate on July 31 and $10 for each person in a group of 25 or more.

For more information, call 545-3328.

Schedule of events:

- **4 p.m.** Field open to all guests. Special entertainment by Jag Star.
- **6:15 p.m.** Korean Martial arts demonstration.
- **7 p.m.** FRIES and SPIES
- **7:15 p.m.** Silver Wings Parachute Team spot jump.
- **7:30 p.m.** USAIC Band Concert and 50 state flag ceremony
- **8:30 p.m.** Military aircraft flyover.
- **8:40 p.m.** Guest speaker
- **8:50 p.m.** Unveiling of the refurbished Follow Me statue by the sculptor, model, oldest and youngest Soldiers
- **8:58 p.m.** Fireworks display.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Changes of command

The 14th Field Hospital change of command is 9 a.m. Monday on York Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Glenn Iacovetta. Incoming commander is Col. Jeffrey Haun. The unit will be redesignated as the 14th Combat Support Hospital.

The 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, will change command at 9 a.m. Tuesday on Kanell Field. Outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Bradley K. Nelson. Incoming commander is Lt. Col. Thomas H. Brittain.

The 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, will change command at 9 a.m. June 29 on Kanell Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Allen Smith. Incoming commander is Lt. Col. Richard Hickenbottom.

The 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, will change command at 9 a.m. July 7 on York Field. Outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Gregory Kane. Incoming commander is Lt. Col. Mark Edmonds.

The Ranger Training Brigade will change command at 9 a.m. July 13 at the Ranger Memorial. The outgoing commander is Col. William Kidd. Incoming commander is Col. K. K. Chinn.

The 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, will change command at 9 a.m. July 14 at the Airborne Memorial Walk. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Aidis Zunde. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Sean McCaffrey.

The 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, change of command is 7 p.m. July 16 on York Field. Outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Paul Lacamera. Incoming commander is Lt. Col. John Castles.

The U.S. Army Dental Activity change of command is at 9 a.m. July 21 at Love Dental Clinic. Outgoing commander is Col. Robert Lutka. The incoming commander is Col. Conrad Bodai.

The 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, will change command at 9 a.m. July 27 on Kanell Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Robert Freehill. Incoming commander is Lt. Col. Randolph White.

The Infantry Training Brigade will change command at 9 a.m. Aug. 3 at Kanell Field. The outgoing commander is Col. Brian Baldy. The incoming commander is Col. Scott Henry.

The 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, change of command is 9 a.m. Aug. 4 at York Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Alan Neyland. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Marlon Blocker.

Engineer regimental muster ceremony

The 36th Engineer Group will host a muster ceremony for post engineers at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Infantry Hall's Classroom 10. The muster program establishes a standard for recognizing excellence and maintains the regimental rolls muster book. A muster card will be issued to engineer personnel as a record of registration. For more information, call Capt. Endia Cook at 545-7394.

Combat leader guest speaker

Retired Marine Corps Gen. Charles Krulak will speak at 2 p.m. June 22 in Marshall Auditorium. The public is invited.

Freight office relocates

The Transportation Freight Office has relocated from Building 280 to Building 1836, the historic railway station, across from Building 280.

2004 elections

To be eligible for absentee voting in the 2004 elections, you must be registered to vote. To register, complete a Federal Post Card Application and mail to the state where you vote. To get the FPCA, contact your unit Voting Assistance Officer or download it from www.fvap.gov. The deadline to mail the FPCA is Aug. 15. The deadline to mail the absentee ballot is Oct. 11.

Hatch Act

It's election time, and time to remind government civilian employees of the restrictions on political activities. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has issued a letter identifying many of the prohibitions relating to political activities. The letter can be viewed by at www.osc.gov/ hatchact.com.

For more information, call Nancy Skates at (703) 325-1334, DSN 221-1334 or e-mail nancy.skates@asamra.hoffman.army. mil.

AEC rescinds restriction

The Army Education Center has rescinded the restriction on issuing tuition assistance for the current semester. For more information, call at 545-3237.

EOD recruiting

EOD recruiters are looking for Soldiers who want to become Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialists. Call 545-5372 or 545-4154.

Tax center open

The Fort Benning Tax Center remains open and will still prepare federal and state tax returns for the 2001, 2002 and 2003. The off-season location is Building 5, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

For more information, call 545-3281.

Ranger graduations

The following Ranger School classes will graduate on these dates:

- Class 7-04, July 9
- Class 8-04, Aug. 6
- Class 9-04, Sept. 17
- Class 10-04, Oct. 15
- Class 11-04, Nov. 5

The graduation is preceded by a Rangers in Action demonstration at 10 a.m.

OIP seeks input

The Office of Infantry Proponency focuses on professional development and promotion and assignment guidance for the infantry Soldier. Submit input on training, equipment an all qther infantry-related issues at www.benning.army.mil/ oip.

For more information, call 545-5143.

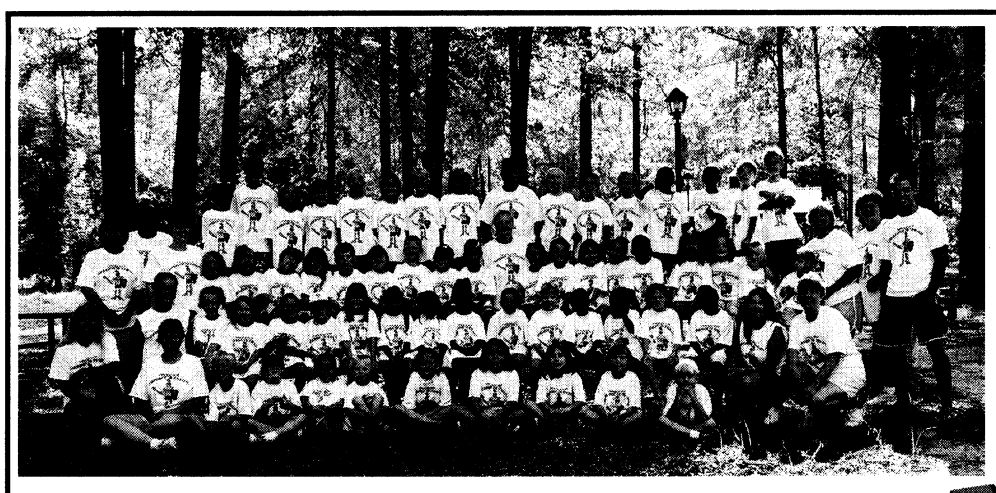
Reclamation sale hours

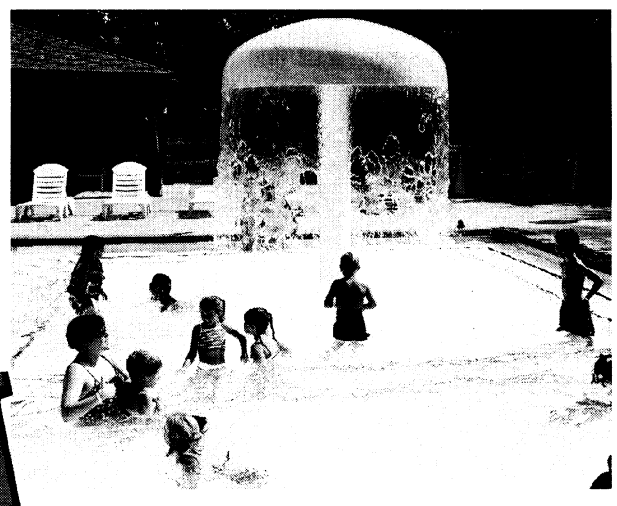
New reclamation sale hours at Building 224 will be 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. the first Friday of every month. For more information, call 545-1104.

USAMU classes

The shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle and Service Pistol teams teach shooting techniques to Soldiers on the M-4, M-16 and M-9 weapon systems.

To schedule rifle training, call Staff Sgt. Kyle Ward at 545-3250 or 545-5614. To schedule pistol training, call Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gibbs at 545-7022 or 545-3893.



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Camp will be divided into three separate age groups. K-2nd, 3rd – 5th and 6th – 8th. Everyone (K-8th grades) will arrive at Uchee Creek Camp (New Facilities Building) by 9:00am each day to sign in. The older children (3rd – 5th and 6th – 8th) will depart at separate intervals to Richardson's Farm for their daily activities and K – 2nd will remain at Uchee Creek for their activities. Everyone will return to Uchee Creek for parent pickup by 5:00pm each day.

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ITB battalion changes command, passes colors

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Lt. Col. William O. Payne, commander of 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, bid a fond farewell to Sand Hill Wednesday during a ceremony on Kanell Field as he handed over the reins to Lt. Col. Francis B. Burns.

Col. Brian Baldy, Infantry Training Brigade commander, spoke to the Soldiers of 1st Bn., 50th Inf. Regt., formed up to welcome their new commander, about Payne's dedication to ITB.

"You should know that it was (Payne's) commitment, vision and just plain hard work that led your battalion to training readiness and discipline," Baldy said. "It does not get any better than this."

Baldy also said it was hard to say farewell to Payne, who has been a great leader and has done great things for the Soldiers in his command.

Payne choked up as he bid farewell to his Soldiers and comrades after the exchange of the battalion colors.

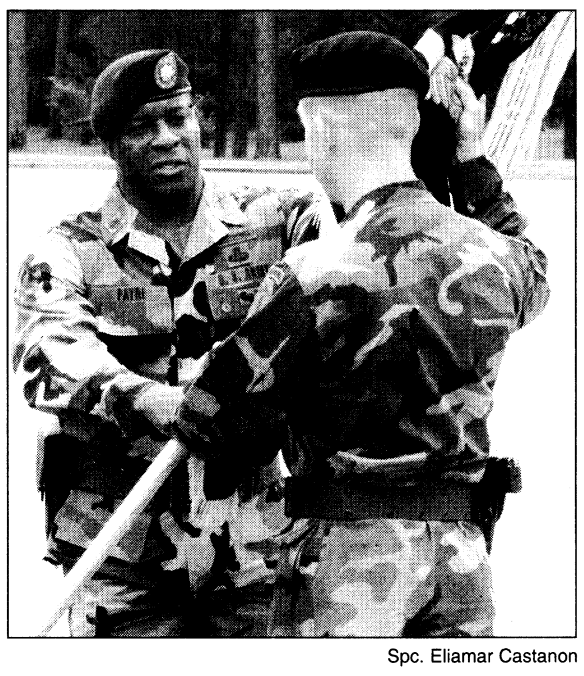
"It doesn't seem that long ago that I was on the parade field receiving those colors," Payne said. "I guess time flies when you're having fun, but I look forward to the challenges that are ahead of me."

Payne said that he feels a great sense of relief to be leaving the Soldiers and families of his battalion in the capable hands of a great commander.

Burns told the Soldiers of the battalion their reputation of character, confidence and competence proceeds them and he looks forward to serving with them.

Burns' last assignment was as the executive officer for the Directorate of Combat Development, U.S. Army Infantry School. He and his wife, Darlene, have three boys, Conor, Cormac and Cavan.

Burns is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Combined Arms Staff Services School, the Army's Command and General Staff Officer's College, the Total Army Instructor Training Course, the Air Assault Course, Airborne and Ranger Schools and the Bradley Leader's Courses.



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Outgoing commander, Lt. Col. William O. Payne, left, passes the guidon to Col. Brian Baldy, Infantry Training Brigade commander, during the unit's change of command Wednesday on Kanell Field. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Francis Burns.

SOUTH CAROLINA TO ALLOW USE OF THE FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND FAXING OF BALLOTS FOR U.S. SENATE REPUBLICAN RUNOFF ELECTION ON JUNE 22, 2004

The Elections Commission in South Carolina has authorized the use of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), SF-186, by all members of the uniformed services, their family members and overseas citizens for these primary runoffs. The faxing of completed ballots for this election has also been approved. These actions were taken due to the compressed period of time between primary and runoff elections that would have prevented voters from returning their ballots by the return deadline.

County election officials are also mailing state write-in absentee ballots to those affected voters with instructions for checking the South Carolina Web site for final candidate names. The state ballot may also be faxed in for the primary runoff. Uniformed Service members and overseas voters from South Carolina should vote using the FWAB or the state write-in ballot and the names listed below as soon as possible. Ballots must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Use the fax cover sheet provided in Appendix C on page 333 of the 2004-2005 Voting Assistance Guide (available in PDF format online at www.fvap.gov), which includes a waiver of secrecy for the faxed ballot. The voted ballots should be faxed to 703-693-5527, 1-800-368-8683, or DSN(military) 223-5527. Please mail the original ballot to your county election official after faxing.

The candidates are:
Republican Party Senatorial Primary:
David Beasley and Jim DeMint

For information about the candidates, visit the Web site of the South Carolina Election Commission at http://www.state.sc.us/scsec.

Questions regarding the above may also be referred to the Director, FVAP, Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-1155. The FVAP can be reached via e-mail at vote@fvap.ncr.gov.

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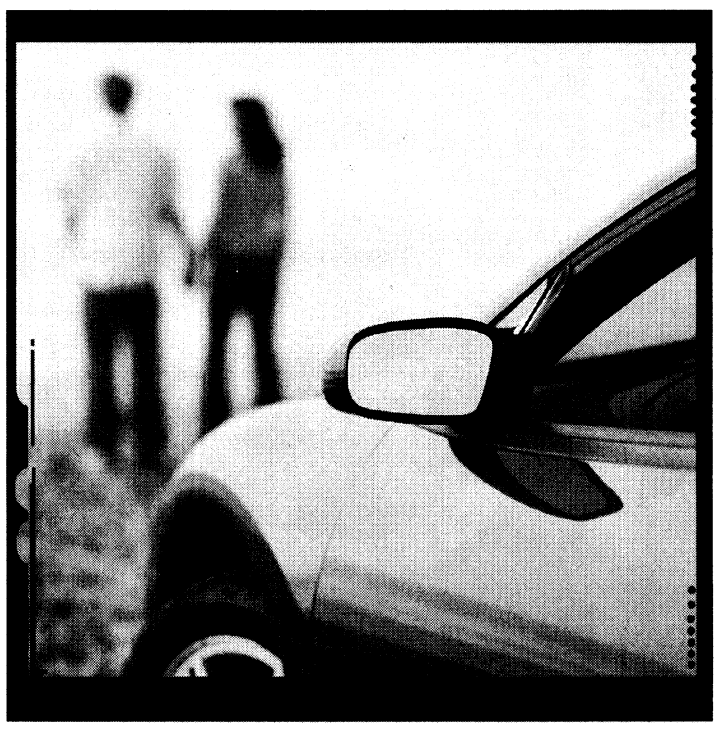

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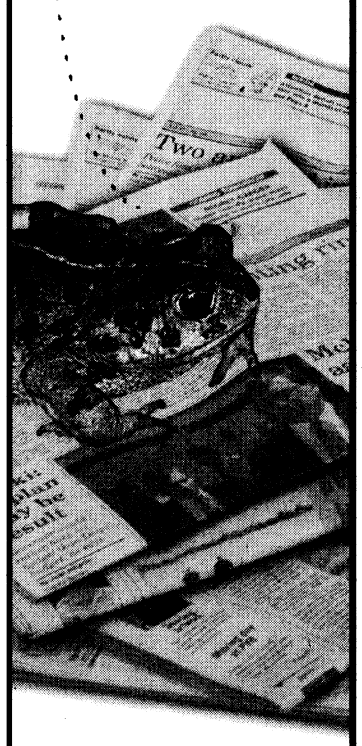

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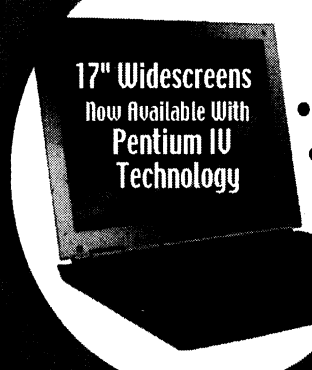

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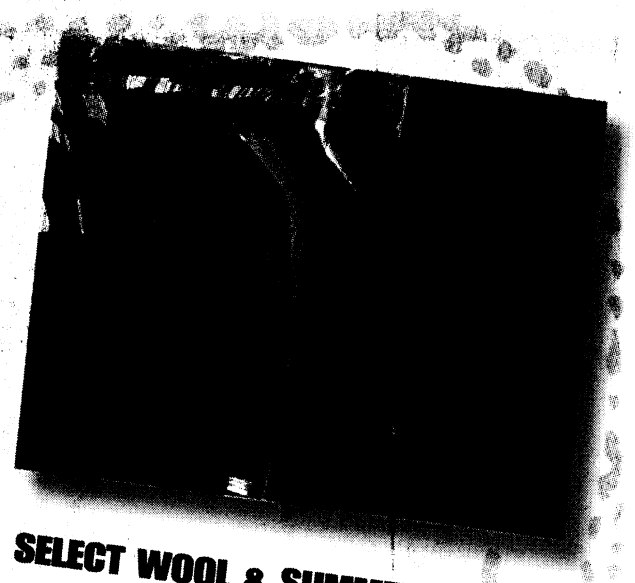

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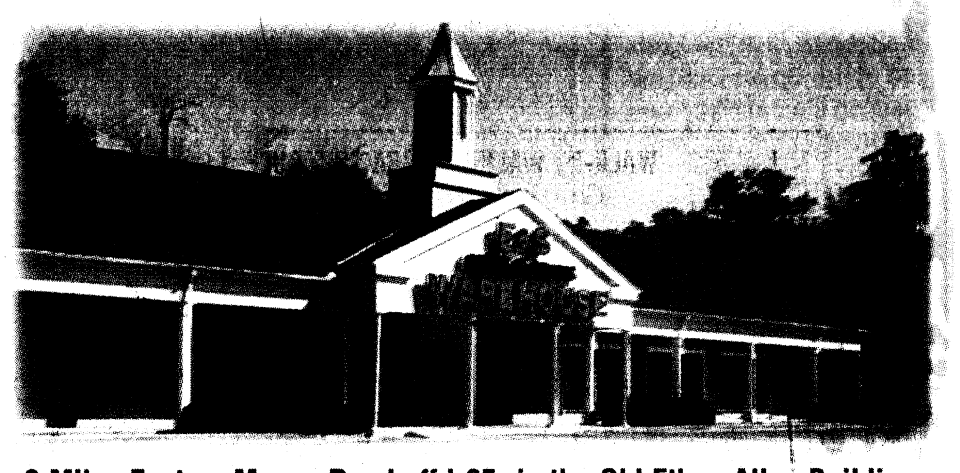

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Volunteers: Save lives in Ladonia

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"It's like a second life," said Sgt. Paul Walrath, a dog handler and one of three Fort Benning Soldiers who volunteer at the station. "When we're not at Fort Benning, we're doing this."

"This" includes intensive training — everything from qualifying to drive every truck in the station to extraction techniques to putting out car and house fires. It means responding to around 600 calls a year, putting out structure and forest fires, prying people from mangled cars with the "jaws of life," cleaning up bodies after particularly bad car accidents and treating medical patients, sometimes serious, sometimes not.

"There are mornings when I've gone straight home from a fire to get changed and then gone to PT smelling like smoke from the fire," said Sgt. 1st Class Mark Boisclair,



The firefighters' suits protect them from fires that range from 1,200 to 1,500 degrees.

operations NCOIC for Headquarters, 3rd Brigade.

Other times, they've responded to calls in BDUs.

Not that they're complaining.

"We're here mainly because we love it," said 1st Sgt. Dave Hennessey, former first sergeant for C Company, 317th Engineer Battalion. "You can't get up at one, two in the morning to do this unless you love it. Because we're definitely not getting paid."

"It gets in your veins," Walrath agreed.

Of course, it's also somewhat personal for the station's 12 or so active volunteers. Some of them are older — Ladonia's veteran citizens, so to speak. They know the people they go to help, their friends and neighbors.

Walrath and Boisclair may not have lived in the town for more than a few years, but they both have experience with the devastation a fire can cause.

When Boisclair was a drill sergeant at Fort Benning in 1996, the house behind his caught fire.

"Only four or five firefighters showed up," he said, shaking his head. "After seeing that, I decided to get involved."

Walrath can do one better. When he was stationed at For Hood, Texas, *his* house burned down.

"I know what it's like," he said. "So I wanted to help people going through it."

Hennessey, on the other hand, just can't help himself.

"Mainly, I just love it," he said. "You get that sense that you're actually doing something to help people. And you don't often get the chance to do what you love to do."

Not to mention the "cool lights" he gets to put on his truck.

Of course, loving the job doesn't make it easy. It's an all-volunteer staff, said the fire chief, David Martin, and it's a small one at that. Responding to calls, the firefighters are usually the first ones on the scene and rarely know what they'll find when they arrive.

Hennessey recalled a "brush fire" he responded to. It was him and one other volunteer — and the brush fire was actually a forest fire, substantially bigger than a two-man job.

Then there was the 1 a.m. structure fire he responded to, once again finding only one other responder on the scene.

"It was over on Jefferson Avenue, a street we could barely get the fire truck down," he said. "The whole front of the house was on fire."

Fortunately, support finally arrived — two more volunteers, who entered the house from the rear and were able to contain the fire.

Then there was the call none of them will ever forget.

It was Thanksgiving Day, last year. When the call came in, most of them were finishing up their holiday feasts with their families; Walrath was working on seconds.

Martin heard the crash from his house.

Minutes later, they arrived on the scene of the car accident. A drunken driver had lost control of his car on a particularly bad road and crashed into a car carrying a mother and her two children. None of them were wearing seat belts. Her 14-year-old daughter died on the scene.

"I still get a cold chill every time I drive past that spot," Walrath sad. "It was a mess."

Fortunately, not every call ends tragically. Many calls are minor, Boisclair said, situations in which the victim just needs the psychological comfort of emergency medical support.

And about 70 percent of the calls are medical, Martin said, explaining that many members of the community are elderly.

And of course, there are the "fun" calls, the ones that make for good storytelling.

Walrath responded to a house fire in Crawford, Ala. — supporting another fire station — and remembers risking his neck to save a woman's antique organ while the house was still on fire.

"The roof fell on me three different times that day," he said, laughing.

Then there's the elderly woman who frequently calls to have her blood pressure checked.

"She's in pretty poor health, so every now and then, she'll call up and ask us to send someone over to check her blood pressure," Walrath explained. "But she'll (feed) you. She makes the best German pastries."

Whatever the call, the volunteers' commitment is unwavering, Martin said.

"I don't know what I'd do without these guys," he said, nodding to the Benning firefighters.

Something he knows he'll eventually find out. Hennessey left Sunday for Puerto Rico, where he'll instruct ROTC. Boisclair is set to retire soon — that is, if he isn't stop-lossed. And Walrath is only eight years into a military career; there are still plenty of moves ahead of him.



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

1st Sgt. Dave Hennessey, a volunteer firefighter in Ladonia, Ala., practices extrication techniques.

Not that that will put a damper on their relationship.

"Working here ... it's like a brotherhood," Boisclair said. "There's a camaraderie, a bond."

Sitting around the table, exchanging stories about particularly memorable calls, it's hard to miss. It's like listening to veterans trade war stories. They've been there, done that and seen it all — together.

Of course, there's always room for one more at the McDonald's they frequent to take a break now and then.

The station is always looking for more help, Martin said. The only requirements are that volunteers live within a two-mile radius of the station — although, he's willing to flexible, Martin said — and that "you have the love in your veins."

Prospective volunteers should also be prepared for training, and lots of it. After all, trudging 70 pounds of gear into fires burning at 1,200 to 1,500 degrees is no feat for the faint-hearted. Rookies, maybe, but only those serious about the job.

For more information, call the station at (334) 297-3342 or Boisclair at 566-2945. Call at night or on the weekends.

Robots: Perform well during tests by Benning platoon

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of-sight range, Stiltner said. But it is set up like a wireless network, where transmissions are carried along from user to user, making the actual range hypothetically endless.

The system also includes an individual Soldier PDA with global positioning capabilities, Stiltner said.

Once Soldiers are logged on to the system, their positions are available in real time to all the other authorized users on the network.

"This gives you a far more accurate view of the battlefield and establishes pinpoint minimum safe distance for accurate indirect fire," said Stiltner.

REF assistant program manager Maj. Kevin Nash said one of the strongest qualities of the system is its simplicity.

"It's a real user-friendly system," said Nash. "With one day of classroom training and one day of hands-on field training, a unit can be sufficiently trained on the communications system.

"This is a developmental project, and it's up to the unit commander to decide when his unit is proficient, but it is very simple."

Robotics control comes into play when a joystick adapter is added to a Soldier's system, giving him control of any one of many different models of robots and vehicles depending on the mission requirements, Nash said.

The robotics control adds at least a day to classroom training and a few more to the hands-on training experience, but Nash said, overall, the training is still relatively quick.

The model tested at the MOUT site is the $42,000 PackBot. Without modifications, the PackBot weighs about 40 pounds and is propelled by heavy-duty tracks and rotating, tracked arms that assist in propulsion and negotiation of obstacles.

In combat, the PackBot would be equipped with a pump-action shotgun system able to recycle itself and fire remotely, Stiltner said.

Streaming video from a front-mounted camera is transmitted to the controller's PDA, which is plug-and-play connected to a joystick adapter, giving the controller a first-person view of whatever the robot sees.

The PDA screen, when in controller mode, displays battery power level, heading, and both pitch and yaw readings to assist in navigation of difficult terrain.

The PackBot also comes equipped with a nuclear, biologic and chemical sensor package capable of detecting a wide range of NBC contaminants.

An infrared camera lens enables the robot to operate in low-light conditions, as well, Stiltner said.

In classroom instruction Tuesday morning, REF personnel taught the simple assembly of the robot, battery recharging procedures, navigation, firing procedures and fielded questions from the ExFor Soldiers that mostly covered possible modifications to the system.

During hands-on training, most of the Soldiers were relatively comfortable with the navigation of the PackBot through urban terrain that included the ascent and descent of stairs with obstacles in place, navigating around corners and furniture and flipping the robot over.

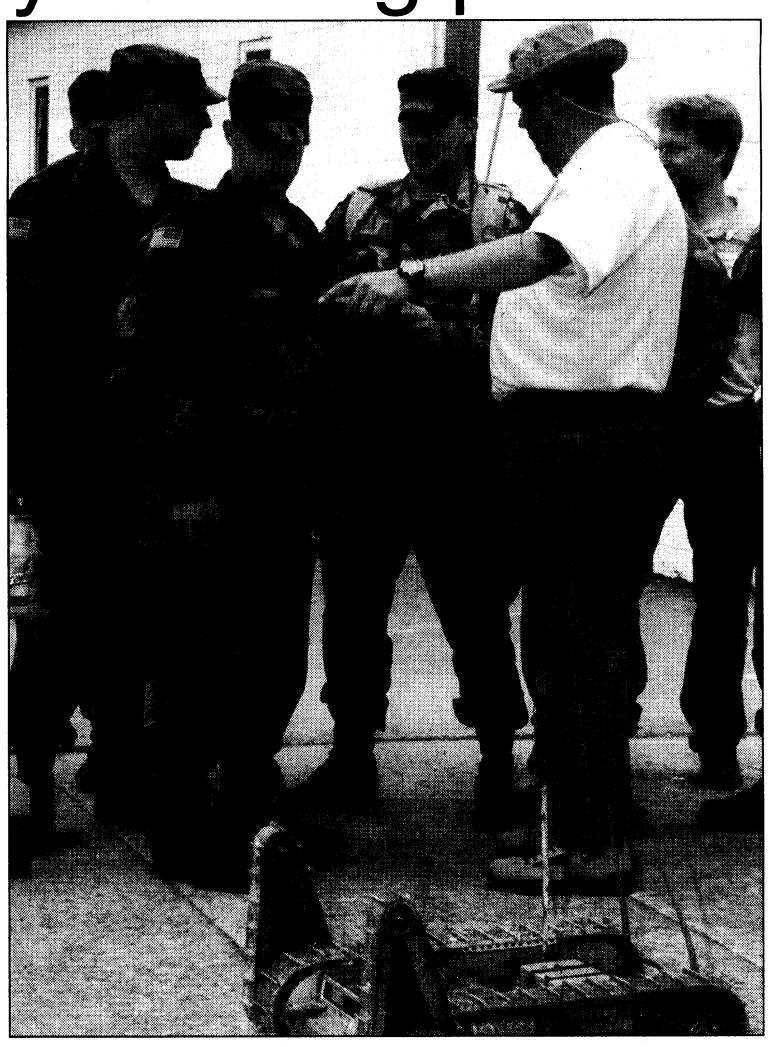
Cyle Fina, an Exponent military advisor, explained several possible uses for the PackBot to the ExFor Soldiers, including the transport of up to 30 pounds of munitions or medical supplies to personnel trapped under fire, surveillance capabilities and tunnel-rat missions reminiscent of the Vietnam War-era, which are still executed in cave searches in Afghanistan.

"You have to think of the PackBot as a combat multiplier," Fina said.

ExFor platoon member Pfc. Andrew Hasbrouck said the REF personnel were right about the simplicity of the system.

"We are the video-game generation," Hasbrouck said. "It's just like a video game. If you can maneuver through *Halo,* you can do this."

Nash said REF expects to have ARC systems on the ground in Afghanistan with the 25th Infantry Division by mid-July.



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Experimental Force platoon members practice with the PackBot Tuesday morning at McKenna MOUT.

608th: Completes mission overseas, returns home

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Maurice Conley of the 233rd HET Det., is back in time for the birth of their first child, a girl, due at the end of June.

"It's great he is going to be here for the baby's birth," she said. Teresa is already planning activities, including shopping trips and sharing ultrasound photos with her husband.

"I was worried from day one that I wasn't going to be able to make it back in time," Maurice said. "What a great Father's Day present."

Maurice is looking forward to some time off and some quiet time with his family.

Quiet time wasn't on the mind of one in the crowd. Mark Bruce Jr. was waiting with his mother, Arlanda, for Staff Sgt. Mark Bruce of the 608th Ordnance Co.

"I'm happy about him coming home," said Mark Jr., who is looking forward to swimming in the family's backyard pool with his dad.

"I'm elated that they're back," said Arlanda. "It's been a long deployment. I'm glad they are all back safe and sound; thank God."

"It feels wonderful!" Mark Sr. said about being back at Fort Benning.

Although soaking in the family pool wasn't at the top of his list, it probably placed a close second to his first of a nice, long soak in the tub.

The crowd of attackers also included friends.

Heather Wilson, who was waiting for her best friend, Pfc. Samantha Thompson, of the 608th Ordnance Co., had someone special to introduce to Thompson — her daughter, Ally. Before the unit received orders to deploy, Thompson agreed to be Wilson's coach when it came time to give birth to Ally.

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>
> **Staff Sgt. Maurice Conley**
> 608th Ordinance Company

The deployment changed those plans.

Wilson and another friend, Chrissy Ambos, were all Thompson had waiting for her.

It seems Thompson's son, Marquis, was still in Massachusetts with grandparents completing his school year, while Thompson's husband, Sgt. Jesse Thompson, was deployed to Iraq.

"We're all she's got," chimed Wilson and Ambos, who had a party waiting for their returning friend.

"It's great to be back! I love it!" said Thompson. And of the new friend whose birth she missed, she said, "She's precious, of course! And I plan to spoil her!"

The 233rd HET Detachment's primary mission was moving heavy vehicles, such as tanks and Bradley's, from ports in Kuwait to the troops in Iraq who needed them.

The 608th Ordnance Company's primary mission was to move and distribute coalition ammunition, as well as to consolidate enemy ammunition from throughout Iraq and destroy it.

USAMU shooter helps save man's life in D.C.

Former firefighter puts skills to use in Dulles airport

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Spc. Mark Weeks wasn't expecting to be a hero that day. He was just getting ready to board a plane at Dulles International Airport near Washington, D.C.

A shooter instructor with Fort Benning's U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, Weeks was on his way to the World Cup Championships in Brazil as part of the U.S. Shooting Team on May 26. His mind was on the championship, getting through customs, the trip in general.

Then, he heard a commotion.

A man farther back in the line behind him collapsed to the ground. In a crowded airport, with people gathered around the fallen man, it was hard to tell, but he seemed to be seizing, having a heart attack.

Two women close to the man had already started administering CPR, so Weeks' first instinct was to call 911 — just in case no one else had. Emergency personnel were on their way.

A firefighter for about two years before he joined the Army, Weeks is EMT-qualified, so he decided to see if he could be of any help. What he saw told him the man needed more than CPR.

"The first thing I thought of was to get a defibrillator," Weeks recalled, adding that, in recent years, it had become common procedure to place several of the devices throughout airports.

One of Weeks' fellow shooters on the team, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Scott Schroeder, remembers clearly Weeks' efforts to track down a defibrillator, also known as an AED.

"He immediately went to the gate agents and requested the location of the nearest defibrillator, but the gate agents had no idea," Schroeder said.

It was at that point, Weeks said, that he remembered seeing one somewhere in the airport earlier on. He couldn't remember exactly where, but he knew he'd be able to find one. He wasted no time.

"He made a dash for the terminal to locate one," Schroeder said. "Meanwhile, we informed the gate agent to get a flight attendant and defibrillator from the plane — the flight attendants are supposed to be trained to use (them)."

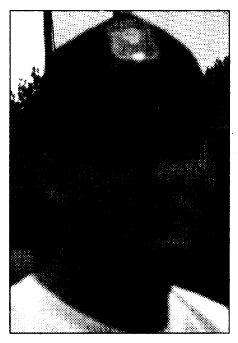
While Schroeder and others on the scene argued with the gate agents, Weeks had sprinted 10 gates down. No luck. He sprinted five or six more gates. Jackpot.

With the AED and a mouth-to-mouth piece in hand, he rushed back to the scene where the women — one of them a nursing student — were still performing mouth-to-mouth and chest compressions.

The student hooked up the defibrillator cord to the paddles. The AED had an analyze mode, Weeks explained, in which the machine reads for a heart rhythm and determines whether or not the patient is "shockable." Only if the patient needs it will the machine allow its operator to shock them.

This process takes a matter of seconds, but seconds count in an emergency, Weeks said. Just as he was about to administer a shock, a police officer came upon the scene.

"He didn't know what was going on, so he tried to clear us away," Weeks said, adding that the interruption cost the man more time when they had to repeat the analyze mode.


Weeks

Finally, Weeks was able to shock the man. Just about this time, Schroeder said, a flight attendant finally showed up with the AED from the aircraft.

"Since Weeks already had control of the situation, the flight attendant stayed back and let him continue ..." he said.

After the shock, Weeks said, he checked the man for a pulse. It was weak in his wrist, but a little better in his neck.

Although the nursing student continued mouth-to-mouth, Weeks used the AED to analyze him again a couple more times and found the man didn't need another shock.

About this time, the paramedics arrived and took control of the situation.

"It was really only a matter of minutes," Weeks said, still disbelieving.

But it was a matter of minutes that could mean the difference between life and death, between brain damage and being OK.

Weeks doesn't think he's a hero though.

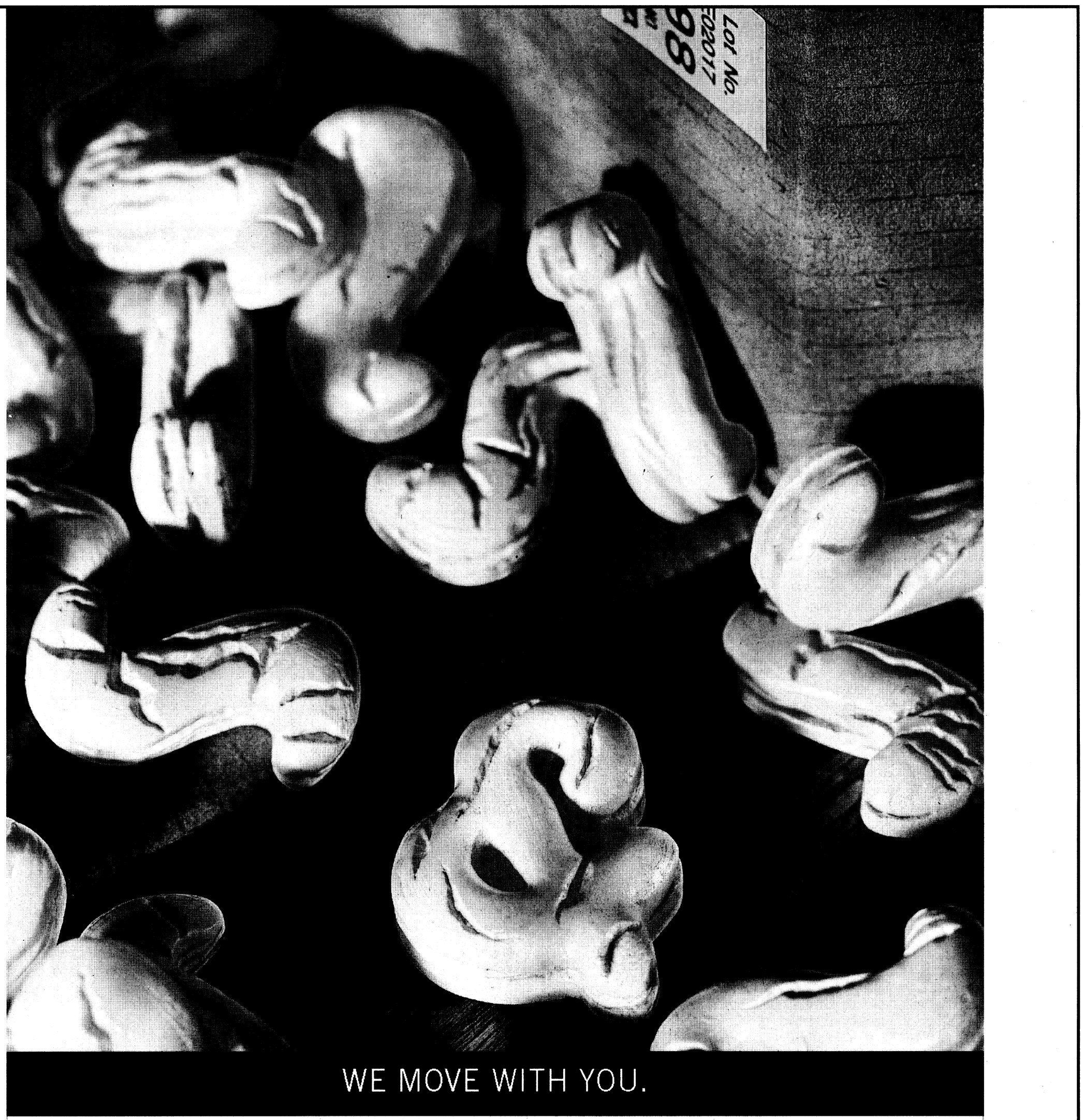
"It was reaction more than anything," he said. "Really, the best contribution I made was just to stay calm. If you stay calm, you can think with a level head.

"I knew if I didn't do something he was going to die," he continued. "Well, actually, he was dead. But he would've stayed that way."

As it turns out, Weeks said, the man didn't die. When he left to board the plane, the man was actually somewhat conscious and talking to the paramedics.

"The quick thinking of (Weeks), the nursing student and the woman who performed CPR saved that man's life," Schroeder said. "All three of them met the challenge and went well above the call of duty and are heroes."

And the icing on the cake — Weeks went on to help the U.S. International Skeet Team in winning the Team Silver Medal in Brazil.



Airborne 101: Leap of faith



Photos by Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Staff Sgt. Shirley Campbell, D Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, helps Cadet Felipe Buzaid, practice exiting an aircraft from a mock door Tuesday at Mann Field.



Staff Sgt. Samuel Baugh assists a Soldier as he exits the 34-foot mock-aircraft tower on Fort Benning's Mann Field.

Paratroopers go feet-first

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The Soldiers of D Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, were falling out of the skies over Mann Field Tuesday as part of Airborne School's ground week.

During the first phase of airborne training or ground week, Soldiers are taught the fundamentals of military parachuting, how to exit an aircraft and how to land safely, said Staff Sgt. David Rowan, D Co. operations NCO.

The company picked up 487 Soldiers for training June 11. Tuesday, 74 Soldiers had already been dropped because of the PT test.

"(Soldiers) must be in good health and meet physical fitness requirements, since more that 90 percent of the training is strenuous and involves bodily contact with the ground," Rowan said.

Before Soldiers are allowed to train, they must pass a physical fitness test to ensure they can endure the three weeks of training. The Soldiers must pass the test at the 17- to 21-year-old standard with a flexed arm hang event.

"They're required to do one pull-up and hold themselves up for 10 seconds," Rowan said. "The flexed arm hang is supposed to demonstrate the Soldier's (ability) to manipulate (an open) canopy."

Once the Soldiers take the PT test, they move on to the first portion of airborne training — ground week, which is the phase D Co. is currently in. Tuesday, they learned the proper form for exiting an aircraft by jumping out of a 34-foot tower.

"We ensure they exit with a good and tight body position," Rowan said. "They have to get at least four consecutive satisfactory exits or they may get dropped from the class."

Pvt. Ashley Cairns said she's afraid of heights but still had fun when she jumped out of the 34-foot tower.

"The hardest part is running everywhere in boots," she said. "Sometimes I want to quit, but I'm going to make my dad proud."

"Paratroopers historically run everywhere," said Staff Sgt. Samuel Baugh, D Co. instructor. "As soon as we land, we have to run for cover, so the Soldiers do the same here. It's 60 years of tradition; we don't make these things up."

Pfc. William Wilhite said he has no desire to quit and seeing people "fall out" motivates him to continue.

"It's one thing for Soldiers to fail or get hurt and have to be dropped," Baugh said. "But if you quit, you'll be a quitter the rest of your life."

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> D Company instructor

Most airborne classes start with an average of 420 Soldiers and graduate more than 300. Most drops are related to lower body injuries, such as stress fractures and sprained ankles, Baugh said, but heat casualties are common, too.

"There isn't enough time to acclimate the Soldiers to the weather, but we're constantly ensuring that they hydrate," he said.

During ground week, Soldiers also learn to land on their "five points of contact" — the balls of the feet, the calf of the leg, thighs, the buttocks and the "pull-up" muscle.

"A paratrooper descends at a rate of 18 to 22 feet per second and may carry more than 100 pounds of combat equipment," Rowan said. "To minimize the risk of injury, we teach them to land on the fleshy parts of the body."

Next week, the Soldiers will move onto tower week, when they'll receive additional training in the fundamentals of parachuting, maneuvering the parachute canopy and mass exit techniques. They'll learn to move inside an aircraft and exit an aircraft with other paratroopers in tow.

To learn these techniques, Soldiers use the suspended harness, which is designed to give them a feeling of maneuvering a canopy, Rowan said. Soldiers also learn what to do if their parachute malfunctions.

The third week is the testing week. Soldiers do five jumps before they graduate. The first jump has 15 jumpers exiting the aircraft one at a time. The second jump has 10 jumpers exiting the aircraft from two doors with combat equipment. The third, fourth and fifth jumps have 15 jumpers exiting the aircraft with one second intervals at the same time.

The Soldiers graduate training July 1.



Pvt. Rafael Castro, D Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, exits the 34-foot tower on Fort Benning's Mann Field Tuesday, the third day of training during ground week. Ground week is the first phase of airborne training, when Soldiers learn the fundamentals of parachuting, how to exit an aircraft and land properly. More than 400 D Company Soldiers are currently undergoing airborne training. D Company Soldiers who successfully complete three weeks of jump school, including five jumps, will graduate July 1.

Off-limits roads protect runners, marchers

Ranger struck while marching on wrong road

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

A Ranger from 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, was injured recently while road marching with his squad.

Spc. Jeffrey Edinger was struck by a vehicle around 5:50 a.m. May 27, throwing him 30 to 40 feet in the air. Edinger suffered a subdural hematoma (bleeding from the skull), a lacerated kidney a broken left fibula and other cuts and bruises, according to the incident report.

The incident occurred on Sightseeing Road — a road not authorized for road marching. Although each member of the squad wore the required reflective belt and the lead and trail Rangers carried flashlights, these measures were not enough to make the route safe for road marching, especially in the dark.

Several roads on Fort Benning have been designated as off-limits to walkers, runners and road marchers for just this reason.

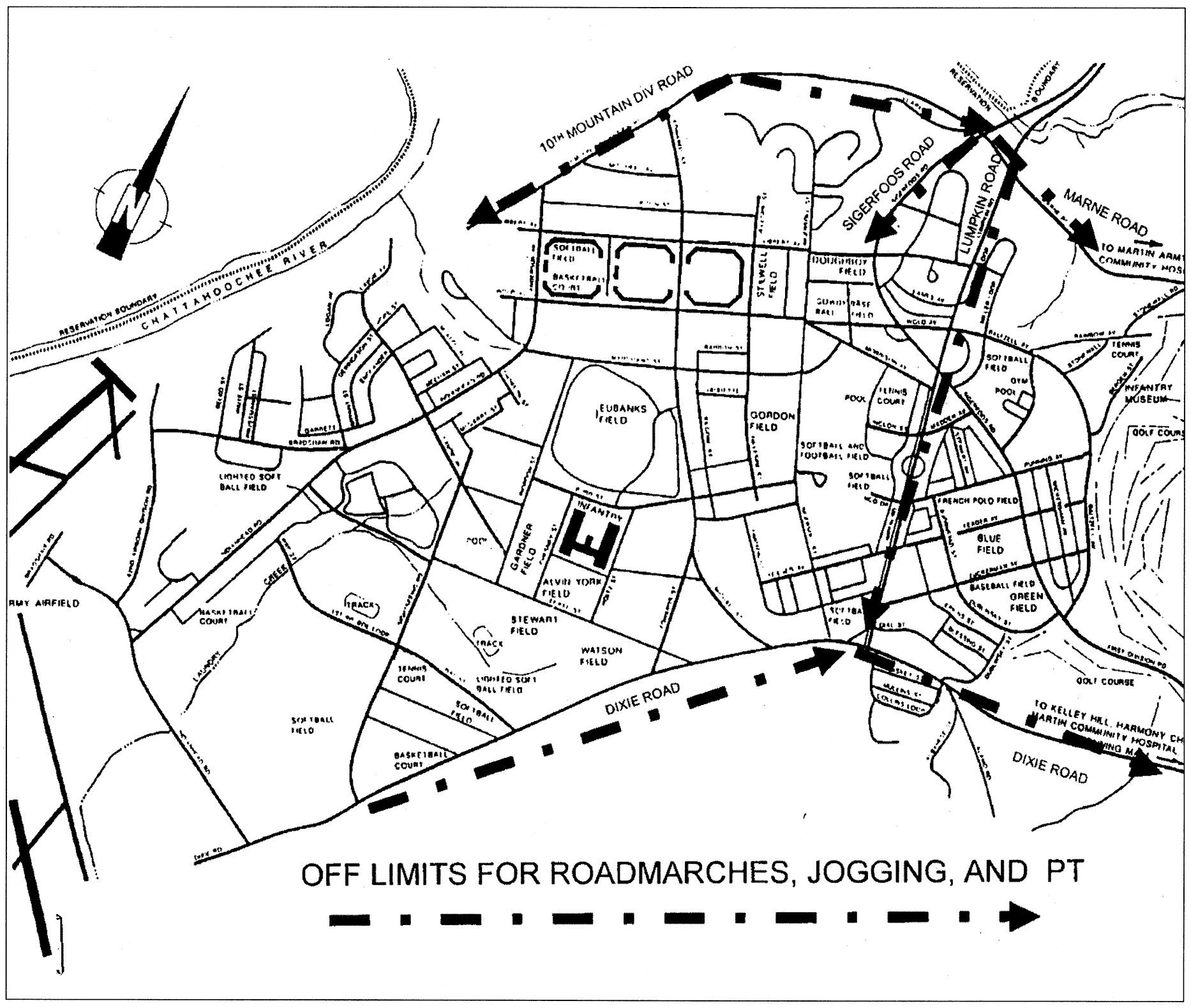
In January 2003, Col. Charles Cornwell, Fort Benning chief of staff, published a safety alert, detailing the safety precautions Soldiers must take to protect themselves.

The alert was published in response to "several close calls between vehicles and runners reported on Dixie Road and on Sightseeing Road."

Other safety measures commanders and their Soldiers are required to take to prevent injuries — like Edinger's — or even fatalities include:

• Select routes with light vehicle traffic for PT runs.

• Do not block more than one traffic lane with troop formations or units, including the leader running to the left of the formation.



• Straggler control is key. Stragglers should be placed into their own formation and required to use the same safety gear.

• Road guards with reflective vests should be posted 50 meters to the front and to the rear of formations. During hours of limited visibility — darkness, fog or heavy rain — road guards should also carry a flashlights. Anyone running to the left of the formation should also wear a reflective vest.

Of course, safety isn't just the runner or road marcher's responsibility, Cornwell pointed out in his alert. Soldiers and civilians sharing the roads with these formations should also be on their toes and aware of safety.

Drivers are not to exceed 15 mph. from 6 to 7:30 a.m., and they must drive 10 miles per hour when meeting or passing a troop formation.

Individual joggers and walkers are required to stay on the sidewalks or road shoulders on the side facing oncoming traffic at all times. They must wear reflective waist belts or vests and high visibility clothing.

Also, Cornwell wrote, pedestrians are prohibited from wearing headphones when they're out on the roads.

Jim Ozley, a Fort Benning safety specialist, said the following roads are off-limits for running and road marching:

• 10th Mountain Division Road

• Dixie Road, except the portion from Sightseeing Road (Sandy Patch) to Lawson Army Airfield

• Sightseeing Road from Dixie Road to Sunshine Road

• Sunshine Road

• Lumpkin Road from Dixie Road to Custer Road

• Custer Road from Benning Boulevard to Eisenhower Exchange

• Lawson Army Airfield in its entirety, to include runways.

Measures: Improve safety

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and new guard shacks.

It will also pay for the construction of a new welcome center at the I-185 gate.

The new access control point will have several lanes and trucks will be funneled through a separate lane and searched appropriately without congesting regular post traffic.

"We are lucky Congress gave us that $8 million," said provost marshal Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan. "We will be able to significantly increase our security posture, improve work conditions for those who man the checkpoints and improve traffic flow."

In the near future, Finnegan said individuals coming onto the installation who don't have an installation decal will have to visit one of two locations and register with post authorities for a visitor's pass.

"Having a register of everyone who comes on and off the installation is a valuable tool," he said. "It is going to significantly change how we are able to manage the security at the access control points."

Finnegan said he now has more than 300 people dedicated to force protection.

"If the threat level increases, we can rapidly react and get these people where they are needed," he said. "Antiterrorism and law enforcement are equal priorities for us. We look at it as an intermixed mission."

Robertson said the installation is pushing ahead in the mission to meet Army requirements for unit antiterrorism advisors.

Of the 51 required slots, he said, 36 have been filled.

"The UATAs are a good force for me," Robertson said. "I can call them in a heartbeat and put threat notices out to them, and they communicate the requirements through the chain of command."

Robertson said the post is working on a $623,000 mass notification attack warning system, as well.

Currently, there are six speaker systems in place, which are interfaced. Robertson said the $623,000 would cover the installation of an additional 23 systems, which would allow post officials to broadcast messages and warnings to either specific areas of post or the entire installation.

Robertson also said that in the event of an attack, the post is well-equipped to handle the situation.

"If we ever do have an incident in which people are threatened or attacked," he said, "we have a great fire department and EMT service, the 789th Explosive Ordnance Detachment, and highly trained military police and law enforcement personnel."

Martin Army Community Hospital is ready to go in the event of a serious incident as well, Robertson said.

"MACH has equipment for mobile casualty points and decontamination procedures, and we have a standing agreement with civilian hospitals in the area in the event of a mass casualty situation," he said.

New construction has to meet Department of Defense regulations on antiterrorism safety measures as well, Robertson said. Some of those measures are fire protection, shatterproof glass and warning systems.

"We are leading from the front in the Army, using modern technology, innovation and construction centered on the Army Antiterrorism and Force Protection Program," Robertson said.

The Army Corps of Engineers project manager for the I-185 access control point construction site said the gate is scheduled to reopen Aug. 23.

For more information about antiterrorism measures on post, call Robertson at 545-5135.

CLOSER LOOK

Fort Benning's new and improved Interstate 185 access control point is expected to be completed near the end of August. It will include:

- A state-of-the-art Welcome Center
- A vehicle, visitor registration point
- An inspection lane dedicated to trucks
- Slalom-type barriers to discourage ramming

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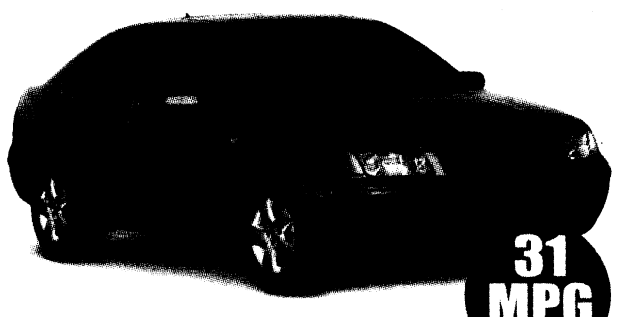

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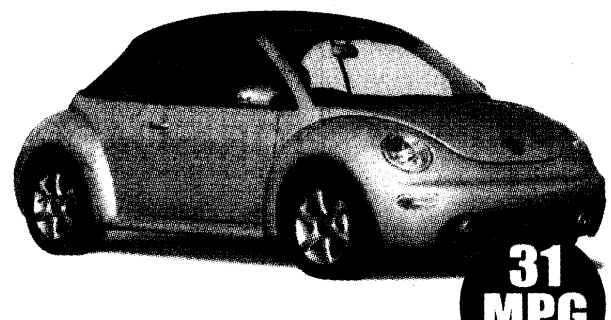

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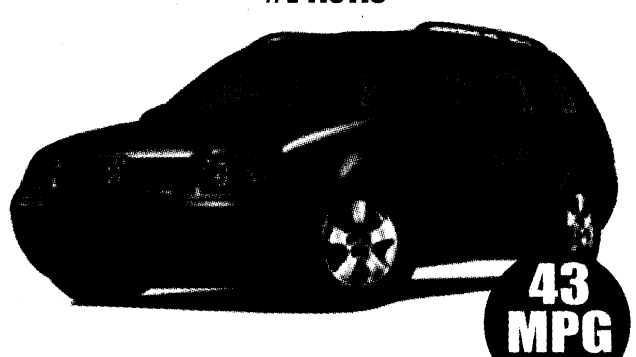

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Soldiers to get side body armor soon

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Deployed troops will soon get side protection for their Interceptor Body Armor, thanks to the efforts of Program Executive Office Soldier.

The IBA Deltoid Extension was one of dozens of pieces of equipment PEO Soldier officials showed off to the Pentagon press corps during a media briefing June 14.

In the two years since the organization stood up, it has fielded or is in the process of researching more than 350 pieces of equipment — from boots to parachutes to new rifles — to save Soldier lives, improve their quality of life and increase their effectiveness on the battlefield, said Brig. Gen. James Moran, PEO Soldier executive officer.

"Outfitting Soldiers is just as important as (acquiring) a major piece of equipment," Moran said.

At about 16 pounds, IBA is lighter than the 25-pound Vietnam-era flack jacket it replaced and it offers better protection, Moran said. The Deltoid Extension will add about another 5 pounds and protects the sides of the rib cage and shoulders. However, the extension comes with a price for the Soldier.

Moran explained that it can limit movement and block air from circulating under the body armor — decreasing the Soldier's ability to cool off.

"Everything we do is a balance," Moran said. "We want all Soldiers to come back without any injuries. At the same time, we want them to be combat effective. Nothing can be made to be indestructible."

> "We have a clever enemy, an adaptable enemy, so we must be clever and adaptable."
>
> **Brig. Gen. James Moran**
> PEO Soldier executive officer

Despite the weight of IBA, Moran has no doubt the new body armor has saved lives. The Army has purchased about 300,000 full sets of IBA.

The current budget funds 50,000 Deltoid Extension sets this fiscal year, all of which will be shipped to troops by the end of September, said Col. John Norwood, program manager for PEO Soldier Equipment. The Army plans to request funding in next year's budget to equip 132,000 Soldiers in the Central Command area of operations.

"We have a clever enemy, an adaptable enemy, so we must be clever and adaptable," Moran said.

Another piece of equipment PEO Soldier showed off is the Micro Climate Cooling System now in use by Army aviation flight crews. The system is a liquid-filled vest connected by a flexible tube to a 12-pound box that circulates the coolant. A quick disconnect allows users to move around the aircraft as necessary and a rheostat allows users to control the coolant temperature.

PEO Soldier tests have demonstrated that crews can increase flight times from 1.5 hours in a hot environment to about five hours, Moran said.

The third piece of equipment PEO Soldier demonstrated was the XM-8 rifle. While the XM-8 faces four more tests before the decision is made whether to buy it, Moran said the Special Forces Soldiers who have tried it said they want it now.

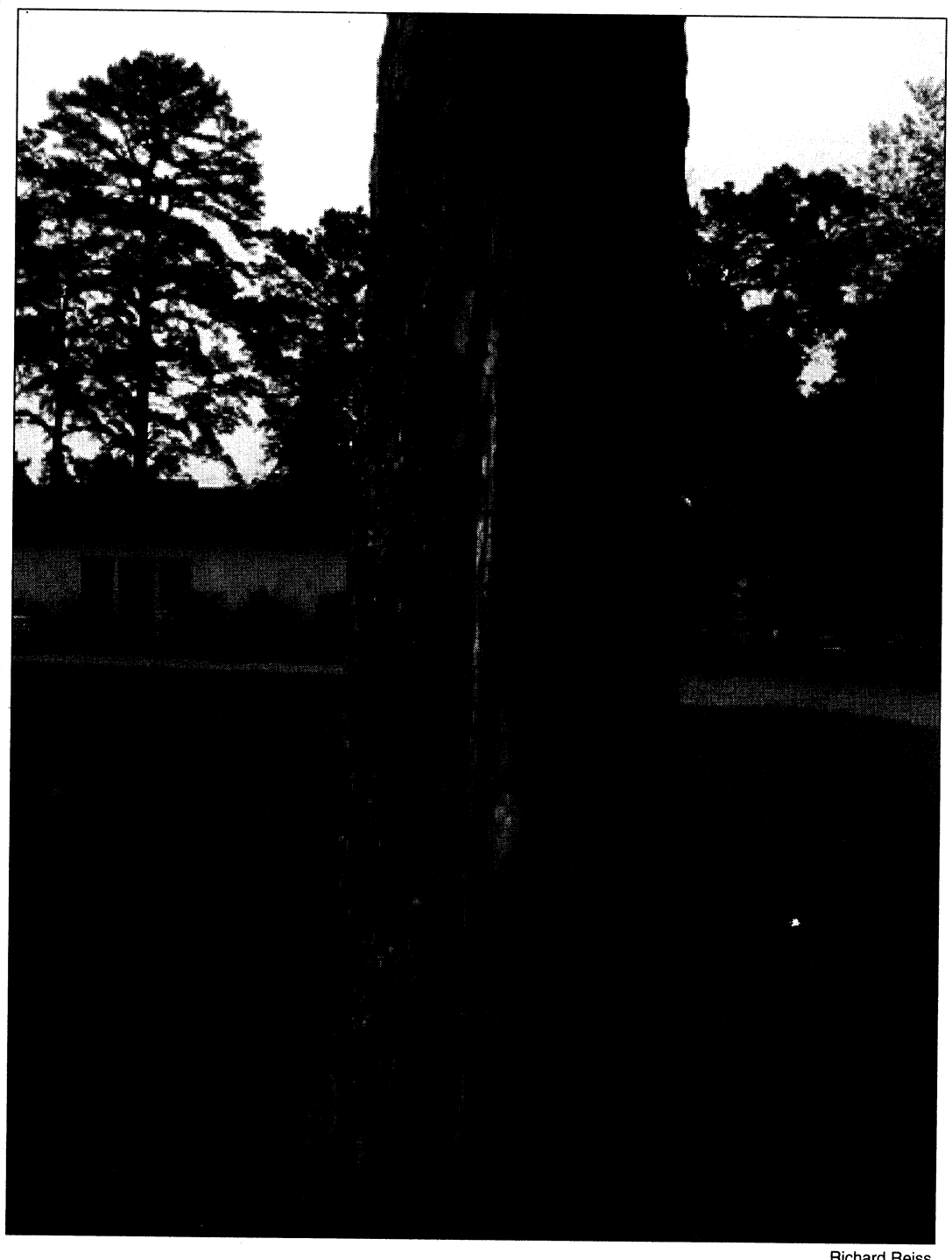
There are three variants of the XM-8: a light version with a collapsible stock and a 9.5-inch barrel, a standard version with a 12-inch barrel and a designated marksman version with a 20-inch barrel. While a longer barrel means greater weight, it also means better accuracy over greater ranges and a higher rate of fire.

In addition to being lighter than the M-16 and M-4 rifles, the XM-8 is easier to maintain with significantly fewer problems with stoppages. The first XM-8 tested fired 15,000 rounds without cleaning or lubrication with no misfire, said Col. Michael Smith, program manager for PEO Soldier Weapons.

The last new type of rifle the Army has bought was the M-16 in the 1960s, Moran said.

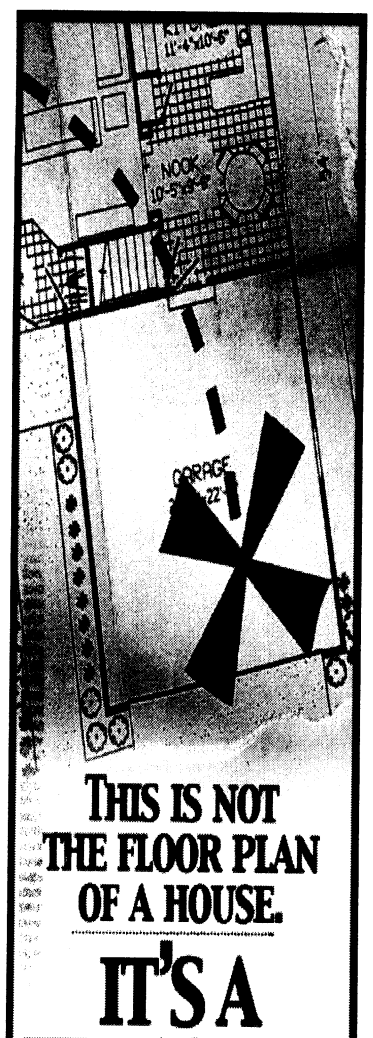
If the XM-8 passes its remaining tests and the decision is made to buy it, the Army will likely purchase about 8,000 next fiscal year to equip two units of action, Moran said.

Lightning strikes



Richard Reiss

This Main Post tree shows the damage caused by lighting. Saturday through June 26 is Lightning Safety Awareness week. Each year in the United States, about 400 children and adults are struck by lightning at sporting events, on the beach, mountain climbing, mowing the lawn or during other outdoor activities, according to the National Weather Service Web site. The U.S. lightning season is summer, but lightning can strike year-round. The Fourth of July is historically one of the most deadly times of the year for lightning. For more information, log onto www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.



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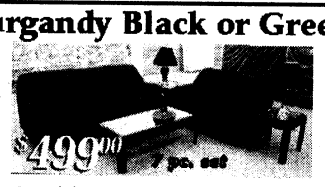

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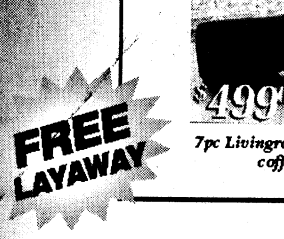

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Tuesday/Thursday

HIST	139	American History I (HIST 140, Am. Hist. II, next term)	3 Semester Credit Hrs.
ENGL	011	Writing Techniques (Developmental)	3 Semester Credit Hrs.
MATH	012	Beginning Algebra (Developmental)	3 Semester Credit Hrs.

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ECON	208	Personal Financial Management[R]	Fri/Sa/Sun: Jul 9/10/11 & 23/24/25	3 Sem Cr Hrs
PHIL	212	Intro to Ethics[R/W/S (Email Comp I)]	Fri/Sa/Sun: Jul 16/17/18 & 30/31/Aug 1	3 Sem Cr Hrs
SPCH	148	Interpersonal Communication[W]	Fri/Sa/Sun: Jul 23/24/25 & Aug 6/7/8	3 Sem Cr Hrs
PSYC	142	General Psychology (Prerequisite: for Devel. Psych, 201 next term)	Fri/Sa/Sun: Aug 13/14/15 & 20/21/22	3 Sem Cr Hrs

**(Registration: up to start of 1st class w/ TA 2171)*

Weekend 1-Credit Seminars: (8 - 4:30 pm) **(Same registration note as above)*

MILI	117	Career Planning	Jul 10/11
COMP	101	Using Windows Environment	Jul 17/18
MILI	116	Counseling Military Personnel	Jul 24/25
SSKL	187	College Success Skills for Military	Jul 31/Aug 1
SPCH	120	Preparing & Giving a Briefing	Aug 7/8
COMP	101	Using Windows Environment	Aug 14/15
MILI	101	Intro to Mil Effective Writing (Engl. Refresher)	Aug 21/22

Note: Summer Term continues our accelerated schedules - 6 times/year instead of 4 - to accommodate the many requests of those who wish to obtain a degree in a shorter period of time. Quality control & total hours remain the same. Many students have not yet taken their English/math diagnostic tests. Those who will complete 6 credits with VU this term without having taken the exam will not be allowed to enroll until they do so. Practice take-home exams –with answers–are available at the office. Also: Our Microsoft Certification Training, on-line courses have been accepting applications again for the past several weeks. Registration is available on a daily basis in the VU office (see below). Enroll now if interested.

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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

Commissary gives scholarships

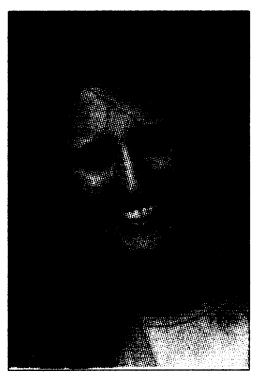
Students to receive $1,500 awards today

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Two chaplains' daughters are counting their blessings today as they each receive a $1,500 Defense Commissary Agency scholarship.

Stephanie Koop and Lauren Hawkins were selected from the 37 Fort Benning applicants in this, the fourth year of the scholarship program.

"Thirty-seven is the least number of applications we've ever had," said commissary manager Gary Hensley. "We made a lot of effort getting the applications out, and I thought we'd have 70 to 75 and get four or five winners. But we'll have a little party for our two winners."


Koop

The DeCA awards are part of the Scholarships for Military Children Program, which was created to recognize the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of commissaries in the military community.

Each of the 259 military commissaries worldwide is guaranteed to have at least one winner. Additional awards depend on the number of applicants at each commissary and the funding contributed by manufacturers and suppliers whose products are sold at military commissaries. Sponsors like E-Z Foil, Kellogg, Kraft, Hershey, and Procter and Gamble provided the $741,000 awarded to 494 students this year, according to the Scholarships for Military Children Web site.

Koop is a 2003 graduate of Calvary Christian School and just completed her first year at Bethel College in Bethel, Ind. She's studying to become a history teacher and plans to teach at the middle or high school level.

Since Bethel is a private, Christian school, Koop said her mother is always on the look-out for scholarships she can apply for.

Koop was active in the student government and National Honor Society at Cavalry Christian and competed on the volleyball team.


Hawkins

Her school required 40 hours of volunteer service each year, which she fulfilled through her work with Teen Advisors (a peer counseling group), the Valley Rescue Mission and House of Heroes. For her efforts, Koop received a Fort Benning Youth Volunteer of Excellence Award.

She said she visited five or six schools before settling on Bethel, 14 hours from home. She admitted she didn't fall in love with the school when her father suggested they make a stop there on the way home from her grandmother's house, but visited a second time and knew it was for her.

"It was the friendliest school," Koop said. "I felt the most comfortable there."

At Bethel, Koop leads Bible studies and participates in outreach groups. Although she's participating in the same activities she did in high school, there's one major difference at Bethel.

"It was a very cold winter," she said. "I had to buy some warm jackets."

And now, she said, she's "very blessed" with the DeCA scholarship.

Schoolmate Lauren Hawkins graduated from Cavalry Christian last month and had just returned from orientation at Olivet Nazarene

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Get Outta Here



Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Sick of sitting around in that barracks room looking at the walls? Need to get the family out of the house or just take a break? We've got the answer for you. 'Get Outta Here' appears in The Bayonet *each week to highlight recreation and leisure venues right here in the tricommunity. If you would like to suggest a hot spot for the column, call Sgt. Kim Dooley at 545-3367.*

There's a month for everything these days. Which is why I wasn't exactly surprised to learn June is National Flying Month.

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One of the girls in my office did this last November, and she got to fly over downtown Columbus, Phenix City, Lake Bottom, the Columbus dam and Columbus' huge, little known quarry.

She loved it, and I have to admit, it's tempting even for me — a complete acrophobe.

The discovery flight is only $49 with a certificate you can download and print out at www.beapilot.com.

And it's not exactly flying lessons, per se, so the normal prerequisites for flying lessons — like a medical exam — aren't required.

Of course, if you already know flying is the thing for you, CSG Aviation offers extensive pilot training, too.

In fact, according to Ashley Dennard, your point of contact for flight training, service members can now use their Montgomery G.I. Bill to help

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Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

Nathan Llano, 8, takes a break from a craft project to horse around during Vacation Bible School Tuesday morning.

Joy to the World

Kids learn about God

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

If you ask Kay Cocklin one of her favorite childhood memories, a smile will sweep her face, and she'll tell you with tears in her eyes that some of her warmest memories were made in Vacation Bible School.

The enthusiastic believer said she has participated in VBS for at least 35 years.

"It was my favorite time of the summer as a child," she remembered. "I just loved it, and I was so disappointed when I reached the age when I couldn't go anymore."

Of course, Cocklin wasn't about to let a silly, little thing like age keep her away. Instead, she returned the following year to help bring the same joy she'd experienced to younger children.

These days, Cocklin is one of the "helpers" at Fort Benning's annual VBS. The program — a nondenominational religious education program for both Protestant and Catholic children — kicked off Monday morning at White Elementary School. It ends today.

The children started every morning in the school's cafeteria, where they sang songs that tied into this year's VBS theme, Lava Lava Luau.

There, they also received a "simple scripture" each day, Cocklin said, something small and easy to remember, which served as the center for that day's activities.

"They're very simple messages of God's love for us and our love for him," she explained.

Then, it was on to the activities and fun. The VBS students rotated between four "stations" each day.

Hot Bible Topics included stories and skits, designed to give the children a better grasp on each day's message and to show them how to apply them in real life.

Crafts was a relaxing, fun period for the students. Tuesday, they made "spinners," toys with a scripture verse hidden inside. The spinners make "music" — a high-pitched hum — when the children spin them on a string.

Chadder Island Adventure Theater, meanwhile, offered a different scripture-related video each day.

And of course, what summer youth program is complete without getting outside and doing a little "romping around," playing such games as Jungle Gym?

All in all, the children had a full schedule, and one packed with fun and valuable lessons about God

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Nancy Coronado, 10, concentrates on her "spinner," one of the children's craft projects during Fort Benning's annual Vacation Bible School Tuesday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Twins

Christopher Joseph and Conner Allen Davis — born June 5 to Colleen and Spc. Christopher Davis.

Boys

Christopher Dale Thompson Jr.— born June 1 to Lauren and Spc. Christopher Dale Thompson Sr.

Evan George Williams — born June 1 to Mary and Sgt. Jason Williams.

Malichi De'Sean Jackson — born June 2 to Alison and Pvt. Bennie Jackson.

Ryan William Hogriffe Rowe — born June 3 to Amber and Sgt. Anthony Rowe.

Jaylen Treshawn Hill — born June 4 to Mikelle and Sgt. Sederick Hill.

Dominick Allen Morneault — born June 5 to Spc. Alisha Morneault and Pvt. Joshua Morneault.

Girls

Elizabeth Suzanne Kinder — born to May 14 to Brandy and Pfc. James Kinder.

Adia Faye Barber — born May 31 to Robin and Spc. Timothy Barber.

Kayle Angelique Love — born May 31 to Pamula and Sgt. Willie Love.

Bianca Lee Geiter — born June 1 to McKenna and Spc. James Geiter.

Princess Esmeralda Mendoza — born June 1 to Pfc. Mary Cosio and Francisco Mendoza.

Victoria Elizabeth Alexander — born June 3 to Dalia and Spc. Joshua Alexander.

Marina Isa Moreno — born June 5 to Julia and Spc. Lauro Moreno.

Katerina Emma Anthony — born June 6 to Liudmila and Maj. Keith Anthony.

Ka'Mora Aaliyah Elizabeth Morton — born June 7 to Delphine and Spc. Damori Morton Sr.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Toilet training workshop — There will be a workshop to present strategies for successful toilet training from 10 a.m. to noon June 28 in the Supper Club at the Officers' Club.

Child care is not available.

The workshop is sponsored by the Medical Department Activity and Early Development Intervention Services for all Tricare Prime enrolled parents.

Call 545-3835 or 545-1162 by Wednesday to make reservations.

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative has mailed out surveys to current family housing residents.

The cut-off for responses is June 25.

For more information, call Lillian Salazar at 545-0667.

School screenings, sports physicals — MEDDAC Family Practice and Pediatric Clinics offer school screenings and sports physicals by appointments June 29 and July 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. services provided include immunization record review, immunization and physical exam.

Dental, hearing and vision screenings will not be provided. These can be scheduled at the Eyes Ears Nose and Throat Clinic.

Bring the child's medical record, ID and medical card.

To schedule appointments, call 544-2273.

MACH News — Beginning July 1, Martin Army Community Hospital will remove Allegra, an antihistamine, from the formulary, and it will no longer be available. Claritin, however, will remain on the formulary as a prescription, non-sedating antihistamine.

Allegra may be obtained through a network retail pharmacy or through the Tricare mail-order system with a small co-pay.

For more information, call the pharmacy at 544-4666.

Camp Follow Me — Child and Youth Services and Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program will offer Camp Follow Me, a special needs summer camp for grades kindergarten through eighth, July 26 to 30.

Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Activities will include bowling, arts and crafts, movies, sports activities and more. Snacks will be provided.

Registration will be Monday through June 25.

Also, both CYS and the ACS EFMP are recruiting volunteers for this program who have an interest in becoming camp assistants and buddies to program participants.

To register, call Central Registration at 545-2079.

If you are interested or need more information about the camp, call the EFMP manager at 545-7517 or 545-5521.

ACS Lending Closet needs items returned — The purpose of the Army Community Service Lending Closet is to lend household goods to soldiers and their families who are awaiting receipt of their household goods or preparing to PCS. But the lending closet can't loan items unless others return them.

For more information, call 545-4485.

June MACH classes — The U.S. Army Medical Department Activity offers the following classes:.

- Weight-loss classes are offered every Tuesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Call for an appointment.
- A pregnancy nutrition class is offered every Tuesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
- A diabetes education series is offered through the Nutrition Clinic every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon. This is a series of three classes.
- Active-duty weight classes are offered every Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are required.
- A hypertension class featuring the DASH diet is offered every Wednesday in the Nutrition Clinic from 10 to 11 a.m.
- A cholesterol nutrition class is offered every Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m.
- A gestational diabetes nutrition class is offered every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nutrition Clinic.

To make an appointment for these classes, call 544-CARE.

OSC Super Sign-Up — The Officers' Spouses' Club will host its Activities and Membership Sign-Up Night Aug. 19.

The OSC is currently taking applications for organizations and vendors interested in participating in the event. Booth space is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To receive a vendor application, call Georganna Rapaport at 687-9396 or grap4vt@hotmail.com or Sheryl Nix at 685-8566 or thnixes@pkfamily.com by June 30.

Thrift Shop new hours — The Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop has new hours.

The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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ACS Food Locker — Eligible personnel (active duty, retiree families and widowers of deceased Army personnel) who wish to use the Army Community Services Food Locker should visit the ACS Center, Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. After completing an application, signed by of either a unit first sergeant or commander (active-duty personnel), the client will be directed to the Food Locker, where they can select a two-day supply of food items from stock.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The AA meetings support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

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Founder's Day ceremony — Smiths Station, Lee County, Alabama will conduct its Founder's Day ceremonies Saturday.

Smiths Station is located west of the Smiths Station Boulevard on Alabama Highway Number One.

Bluegrass Jam — The VFW Post 5228 will sponsor a Bluegrass Jam, featuring live music, food and fun at 1 p.m. June 27. The VFW is located next to Cost Plus Foods on Auburn Road, Lee County 240 in Smiths, Ala. Proceeds benefit Columbus Hospice, Inc. There is no cover charge.

Muscogee County Town Hall Meetings — Citizens of Muscogee County are encouraged to attend the town-hall meeting June 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Northside High School, 2002 American Way.

The committee is asking area businesses to demonstrate their support by encouraging employees to participate and allow them to take time off to attend the meeting.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the process. For more information, call 317-1863.

Port Columbus summer camp — The Port Columbus National Civil War Naval Museum will offer "School of the Sailor," a day camp for children 9 through 14. The dates are July 12 to 16 and Aug. 2 to 6. Cost for the five-day camp is $125.

For more information, call 327-9798.

Night With the "Stars" — The Habitat for Humanity of Russell County, Inc. will present the Annual Night With the "Stars" at 6:30 p.m.. July 30 at the Central High School Cafetorium, 2400 Dobbs Drive, in Phenix City.

Chuck Leonard of with WTVM Channel 9 will be the emcee.

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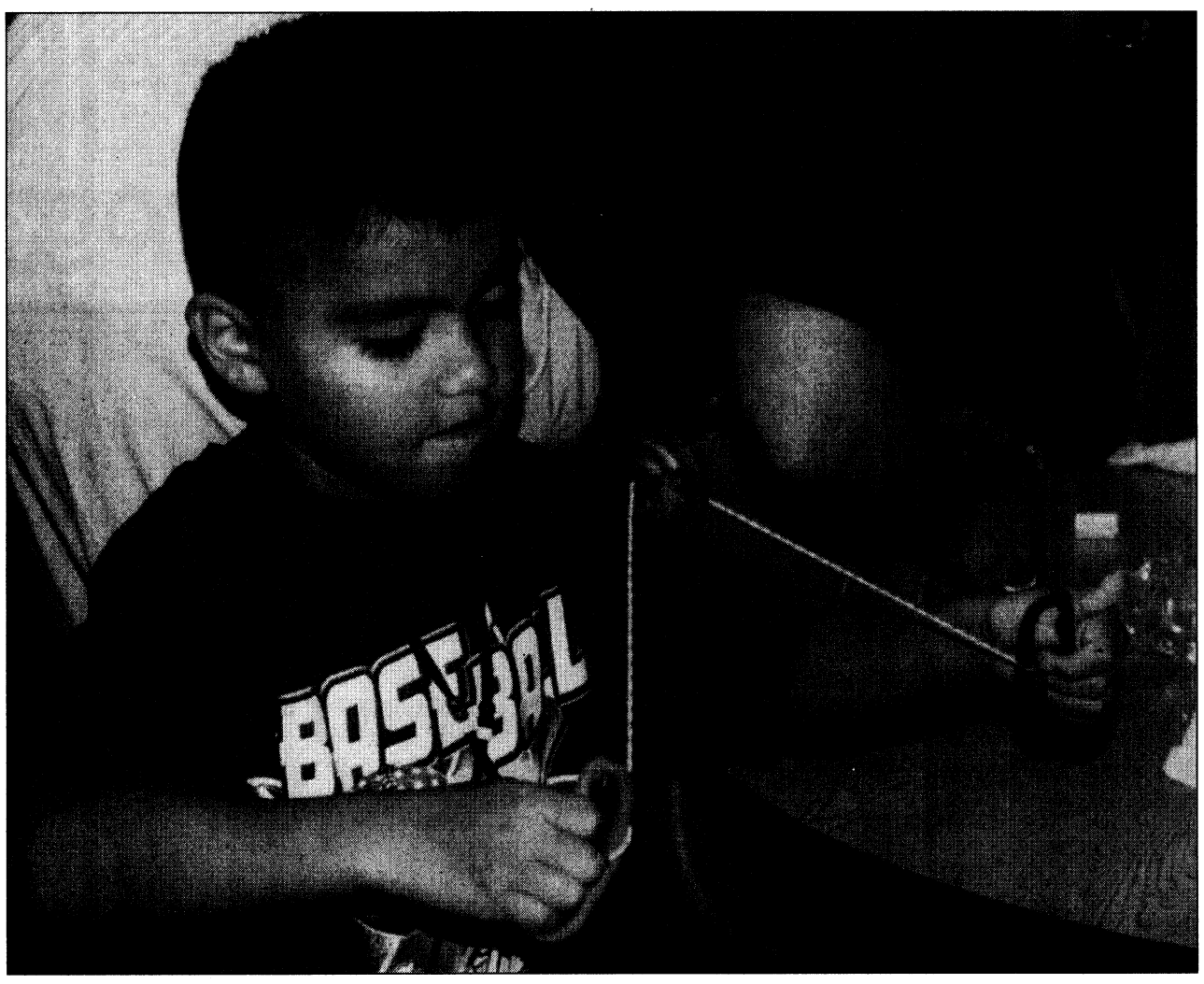

Steven Rodriguez, 6, plays with the "spinner" he made during the craft period of Vacation Bible School Tuesday morning. VBS is an annual religious education program that caters to both Protestant and Catholic children.

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VBS: Celebrates God's messages

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and the Bible, Cocklin said.

"Some of these children are around this all the time, but for a percentage of them ... this is the only time they hear any words from the Bible," she said. "It's the only time they associate with it."

And those words carry a very important message, said fellow helper Darlene Llano.

"(VBS) teaches children how to learn God's word and how to take it out and share it with their friends," Llano said. "And if these children are saved, they can save their friends ..."

Jediah Conachan may not understand quite what that means at 7 years old, but in his third year at VBS, he knows he's doing something special each summer. And he said he'll be back to do it again next year.

"People should learn about God," he said firmly. "It's fun."

And that's just what Cocklin had hoped for — that the children would have fun. Something she's witnessed with joy throughout the week.

"I was walking home (from VBS) behind a family with three little boys, and one of them was singing a pumped up version of *Joy to the World* — the song we sang that morning. He turned to his mother and asked, 'Do we get to go back again tomorrow?' and his mother told him, 'You get to go back every day this week.' And he jumped into the air and said, 'Yippee!'" Cocklin recalled, laughing. "He was just so excited that he got to come back to Vacation Bible School tomorrow. It was wonderful."

Students: Reap rewards for hard work with scholarships

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University in Bourbonnais, Ill., where she plans to pursue a double major in marketing and corporate communications.

When she visited Olivet last fall, she said she was impressed with the school's marketing of itself and enjoyed her time there.

Her parents, Hawkins said, wanted her to attend the school of her choice. But because of Olivet's private-school tuition, she "searched high and low for any scholarships available" so her parents wouldn't have to foot the whole bill.

"I was praying for some good scholarships," Hawkins said, "and this was an answered prayer."

Hawkins was Calvary's student government president last year and was also very involved in choir both at school and at church.

"I tried to get my hands on anything music," she said, "but I didn't want to study music theory. It was more of a hobby for me. I wasn't passionate about it as a career."

> "I was praying for some good scholarships, and this was an answered prayer."
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> **Lauren Hawkins**
> Defense Commissary Agency scholarship winner

Hawkins dedicated her volunteer hours for school to organizing projects like Operation Christmas Child, a shoebox ministry for underprivileged children in the U.S. and around the world. She also volunteered with the Columbus Hospice and Habitat for Humanity.

"I love working with kids," Hawkins said, "and although my career choice is not based on kids, I do want to keep working with the community and with children."

She took a mission trip to the Cayman Islands, working with children in foster care and continues to work with a group of girls through a church program.

Right now, she's planning a sleep-over for the 15 girls she's worked with.

"I want the young girls to know that they are somebody," Hawkins said.

And she said she'll continue working with abused and neglected children, "representing the voices that can't be heard."

GOH: Pilot the skies

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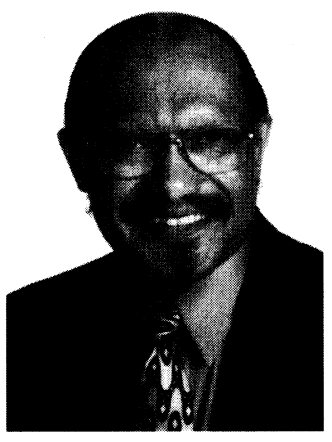

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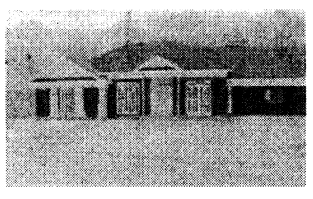

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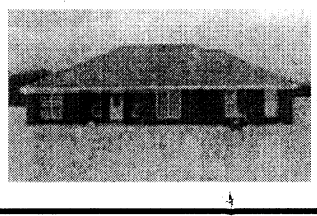

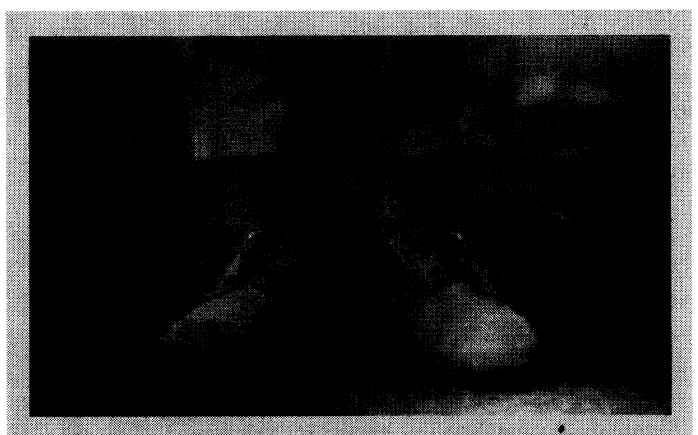

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Youth volunteers make difference, get head start through Red Cross program

Post agencies, kids reap program rewards

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

Fatima Conwell is all set to graduate from high school next year. She knows exactly what university she wants to attend and exactly what she wants to study. But why wait for college?

The 17-year-old Spencer student is getting a head start on college and her future by volunteering with the American Red Cross Summer Youth Volunteer Program.

One of 42 youth volunteers placed across the installation, Conwell joined 23 of her peers at Martin Army Community Hospital, where she has been learning the ropes of the Intensive Care Unit.

In her second year in the program, Conwell plans to apply what she's learned during the past two summers to help her at Columbus State University, where she'll study nursing.

Of course, without a nursing license, there's only so much Conwell can do at the hospital. But with her experience and drive, she was able to get a waiver to get a little more "hands-on" interaction with patients — when a certified nurse is present.

For four hours every weekday morning, she enters patient acuities into the computer, preps wheelchairs and EKG machines for use, helps bathe and transport patients around the hospital and serves them food.

"It's all very complex," she said, "but I like it, and I'm learning a lot."

Which is exactly the point of the program, if you ask Gene Gibbs, the program's overseer.

"The benefit of volunteering is immeasurable for the kids," he said. "They learn work ethics. They learn how to work with their peers and seniors in a professional environment. It just gives them direction and helps them define goals they want to work toward."

For Conwell, that goal is to follow in the footsteps of her father, a staff sergeant with the 498th Medical Company, which is currently deployed to Tikrit, Iraq.

She plans to join the Army, too, and enjoy the opportunity to travel like her father has — after she gets her four-year degree, that is.

Fellow volunteer Shauna Matlock may not have joining the Army in mind, but she's definitely interested in the nursing field.

And lending a hand at MACH, cleaning rooms and restocking supplies, is a good way to get a feel for the hospital environment.

The 13-year-old Faith Middle School student admits she enrolled in the program because"my mom thought it would be a good opportunity," but she said it's turned out to be a good experience.

"It's good to know I'm helping somebody here," she said, "that I can really make a difference this summer."

And that she is, Gibbs agreed. All the volunteers are.

"The (agencies) they volunteer for love to have them. They truly help," he said.

"They take care of tasks that people just don't have time to get to. They're really an asset."

Besides the hospital, volunteers are working at the Infantry Museum, the Fort Benning Golf Course, Sayers and Donovan libraries, Briant Wells Fitness Center, Army Community Service, Army Substance Abuse Program, the Thrift Shop, the Veterinary Clinic and the ARC's main office.

They work in their respective areas from 8 a.m. to noon every week day. They began June 7 and will finish July 16.

And by the time they're done, Gibbs said, their value is impossible to deny.

"(Agencies) that at first didn't think they had anything for the kids to do end up finding out that they can't live without them," he said.

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> **Gene Gibbs**
> American Red Cross
> Summer Youth Volunteer
> Program



Sgt. Kim Dooley

Shauna Matlock, 13, restocks supplies at Martin Army Community Hospital Tuesday morning. Matlock is one of 42 Fort Benning youths enrolled in the American Red Cross Summer Youth Volunteer Program. Besides MACH, volunteers are helping out at the Infantry Museum, Sayers and Donovan libraries, Briant Wells Fitness Center and the Thrift Shop, among other places.

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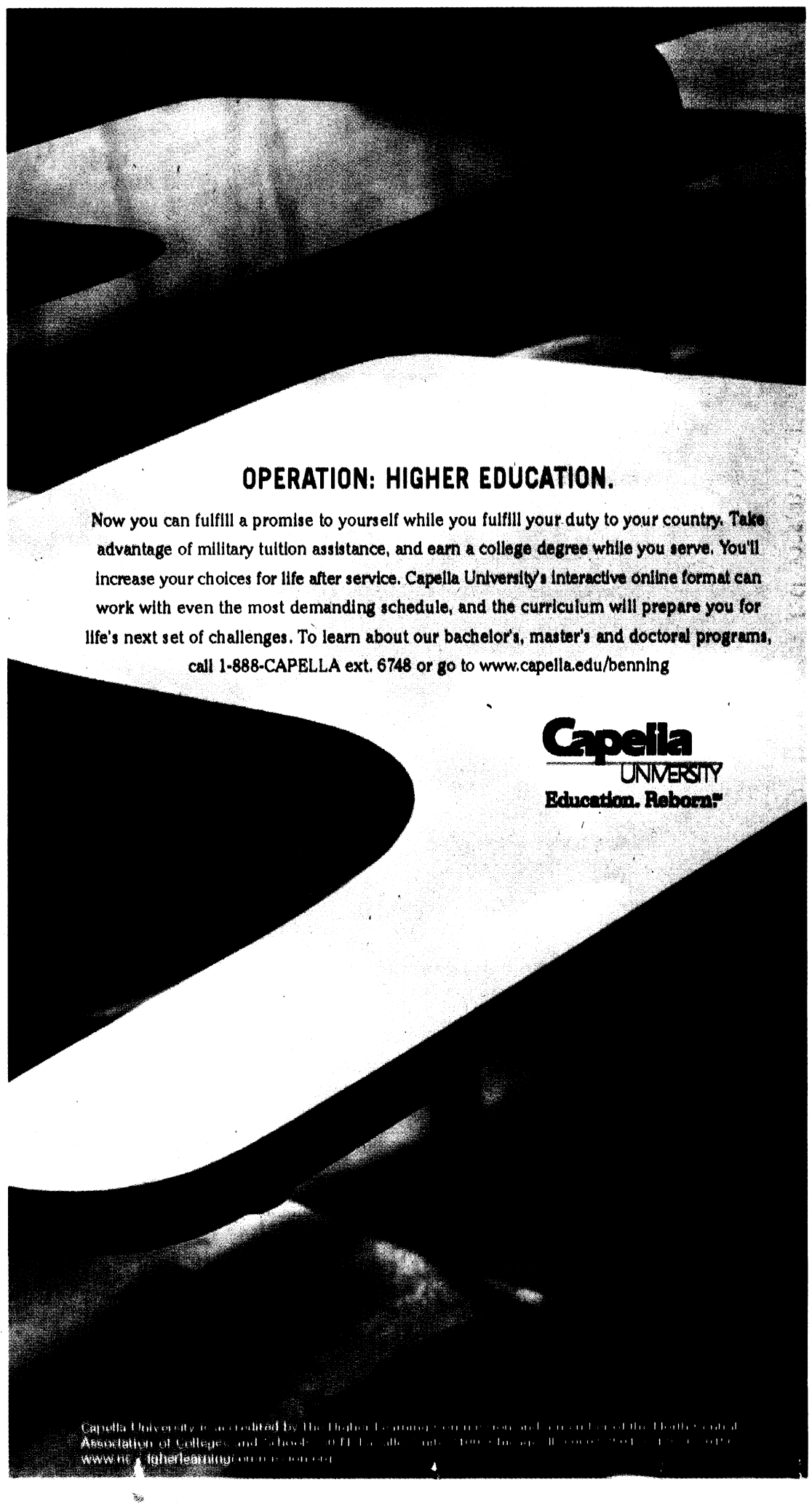
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Weathering strikes

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Family Life Ministries Center

Lori and I love Fort Benning, but we had a great time at Fort Lewis, Wash., too.

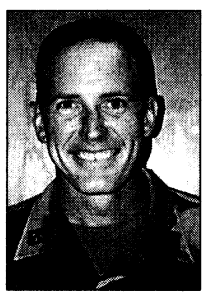
Here, I enjoy Lake Oliver every chance I get. There, I enjoyed the Cascade Mountains every chance I got.

The trees on the slopes of the Cascades are truly awesome — they've stood the test of time for literally hundreds of years. As Gary Thomas reminds us in his article *When Lightning Strikes*, the reason those monolithic trees survive so long is quite simple: "The Washington forests are so wet that lightning strikes cause relatively few fires. Lightning strikes still come, but they're not as devastating, so trees have had a much longer time to take root and grow."

He goes on to say that that's a good picture of a marriage that is drenched in a strong commitment to God and a strong commitment to each other. Here's something worth remembering: Even the best of marriages will still be struck by lightning — sexual temptation, communication problems, frustrations, unrealized expectations, etc.

But if the marriage is saturated with vibrant, authentic faith, the conditions won't be ripe for a devastating fire to follow the lightning strike.

Thomas continues, "If I'm married only for happiness, and my happiness wanes for whatever reason, one little spark will burn the entire forest of my relationship. But if my aim is too faithfully and consistently model Christ's ministry of longsuffering, humility and forgiveness, my relationship will be fireproof."


Hawkins

In a world where relational fires are burning all over the place, I'm incredibly encouraged that faith in God through a transforming relationship with Christ can make relationships fireproof.

How do I know? Two reasons:

• It's what's protected, kept and prospered my marriage through years of separation during Special Forces days (with all of the associated trials and temptations), and

• It's what I see work around me week in and week out at the Family Life Center and our chapels. Something special happens when we "let go and let God."

The question may not at all be, "How much of God do you have?" Instead, if you're interested in fireproofing your marriage, I'd encourage you to ask yourself, "How much of you does God have?

Want to increase your odds of growing a love that will last?

Want to keep relationship drenched so that the sparks that fly from all around don't stand a chance of igniting something that can burn you both down? Then I recommend Thomas' book *Sacred Marriage*, along with a marriage tune-up at the Chaplain Family Life Center.

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Faith gives life purpose

Chaplain (Maj.) R. Paul Lasley
Ranger Training Brigade

REFLECTIONS

Ernest Hemingway wrote a famous novel entitled *The Sun Also Rises*. It is a novel that laments the hard emptiness of life, pained with a void of purpose and lacking unifying principles which govern and structure the whole of our individual lives.

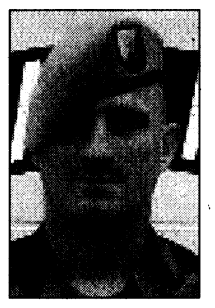
Hemingway began his novel with a quote from the book of Ecclesiastes, "What profit has a man from all his labor in which he toils under the sun? One generation passes away; and another generation comes; but the earth abides forever. The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it arose ..."

Hemingway, I think, would say that life is utterly meaningless — we must each "invent" our own meaning and purpose (in life) or else go mad. Of course, Hemingway practiced what he preached and late in life committed suicide, apparently unsatisfied with his literary success and wealth.

The book of Ecclesiastes says almost the same thing — with one huge exception: Life is utterly meaningless, and work and labor alone will never give you meaning and purpose of any lasting significance or worth.

Ecclesiastes, though, teaches that only God, and a "faith-based life" will give us what each of our lives need most — meaning and value. How is this relevant to those of us at Fort Benning — the Infantry Center for the U.S. Army?

The Army is an organization where passion, commitment and extreme dedication to the unit and its mission is the normal mode of living, and is the entry-level attitude for service in this great calling to military service. We are an organization that affirms dedication to mission and victory.


Lasley

That's not all bad and in fact is mostly good. This dedication to mission and victory is in many ways an affirmation of the exceptional high quality of people that service in this impeccably great post, as both leaders and followers.

I do not take issue with a commitment to excellence and the warrior ethos. But professional success, "Soldier success" is no more than fool's gold if that is all we have in life.

Have you ever taken inventory of your own life's passions and drives? What would need to be said by you, about yourself — when you are 90 years old — for you to honestly tell the world that your life was a good life and that you "did your life" right?

I would ask you to consider that your rank, your professional affirmation, or the awards on your uniform, or any other symbols of valor you may have nobly earned — those likely would not comprise much weight in gauging life's worth and success.

Valor in combat and military service is the pinnacle of what we admire and are indicators of a morally sound life — those exclusively in and of themselves do not give us ultimate significance and worth.

Most of us intuitively recognize that in order for life to be worthwhile, something more than and other than our work and our soldiering must decisively shape and govern our lives.

Christians believe this something is God. That is, Christian faith is founded on the hope and trust that we are at peace with God, have purpose and direction in life through simple faith in Jesus Christ..

The primary benefit of that variety of faith is not heaven, instead of hell when we die.

The primary benefit of that type of faith is that our lives (in the here and now, at Fort Benning) have meaning and purpose, even in the midst of busyness, an op tempo that at times has been bad, and the frustrations of geographical separation from our families, and the stress of life and death in combat.

Life can be bad, even when you do not have faith in Christ. But life is bad in a hopeless and unbearable way — apart from God. I am not inviting you to a life that merely "bad" instead of "really sucking" without faith.

The point is that a life that you will be glad you lived, should you have the blessing of a long life, will most certainly be a life that is based on your faith in Christ, and animated by that one simple devotion.

My brothers and sisters, don't waste your life settling for second best offered by the fool's gold of life divorced from faith.

Choose wisely, by following God with simple faith in Christ.

Ecclesiastes 12:4, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is man's all." In other words, respect God by listening to and following Christ.

Faith gives life purpose, direction and meaning. Labor and work alone do not.

If only Hemingway had read the whole story in Ecclesiastes and heeded its advice.

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.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
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- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, Classroom 1, Building 3305

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Weaponeer Building 3954
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
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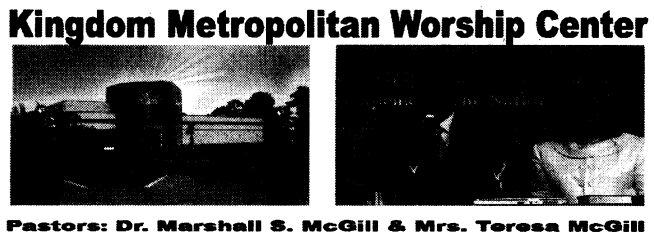
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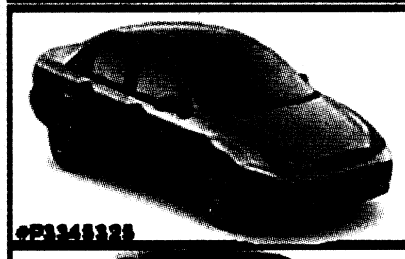

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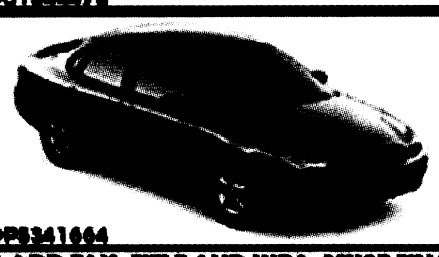

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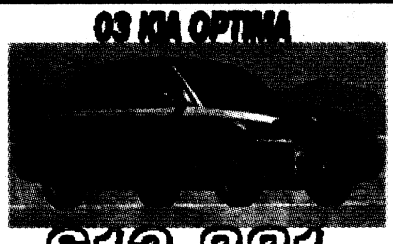

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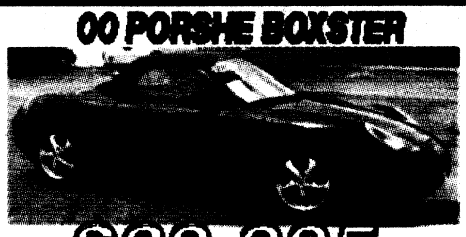

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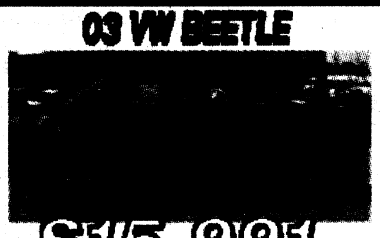

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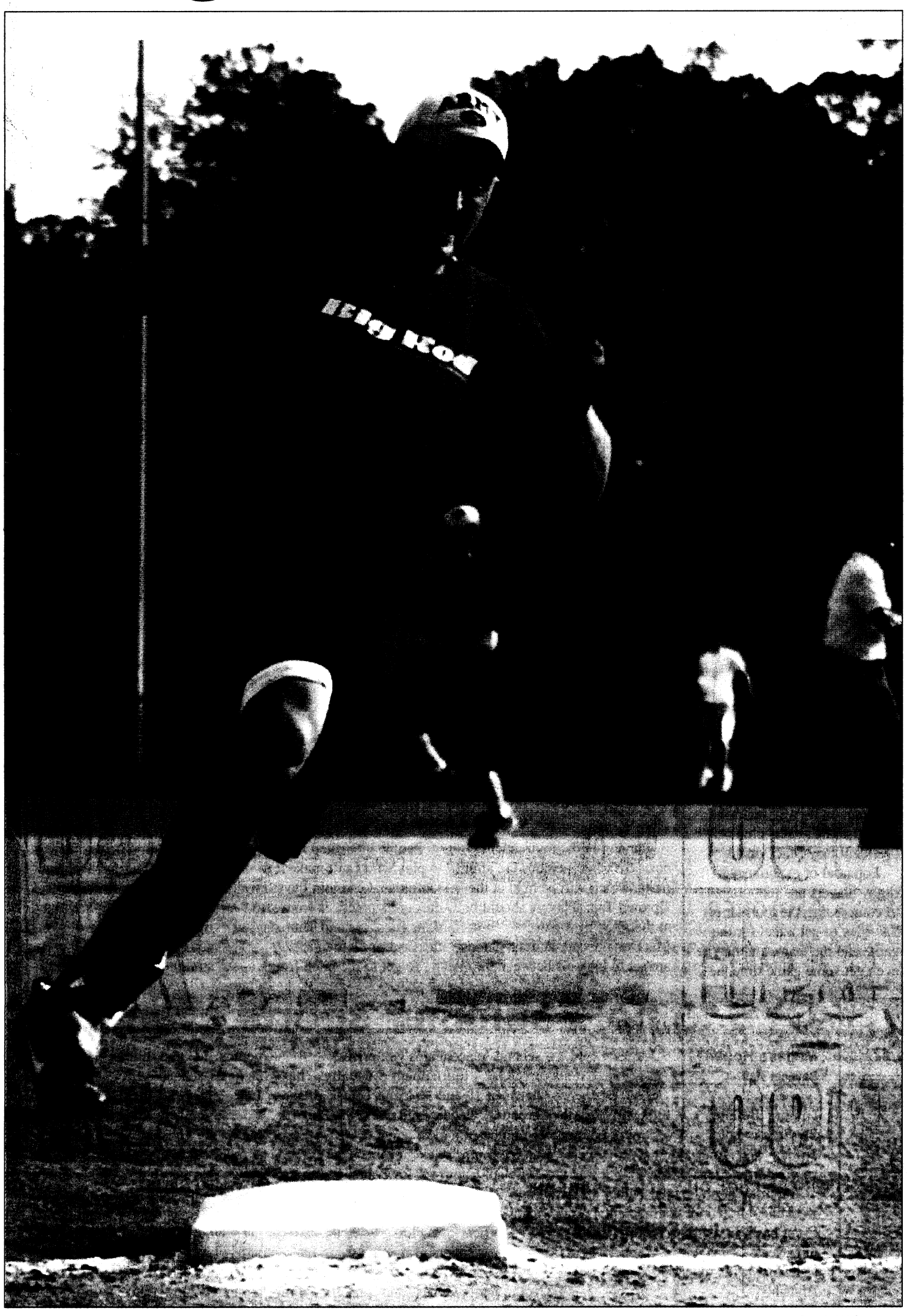
Dragons rain fire on Eagles



Spc. Nikki St. Amant

E Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment Dragons centerfielder Robie Stricklin rounds third base for the umpteenth time during a 22-0 washout of the 203rd Forward Support Battalion Eagles July 10.

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Dragons set blazing fire to low-flying Eagles in an almost overkill 22-0 win in one of the first few games of the post intramural softball season July 10.

E Company, 1st Battalion 15th Infantry Regiment Dragons outfielder Lee Zuber batted in the first run when he nailed a shot down the third base line to push centerfielder Robie Stricklin across the plate in the top of the first.

On defense, the B Company, 203rd Forward Support Battalion Eagles looked shaky at best, and with only one hit in the bottom of the first, the recently formed team closed out the inning with no runs to the Dragons' four.

The Dragons continued their furious offensive pace in the second inning with a whirlwind of hits and runs. Fueled by strong batting and shoddy fielding on the left side by the Eagles, the Dragons pulled ahead to a 10-0 lead by the top of the second.

The Eagles once again struggled offensively in the bottom of the second inning, racking up only one hit before being shut down.

The top of the third inning proved no surprise, with the Dragons once again consistently finding the soft Eagles fielding on the left an easy target for hard grounders and mid-range outfield shots.

The Eagles failed again to stop the offensive onslaught sent by the Dragons before finally closing out the top of the inning having given up six more runs. Dragons batters went almost two rotations through the lineup before retiring back to the field.

The bottom of the third was predictable and uneventful again — a quick, three-up-three-down education in what not to do at the plate for the Eagles crew.

The Dragons showed no mercy in the top of the fourth and pounded in six more runs as they solidified their dominance over the flailing Eagles. With no runs by the grounded and plucked Eagles in the bottom of the inning, the game was officially ended at the close of the fourth with a definitive 22-0 rout by the Dragons.

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>
> **Guermillo Carrillo**
> Eagles coach

"For no practice and it only being our second game, I'd say we did alright," said Dragons leftfielder Keith Montgomery of the double-digit win.

"Our bats were on," Stricklin said. "It was a combination of us being on and them being off."

"We're coming back," said defeated Eagles shortstop Chris Monhollen. "Watch for us at the end of the season."

Eagles coach Guillermo Carillo pegged lack of practice as a major factor in the team's defeat and said the development of the team as the season progresses will depend on mission requirements.

"(Losing) happens," said Carillo. "You lose or win, and either way, you have to keep your head up. They were hitting and we weren't. They were catching the ball and we were making mistakes."

"We learn from our mistakes, and we'll get better," he said. "We have nine games to go."

You can catch post intramural softball at Knappenberger Field at various times after duty hours. For more information, contact Carol Gearhart at 544-4511 or 545-1747.

8 Fort Benning Soldiers to compete in Olympics

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs Office

When the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, kicks off Aug. 11, eight Soldiers from Fort Benning will represent the United States.

Seven shooters and a gunsmith of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit have been selected to the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team.

Sgt. 1st Class Charles P. Gartland, 39, a USAMU gunsmith, was chosen by USA Shooting to be the official gunsmith for the 2004 Olympic Games. USA Shooting is the national governing body for Olympic shooting sports in the United States.

The following seven USAMU shooters will compete in 10 Olympic shooting events:

- Maj. Michael E. Anti, Men's Prone Rifle and Three Position Rifle;
- Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson, Men's Trap and Double Trap;
- Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Dulohery, Men's Skeet;
- Sgt. 1st Class James "Todd" Graves, Men's Skeet;
- Sgt. 1st Class Jason A. Parker, Men's Air Rifle;
- Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski, Men's Air Pistol and Free Pistol; and ,
- Spc. Hattie J. Johnson, Women's Air Rifle.



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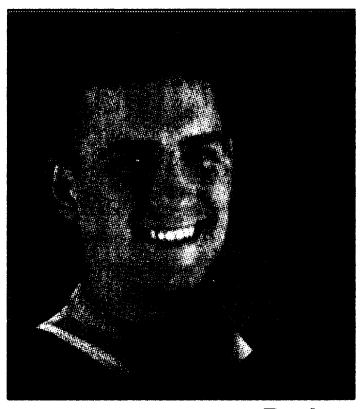

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Erickson

For Anti, 39, this will be his third Olympics. The infantry officer is attached to the USAMU through the World Class Athlete Program. He finished 9th in 2000 in the Three-Position Rifle competition and 18th in 1992 in the Prone Rifle event.

Erickson, 43, will be shooting at his third Olympics as well. He came in 20th in 1996 and in 16th in 1992 in the Trap competitions. This time, the mortarman will be competing in both the Trap and Double Trap competitions.

Parker, 29, will be competing for the second time in the Olympics in Men's Air Rifle. The infantryman finished in fourth place in the 2000 Olympics, missing a medal by seven-tenths of a point.

The third time shooting in the Olympics in 2000 resulted in a Bronze Medal in Skeet for Graves, 41. He finished 15th in Skeet in the 1996 Olympics, In the 1992 Olympics, the infantryman took 11th place in Skeet and 29th place in Trap.

For Szarenski, 36, this will be his second trip to the Olympics but his first time competing in Air Pistol. He will compete in Free Pistol. The infantryman finished in 25th in Free Pistol in 2000.

A medic, Johnson, 22, a first time Olympian, will compete in Women's Air Rifle in Athens.

Dulohery, 39, will compete in Skeet in the 2004 Games. This will be the first Olympics for the infantry Soldier who won the 2001 Skeet World Championship in Cairo, Egypt.

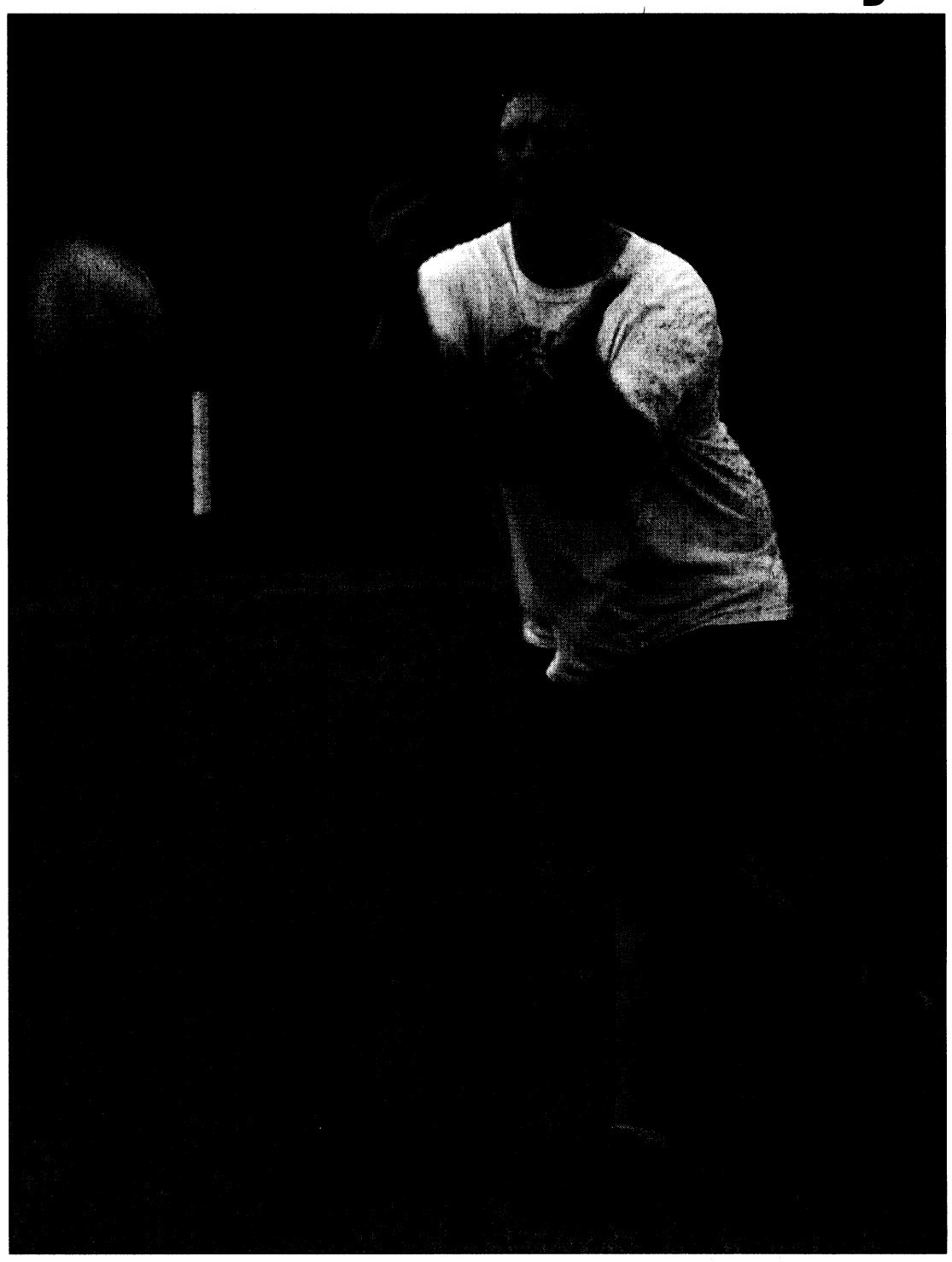
Columbus rugby team to host tourney

Cruisers gear up for Saturday

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor



Cruisers back Lee Shannon, right, switches direction to avoid a "tackle" during practice.



Photos by Sgt. Kim Dooley

Joe Kolojay, a Cruisers forward, passes off the ball during drills at Tuesday night's practice. The team is gearing up for its home tournament Saturday.

Watching as the Cruise-a-Matics got into practice Tuesday evening, one thing was clear — they're ready to get down and dirty.

The military and civilian-mixed rugby team, also known as the Columbus/Fort Benning Rugby Football Club, is hosting its only home sevens tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Cruiser Dome off Victory Drive.

A year-round sport, rugby is divided into three seasons. During the summer season, ruggers play sevens, a game in which seven players man the field for each team and play the game in seven-minute halves.

But don't let the quick clock fool you. Sevens is played at a much faster pace — basically at a sprint — than its cousin game, fifteens, which is played in 45-minutes halves with 15 players on the pitch per team.

"Sevens is the opposite of fifteens," said Dean Dobson, Cruisers team captain and coach. "From the amount of time spent on the field to the strategy and technique to the rules, it's just a totally different game, a different style of rugby."

The drastic difference has made a bit of a challenge for the Cruisers, who have many new, inexperienced players on their team, Dobson said. Even those players who were able to catch games and build on their technique during the previous fifteens season will be challenged to transfer those skills to the sevens field.

Another obstacle the team has had to overcome to prepare for Saturday's tournament is that the Cruisers are technically a social club, with a roster subject to frequent change.

"With so many of our players in the military, all the deployments and people moving, it's hard to keep the team together," Dobson said, adding that in just the past few months, the team has lost some of its veteran players.

Most of the other teams that will compete in this weekend's tournament are mostly civilian and don't face that problem, he said.

But that won't stop the Cruisers from doing their best to own their home pitch Saturday. Despite the inexperience of the "rookie" ruggers, the team has several strengths that give Dobson confidence.

In fact, he said, in some respects, the Cruisers have an advantage. For example, the team's fitness.

"A lot of our players are military," he explained. "So what they lack in experience they make up for with aggressiveness, fitness and endurance."

Add to that the team motto: "Hit hard."

"We are definitely the hardest hitting team (in the league)," Dobson said. "We may not win all of our games, but we always inflict some punishment on the field."

The plan for the tournament, he said, is to use that hitting power to intimidate other teams, then use the team's fitness to outlast some of the less-lasting players.

Regardless of strategy, just bringing the game to Columbus adds a little oomph to a lineup of ruggers already anxious to put the Cruise-a-Matics on the map as a team to be reckoned with.

"No one wants to lose a home game in front of their home crowd," Dobson said. "And we're on our way to competing at a higher level. I see us moving up, definitely."

And it's not too late to join the team on its way up in the world, said Cruisers club president Roy MacDonald.

Potential or experienced rugby players are encouraged to come out to the tournament Saturday to get a feel for the game and the team, and maybe even get some game time, he said.

Playing in the tournament costs $10, but includes the after party, which will be held at the Uptown Tap. Players should be at the pitch by 8 a.m., MacDonald said, and the games are set to kick off between 9 and 9:30 a.m.

People interested in learning to play who can't make it to the tournament can join the team during its practices from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Cruiser Dome.

To get to the pitch from Interstate 185, take Exit 1-A onto Victory Drive. Take a right on 22nd Avenue (you should be at a stoplight and see Dolly Madison Bakery on your right side). Follow this road across the gravel road and straight through the gate.

Weight loss woes

Maj. David Wright
MEDDAC

Catalogs and more catalogs. If your mail looks like mine, you are getting catalogs with all the new bathing suits in them. What do catalogs and bathing suits, you ask, have anything to do with injury prevention? A lot more than you might think.

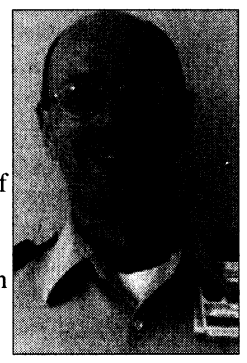
Did you stick to that new exercise or diet program at the beginning of the year? Chances are better than average that you stopped after a few short days or weeks, and now you are looking at last year's bathing suit and wondering how you will fit into it.

Why did you stop exercising this year? Did you start out too fast, try to exercise too long, or too many days in a row? These are all keys in preventing injury. How, then, do you set yourself up for success and prevent injury?

First, honestly evaluate your fitness level and past exercise habits. If you haven't been exercising regularly, start slow. Now that doesn't mean a couple days a week or walking like you are shopping at the mall.

What I am suggesting is that starting with the advised minimums — three days per week, 30 minutes each day. The intensity of the exercise should be such that you aren't gasping to get a word out, or so easy that you can easily carry on a conversation. Somewhere in between is just right.

Let's assume you just finished your second week of walking and you are feeling pretty good. When you advance your program, change only one variable (days per week, length of time, or how fast) at a time. If starting with the bare minimums, you can increase from three to four days per week after a couple weeks, and then again in a couple more weeks. The other variables (how fast and length of time) should be increased no more than 5 to 10 percent at one time.



Why so slow when starting and advancing your program? One, I want you to stay with the program. If you start too long, fast, or often, you will quit. Guaranteed. Two, if you advance too fast, you will have more aches and pains than you would care to talk about.

For those of you who are experienced exercisers, the same general principles apply. No huge or sudden changes. Don't increase anything by more than 5 to 10 percent, and don't completely drop one program and jump into another one overnight or over a weekend. Most of you will also have more aches and pains and slow your progress.

Lastly, just because your favorite athlete publishes his or her exercise program, don't think you can do it exactly like them. You don't have the time or the training base to tolerate their program.

Remember: be realistic about you current capabilities. Don't advance more than 5 to 10 percent at one time, and don't make drastic changes to your program overnight. Follow these tips and you will decrease your injury risk and stay with the program longer. That's a win-win situation.

If you have questions about this article, or any injuries, please contact me via email at physical.therapy@se.amedd.army.mil. Now, get out there, and exercise.

CYS to hold summer sports events

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning's Child and Youth Services is holding a variety of camps, clinics and tournaments in several sports during the summer.

Saturday is the annual Father's Day weekend basketball tournament. The event has been held on post for the past nine years, said Dorrie Wagner, sports specialist with the Sports and Fitness Branch.

Father and son teams interested in competing do not have to preregister. They just need to arrive at the CYS gym 15 minutes prior to their age group start time, Wagner said.

The 8 to 10 group plays at noon, the 11 to 13 at 2 p.m., and the 14 to 16 plays at 4 p.m. Wagner said the teams play 10-minute games that are "self-referred." Teams ahead after the end of play advance to the next round, and at the end of the tournament, the first- and second- place teams win prizes.

"The tournament usually has between 12 and 16 teams across all age groups," Wagner said, "and the 8 to 10 group has the most teams."

Also on deck is the first CYS Baseball Camp set for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 21 and 22. Registration for the camp continues through today at the CYS office in Building 359, the FUN Center on Ingersoll Avenue.

The baseball camp will be run by volunteer coaches and players from Harris County, Wagner said, who approached the CYS staff about starting the camp. Volunteers will work the children on baseball fundamentals.

There are 100 spaces available for the baseball camp, and as of June 14, only 22 children were registered.

"The baseball camp is something we definitely hope to continue," Wagner said.

For youth interested in golf, CYS is offering two events — a Golf Camp for youths 13 and older. The four-day camp is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon June 21-24 at the Follow Me Golf Course and is followed by a golf tournament on June 25. Preregistration is required and the cost is $70.

Golfers ages 8 to 17 can tee off at the annual post golf clinic scheduled for July 19-21. Times for the clinic are not yet set, but Wagner said younger golfers will play in the morning and older golfers in the afternoon. Cost for the clinic is $20.

Kids wanting to hone their soccer skills can sign up for the fifth annual Soccer Camp, held in conjunction with the Columbus Youth Soccer Organization from 9 a.m. to noon July 12-16 at the post soccer fields. Children will be grouped by age, Wagner said, and the registration fee is $65 per camper.

For more information about upcoming CYS sports events, call 545-1853.

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Kids' fishing rodeo — There will be a fishing rodeo Saturday at the Duck Pond on Sand Hill. For more information, call 544-7516.

Army 10-Miler pre-qualifier — Fort Benning will hold a pre-qualifier race for the post's Army 10-Miler team. Racers with the top times will earn spots on the team.

The race begins at 7 a.m. Saturday in front of the Santiago Fitness Center. It's open to all active-duty military. Registration will begin at 6 a.m. For more information, call 544-9486.

Youth summer golf clinic — CYS Youth Sports and Fitness will have registration for the Youth Summer Golf Clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 5-16 at the CYS central registration office, Building 359.

The clinic is open to family members, ages 8-17, of active duty, retired military and DoD civilians.

The clinic will be July 19-21 at the Fort Benning Golf Course. Participants must have a CYS membership card. Cost for the clinic is $20 per child.

For more information, call 545-3582.

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Titan Games — The Titan Games, the road to Athens for America's elite boxers, fencers, shot-putters, wrestlers, weightlifters, judo and taekwondo, will be in Atlanta Saturday and Sunday.

With a valid military ID, personnel can purchase a ticket with a $5 discount at the Philips Arena box office.

Tickets must be purchased in person. Ticket prices include $25 (lower level), $20 (mezzanine) and $12 (upper level).

For event schedule and information, log onto www.titangames2004.com.

Special Olympics volunteers — The 2004 Special Olympics Masters Bowling Tournament will be July 17-18 at the AMF Peach Lanes in Columbus. Volunteers are needed. Volunteers need to be at least 16 years old. Shifts are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and noon to 6 p.m. July 17 and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 18. For more information, call Myra Tinney at 464-4950.

Military Appreciation Night — The Columbus Catfish baseball team will host the first of two Military Appreciation Nights Saturday at 7 p.m.

The Army Band will perform during the opening ceremony. All Soldiers and family members are invited to enjoy the game free of charge. Reservations are available for families and groups of Soldiers. Call 571-8266.

Football fields closed — All of Columbus' football fields are closed for maintenance through Aug. 15. These fields include Lakebottom and Rigdon Park.

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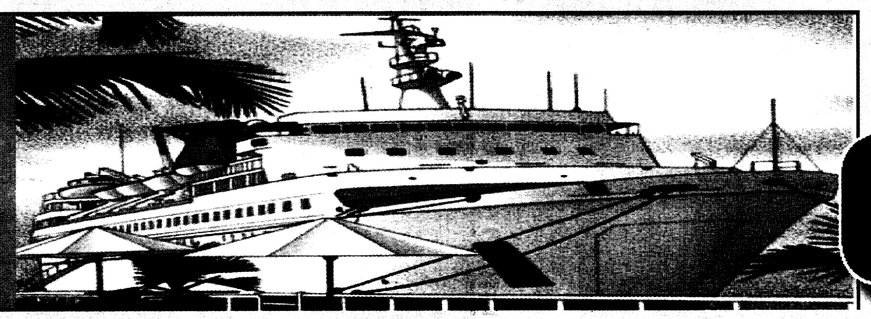

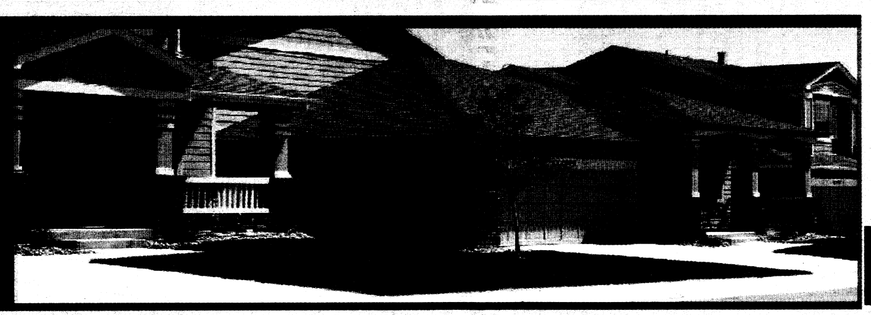

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00 Ford Excursion LTD leather, full power, exe. cond. S#5046172-A $17,881 706-563-3023 (F18)

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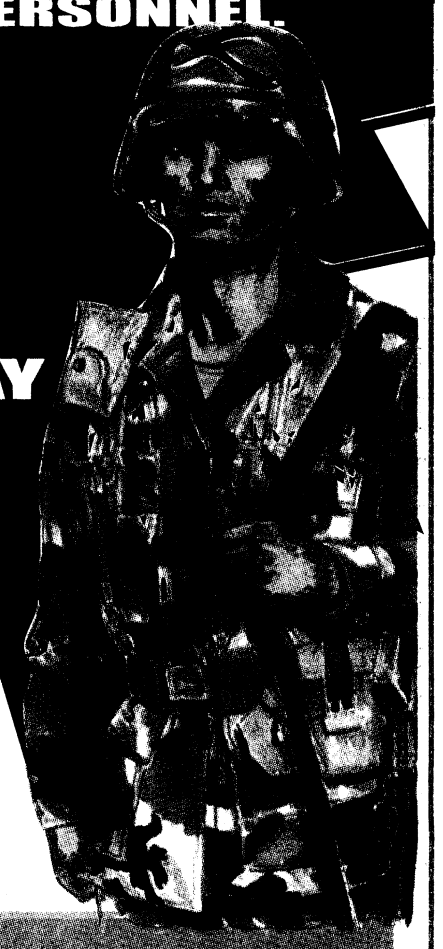

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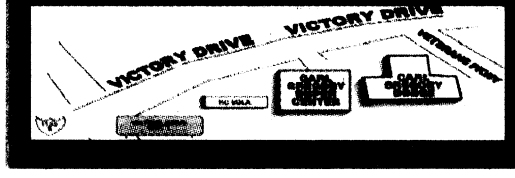

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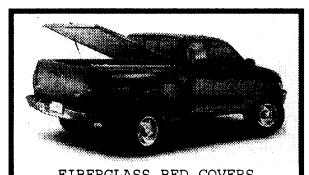

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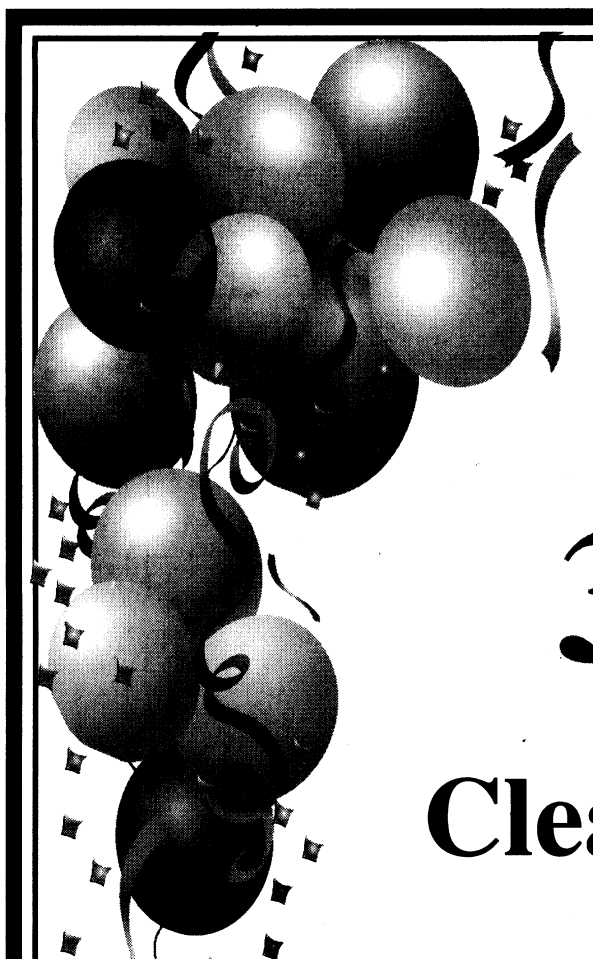

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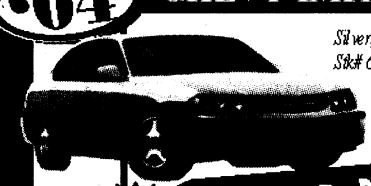
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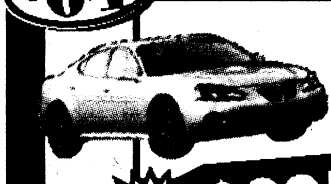
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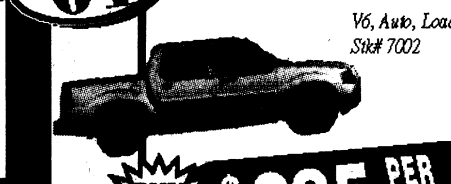
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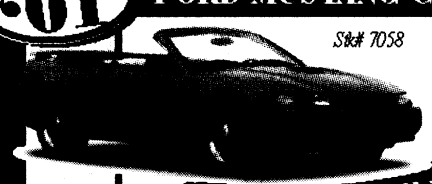
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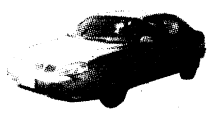
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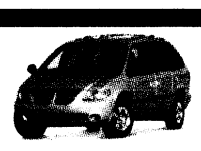
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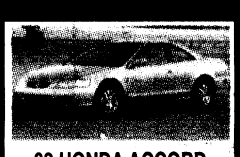
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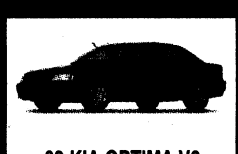
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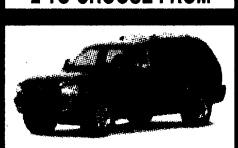
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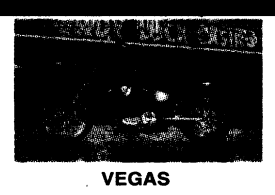
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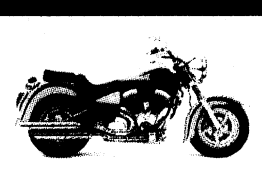
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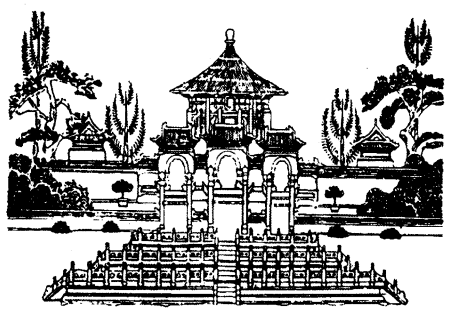

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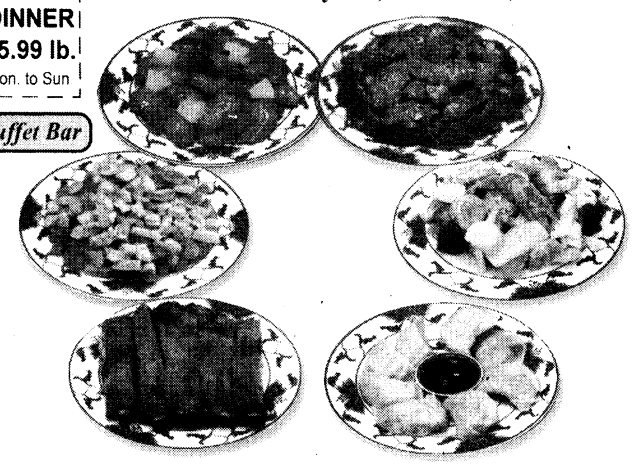

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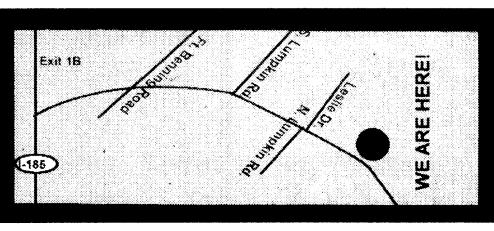

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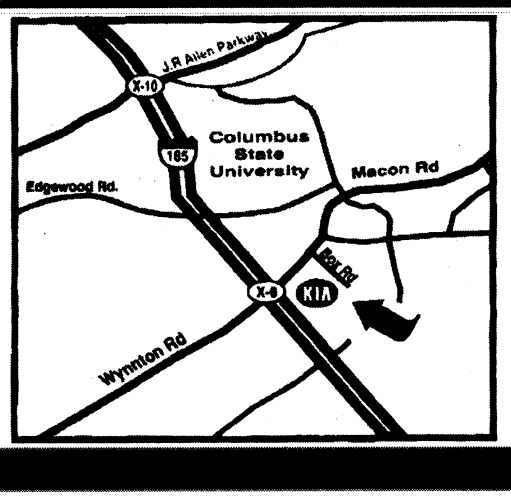

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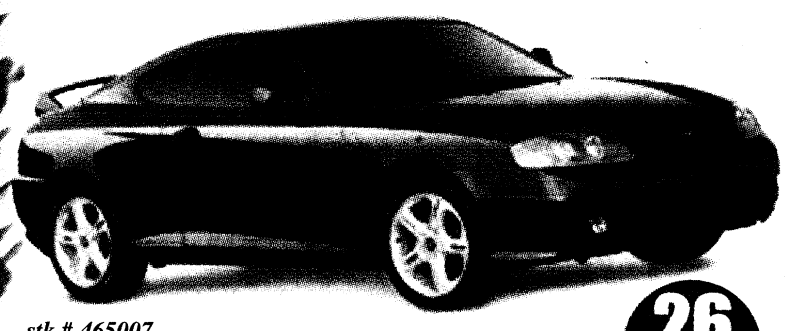

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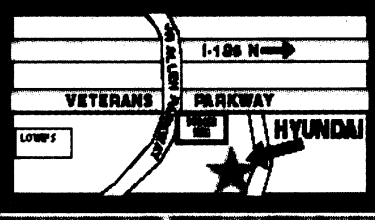



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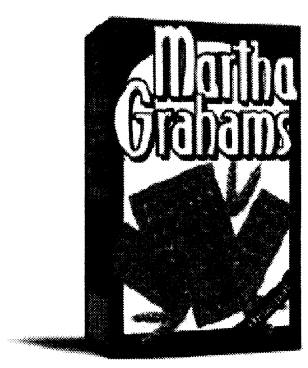

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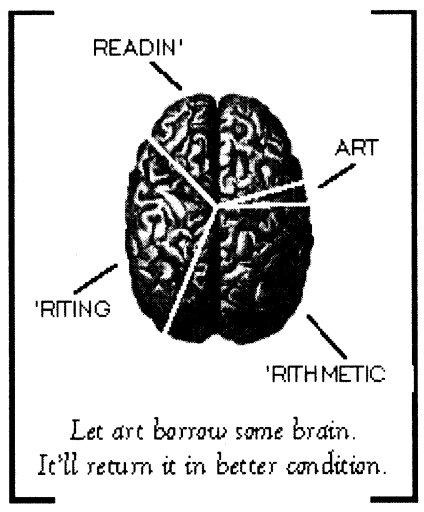

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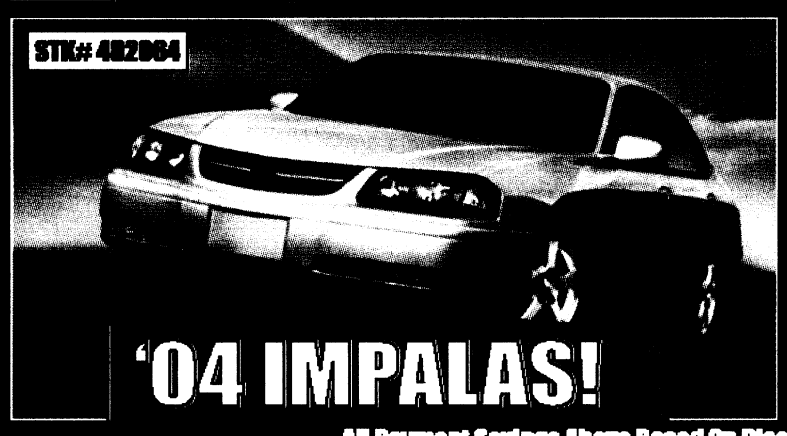

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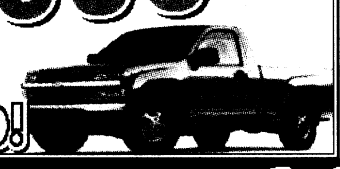

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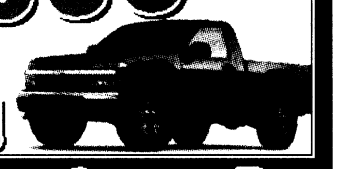

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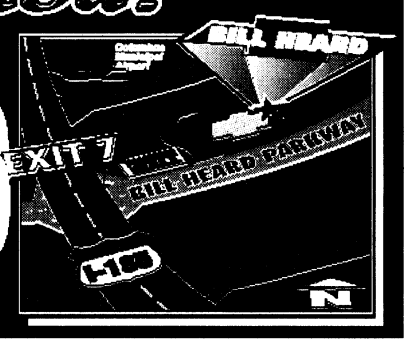

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Melissa House
Bayonet staff

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation is finalizing preparations for this year's 4th of July celebration July 1.

York Field will open at 4 p.m. to an expected crowd of 10,000. Residents of the tricommunity are invited to attend.

Among the scheduled events are two demonstrations from post units.

The Ranger Training Brigade will demonstrate FRIES and SPIES, which stand for fast rope and special purpose insertion/extraction systems.

Rangers will fast rope onto York Field at 7 p.m.

They'll leave using the SPIES extraction technique, said RTB operations officer Maj. Michael McNally. The Rangers will clip their harnesses to ropes attached to the helicopter and be lifted off the field.

At 7:45 p.m., four members of the Silver Wings will conduct a free fall parachute demonstration. The four will jump from a UH-60 Blackhawk from 8,000 feet.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Santellanes, the team leader, said the Silver Wings will unveil their new 10-by-20 foot American flag, which will be attached to the top of Santellanes' parachute.

In order to handle the large numbers of cars, the military police have designated four main parking lots and have identified recommended routes for leaving the York Field area after the event.

Residents of Indianhead Terrace should use the main parking area west of Infantry Hall and should use Burr and Riordan Streets when leaving.

East Main Post residents are encouraged to park at the ranges adjacent to Dixie Road and exit

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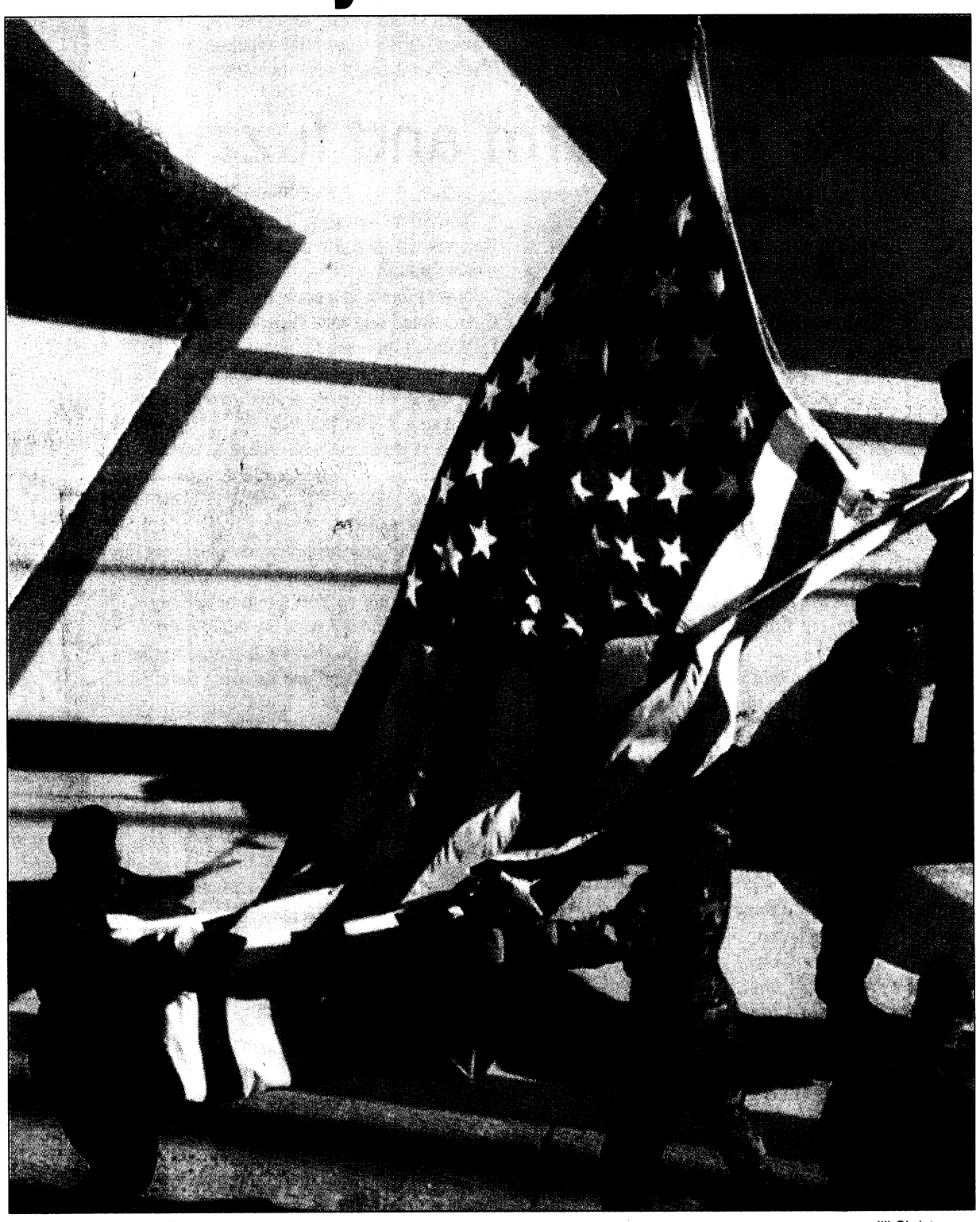
CLOSER LOOK

See Maps on C-13. Schedule of events:

- **4 p.m.** Field open to all guests. Special entertainment by Jag Star.
- **6:30 p.m.** Korean martial arts demonstration.
- **7 p.m.** FRIES and SPIES
- **7:15 p.m.** USAIC Band Concert and 50 state flag ceremony
- **7:45 p.m.** Silver Wings Parachute Team spot jump.
- **8 p.m.** Guest speaker John O. Marsh
- **8:20 p.m.** Unveiling of the refurbished Follow Me statue by the sculptor, model, oldest and youngest Soldiers
- **8:30 p.m.** Infantry Center Band
- **8:58 p.m.** Fireworks display.

Old Glory



Jill Christensen

Fort Benning Soldiers lower the flag in front of Infantry Hall. The flag detail consists of anywhere from six to 24 Soldiers, depending on the size of the flag flown that day.

Iraqis ready for June transfer

Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Iraqis will assume management of all national government ministries before the June 30 transfer of sovereignty, Dan Senor, the Coalition Provisional Authority's chief spokesman, said today.

"Nearly 60 percent of the Iraqi government is already transitioned to sovereignty," Senor told reporters at a Baghdad news conference. And, he said, Iraqi officials are slated to assume control of the remaining ministries by the end of the week.

With nine days remaining before the transfer of power, Iraqis now run 15 of the 26 national government ministries, Senor said.

Iraqi-managed ministries, he said, currently include: foreign affairs, health, education, public works and municipalities, oil, science and technology, agriculture, displacement and migration, culture, water resources, industry and minerals, planning and development, youth and sport, environment and transportation.

After June 30, Senor said, coalition consultants working with the ministries would

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CG releases new firearms policy

Changes to help reduce infractions

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

"A good Soldier has nothing to hide and registers his firearm."

So said Brig. Gen Benjamin Freakley, Fort Benning's commanding general, about the recent rash of Soldiers being charged with firearms offenses.

The problem is, some Soldiers are not registering their firearms, and there have been a number of firearms violations on and off post dating back to last fall, said Maj. Josh Shuey, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

With the exception of a few incidents, Shuey said, Soldiers aren't using the firearms for any other criminal activity, but a Soldier is cited for some sort of firearms violation nearly every weekend.

Most of the violations are a result of Soldiers carrying unregistered firearms or storing loaded weapons under the seats in their cars, or a combination of violations, Shuey said.

Freakley noticed an increase in the number of incidents involving Soldiers and firearms on post and developed a new policy to help put a stop to the problem.

Freakley distributed a policy letter June 15 defining the appropriate action to be taken for firearms offenses.

According to the letter,

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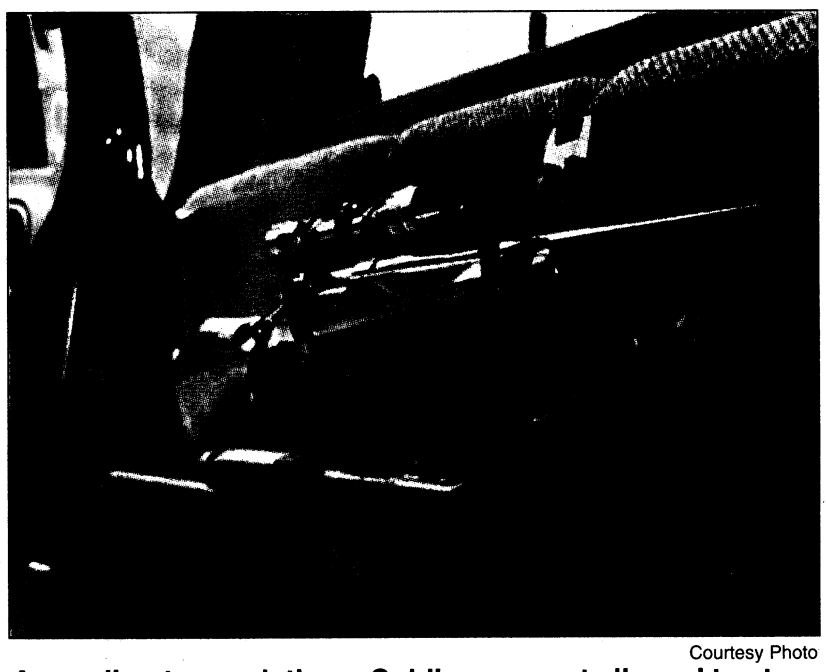

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According to regulations, Soldiers are not allowed to store firearms in their vehicles or barracks rooms.

SINK OR SWIM

Don't risk close calls

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

It started out innocently enough. I was 3. A chubby toddler, stuffed into a bathing suit, romping around on the beach at my mom's company party.

So far that day, my sister and I had "fished" for toys — i.e. cast our lines over a big, painted background, on the other side of which grown-ups waited to slyly load up our lines with tub toys.

We had feasted on watermelon and barbecue and gathered a collection of broken sea shells that put the other children to shame.

Suddenly, a stroke of genius — there, right in front of us, was an enormous body of water for wading and splashing and playing with our new toy boats. And yet, up to this point, we had so foolishly confined ourselves to the relative safety of the beach.

As I mentioned before, it was a company party, so we figured there was plenty of adult supervision. No need to bother anyone by tugging at their sleeve and motioning to the water to let them know we were going in.

So, arm in arm, Jenn and I headed for the water. It was cold at first, as Washington beaches tend to be, but we let our legs adjust to the temperature and built up all our courage to go out a little, teensy bit farther, and then a little, teensy bit more and then just a little bit more.

Laughing, giggling, splashing, happy as can be.



And then it happened. My foot hit a sink hole. For those of you who aren't familiar with that word, a sink hole is a spot in the sand that has no support underneath. So when you step on it, it caves beneath your foot and you sink.

Now if you're an adult, a sink hole probably isn't that big of a deal. But to a 3-year-old, a sink hole is big trouble.

I went under the water, and for all the flailing and kicking and crying, I couldn't shake free of it.

My sister, bless her heart, was only interested in one thing — jumping into the oncoming waves. Far be it from her to pay attention to where her midget sidekick had disappeared to. And Mom, well, she thought we were with the other kids on the beach.

Meanwhile, in all my wee-one wisdom, my first instinct was to open my mouth and cry, at which point I swallowed a good bit of water and started to drown.

Obviously, this story ends happily for me — after all, I'm sitting her writing about it some 19 years later.

A passerby noticed a little hand thrashing around in the water, brought me to shore and pumped the water out of my lungs. My mother realized the little girl laid out, coughing up sea water was hers and vowed never to let me on the beach without a leash again.

And I have been forever traumatized and am, to this day, too scared to venture too far into the ocean — or into deep water at all.

All's well that ends well, right? Except that it could have ended differently. And for a lot of families, it has.

Water safety is no joke, folks. We hear it all the time — so often we've stopped listening.

Yeah, yeah, I know, you say — don't drink and boat, don't drink and swim, don't swim where there isn't a lifeguard, lifejackets when you're on a boat, we've heard it all before.

But it's important. What happened to me on that beach can happen to anyone anywhere.

Don't mix alcohol with any water activities.

Know your limits. I know I can't swim. So I don't bother getting myself into a rough spot paddling out too far or riding around in a boat without a life jacket. And I certainly wouldn't take my children anywhere a lifeguard wasn't around to help them should something go wrong.

And most importantly, watch your children. My mother is the overprotective mother to beat all, but she took her eyes off of us for one minute, and we were gone, off on our own adventure.

I would even go so far as to recommend that if you're going to be anywhere near the water, make your children wear some kind of Coast Guard-approved flotation device. It may seem like cruel torture to them, but it could save their lives.

Explosives make me warm and fuzzy

Spc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

As long as I can remember, I have always loved watching the fireworks on the Fourth of July. There is just something about the sights and sounds that command my attention.

I can only remember one year that I missed a fireworks display during an Independence Day celebration, but I have never been able to watch an official military display.

I usually load up the car and venture home for the four-day weekend and catch the show at the stadium in my hometown, or just watch my wife's crazy uncles fire off a bunch of over-the-counter explosives in their neighborhood. (Something that inspired the neighbors to try to outdo each other in a sort of suburban fireworks war.)



This year, I still plan to visit the crazy uncles on the Fourth, but what I'm really looking forward to is the celebration here on July 1.

By having the Fort Benning celebration on July 1, Soldiers like me will be able to see the festivities and still make it home for some quality time with the extended family. (Because we all know nothing brings a family together more than watching controlled explosives.)

For one thing, I can't wait to see the Follow Me Statue with its fresh coat of bronze, but I'm really in it for the big booms.

I've been told that more than $15,000 worth of professional-grade fireworks will be launched into the air above York Field.

The Silver Wings will jump in, and the Rangers will perform an aerial demonstration.

Not to mention a concert by the Infantry Center Band and state flag pageantry.

With all this entertainment, it looks like crazy Uncle Jimmy and the local stadium back home will just be a small reminder of what I saw at Fort Benning.

And as everyone who's been to one of Fort Benning's celebrations in the past is so eager to tell me, it is something you don't want to miss.

Well, I missed the celebration last year, and I'm not doing it again.

I'll be sitting on York Field beside my wife at 4 p.m. sharp with my head in the clouds, my eyes on the sky, listening to the sounds of a live band and enjoying the festivities.

CORRECTION

Last week's edition of *The Bayonet* incorrectly reported that Sgt. 1st Class James Parker placed fourth in the 2000 Olympics. He placed fifth.

The phone number for the Columbus Catfish was also incorrect. The number is 571-8866.

The Bayonet apologizes for the errors and regrets any inconvenience.

Southerner misses home

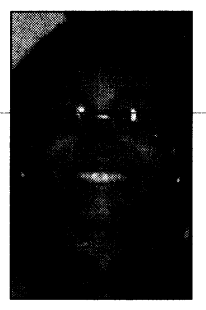
Tonya Johnson
Army Research Lab PAO

Boy, time really does fly. It's been two and a half years since I left Fort Benning, my first stop after college. I served as a Department of the Army Public Affairs intern.

I moved seven hours away from my small hometown in North Carolina to Columbus, and it was an experience I'll never forget.

It was a humbling and rewarding experience to interact with Soldiers and see where they're trained at Airborne School, Ranger School, basic training and Officer Candidate School. Fort Benning is the training ground for thousands of Soldiers each year, and I applaud the dedicated civilians, officers and Soldiers who play valuable roles in making this happen.

Now I'm at the Army Research Laboratory in Adelphi, Md. The Washington, D.C., metro area is home to many military bases, but none can compare to Fort Benning.



I miss the South. I miss the friendly people, the laid back atmosphere, the cheaper cost of living.

I could go on and on.

I want to remind you not to take living in the South for granted.

Traffic is a mess in the D.C. area. Accidents are common here, and traffic sometimes moves an inch an hour. When traffic's not at a standstill, people drive crazy. Just try a daily commute on the Capitol Beltway for a week — no, make that a day.

Besides less traffic, I miss the laid-back atmosphere of the South. Here, the first question people ask is, "What kind of job do you do?" instead of "How do you do?"

Of course, they usually don't speak at all, which took some time to get used to. I'm used to smiling faces and strangers saying hello on the streets in the South.

Oh, and be thankful for the lower cost of living down there. I'm paying almost double the price for a one-bedroom apartment in Maryland than I did in Columbus. Never mind the cost of insurance, gas and groceries!

And about that Southern food — it's the best in my book. There's nothing like Southern cooking, especially barbecue.

By the way, I miss Four Winds Restaurant. I'd love to have a Ranger Burger right now.

Enjoy the South, and thanks Fort Benning, for the fond memories. Eat a Ranger Burger for me.

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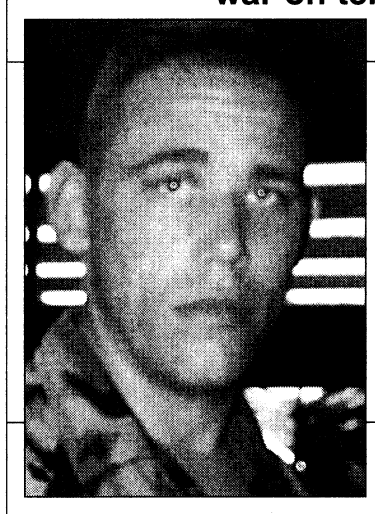


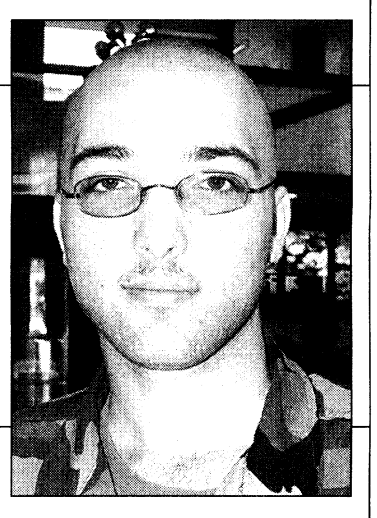
Sgt. Casey Conner, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment — "No, because it is still Independence Day, and it still means our forefathers died for our freedom."



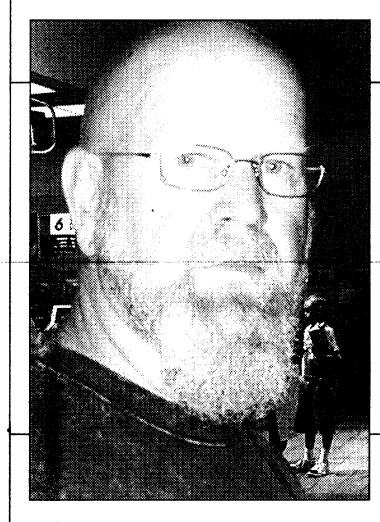
Sgt. 1st Class Cynthia Hightower, 1207th U.S. Army Hospital — "Yes, because in the past we took our freedom for granted, but after 9-11 we know how vulnerable we are."



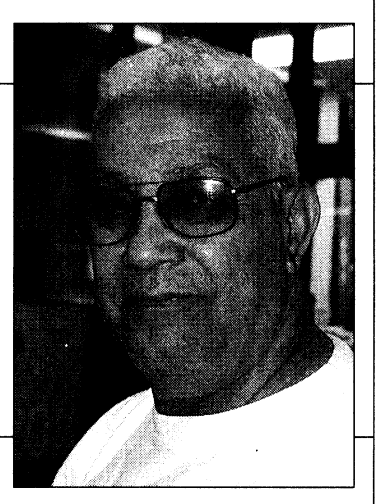
1st Lt. Sharon Kircher, 63rd Engineer Company — "No. My family and I have always celebrated it, and the meaning is still the same."



Pvt. Drew Larose, 36th Engineer Group — "Yes, because now we are realizing more of what happened back then. The fireworks aren't just a display anymore — they actually mean something."



Retired Navy Chief John Ross — "No. From my perspective, the flag hasn't changed. Nothing has changed."



Retired Sgt. 1st Class, Carlos Rivera, Columbus — "Yes, because we're in danger nowadays. There are a bunch of people trying to kill us."

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FULL SPECTRUM WARRIOR

Video game copies infantry squad movements

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning Soldiers and family members rallied at the Main Mall Post Exchange June 17 to try out a new squad-based, military-themed video game with online users in California.

The game, Full Spectrum Warrior, is a civilian spin-off of Army training software designed by California-based company Pandemic Studios and the University of Southern California's Institute for Creative Technologies.

"The game was pretty realistic," said Pvt. James Stevens, who graduated basic training with the 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment that morning. "The players move in two four-man firing teams — just like the MOUT training I received. All the tactics are the same."

"This would be great for training reinforcement," said Pvt. Tommy Ingram, 1st Bn., 30th Inf. Regt. "This game covers literally everything I have learned about soldiering so far."

THQ creative manager Greg Donovan said realism and accuracy were the most important goals in the development of the original training software, and THQ sacrificed none of that integrity in the production of the public version.

"The prime differences are the Army didn't care about any kind of an opening movie, cinematics, plot, heads-up displays and that kind of thing," Donovan said. "So we took liberties in that regard with the civilian game, but as far as the actual strategies used to get through the missions and take out opposing forces, the game is exactly the same."

The original Army game came in two versions, according to USC's ICT Web site — a Full Spectrum Command version geared at training light infantry commanders in urban environments, and Full Spectrum Warrior, which models the command and control of a light infantry squad.

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Donovan said the institute worked closely with the Army's Training and Doctrine Command and the Infantry School to accurately replicate infantry battle drills and small unit tactics.

"You have to make the right choices tactically and strategically to accomplish the mission," he said. "Who better to give guidance on infantry tactics than the Infantry School?"

Because of the advanced artificial intelligence used in the game, the complex commands used and the varying tactics, Donovan said each user has to complete a forced training mission he described as "robust in its thoroughness."

"It takes about an hour to an hour and a half to complete," he said. "I think it's enough to bring any user up to speed."

The tutorial brings users up to speed on controller functions and the fundamentals of squad movement, including tactical formations, like the wedge, moving to and from cover, issuing a point of fire, bounding maneuvers and flanking.



Photos by Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Pvt. Tommy Ingram, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, tries the Full Spectrum Warrior video game while using a headset to coordinate strategy with an online user in California June 17.

Donovan said he doesn't think the level of realism and the complexity of the game will be daunting to the average, non-infantryman gamer.

Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Gould, C Company, 203rd Forward Support Bn., said the game was almost too realistic in some aspects.

"The speed of the game was slow sometimes, like going around corners, for instance," he said. "But that is part of the realism. When a man goes down in the game, his battle buddy picks him up using a fireman carry and his movement is hindered by the extra weight."

Full Spectrum Warrior is available for XBox now and can be purchased at the PX. A personal computer version will be available in the fall.



A Soldier tries the video game's mandatory tutorial portion, which can take more than an hour to complete.

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Program offers extra cash to cover costly college credits

MGIB can 'top up' Soldiers' tuition costs not paid with TA

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

If you ask Soldiers why they signed up for the Army, many will list college money, among other things, as one of their top motivators.

College tuition is pretty steep these days. According to the *Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid*, the average cost of tuition for one year in a public college or university in 2002 and 2003 was $12,841, $19,188 for out-of-state students.

Meanwhile, students shelled out an average $27,677 to attend private colleges and universities.

Active-duty Soldiers have the benefit of tuition assistance, which covers tuition up to $250 per semester credit hour or $166 per quarter credit hour, according to Military.com. They're authorized up to $4,500 per fiscal year.

But what happens when TA doesn't quite cover the cost of your academic goals? What do you do then?

One option, said Mike Hodge, acting education service officer for Fort Benning, is the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

The MGIB is an educational assistance program enacted by Congress to attract "high quality" men and women to the military, Hodge said.

It provides education and training opportunities to eligible people. To be eligible, you must have entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985 and not have declined the MGIB in writing.

The benefit can be used for a variety of training, Hodge said, including undergraduate or graduate degrees, a certificate or diploma from a business, technical or vocational school, correspondence courses, flight training — provided you have a private pilot certificate and meet the medical requirements for the desired certificate before beginning training — and testing for a license or certification.

The MGIB can be used alone or with TA, he said, through a program called Tuition Top-Up.

Say you're already taking a course that exceeds the $250 cap per semester hour you're authorized through TA. You can dip into your MGIB to cover the remaining cost.

"The program allows (Veterans Affairs) to pay Montgomery G.I. Bill participants' tuition and fees not covered by tuition assistance," according to Military.com.

"The amount of the benefit can be equal to the difference between the total cost of a college course and the amount of TA that is paid by the military for the course."



"You must have a continuous year on active duty before you are eligible to use your MGIB to supplement your TA," Hodge said.

Students can receive up to 36 months of Top-Up payments.

But is it a good idea to take advantage of MGIB while you're still in the Army?

It depends, Hodge said.

"Soldiers who plan to pursue full-time studies after separation may want to save the MGIB until then," he said. "Depending on the Soldier's educational goals, he or she may want to save the MGIB until after separation, especially since Soldiers are paid tuition and fees while on active duty."

There are pros and cons, according to Military.com.

Top-Up covers the remaining balance after TA, requires only a relatively simple process and pays the money directly to the school.

But it is charged against your 36 months of MGIB benefits, which may come back to haunt you down the road.

And with a little extra effort, students may be able to find the money to take care of expenses not covered by TA through Federal Student Aid, grants and other scholarships, the Web site said.

Either way, Hodge said, Soldiers are encouraged to speak with an education counselor before making a decision about using their MGIB benefits while on active duty.

Visit the Army Education Center in Building 2602 at Soldiers' Plaza or call 545-5725.



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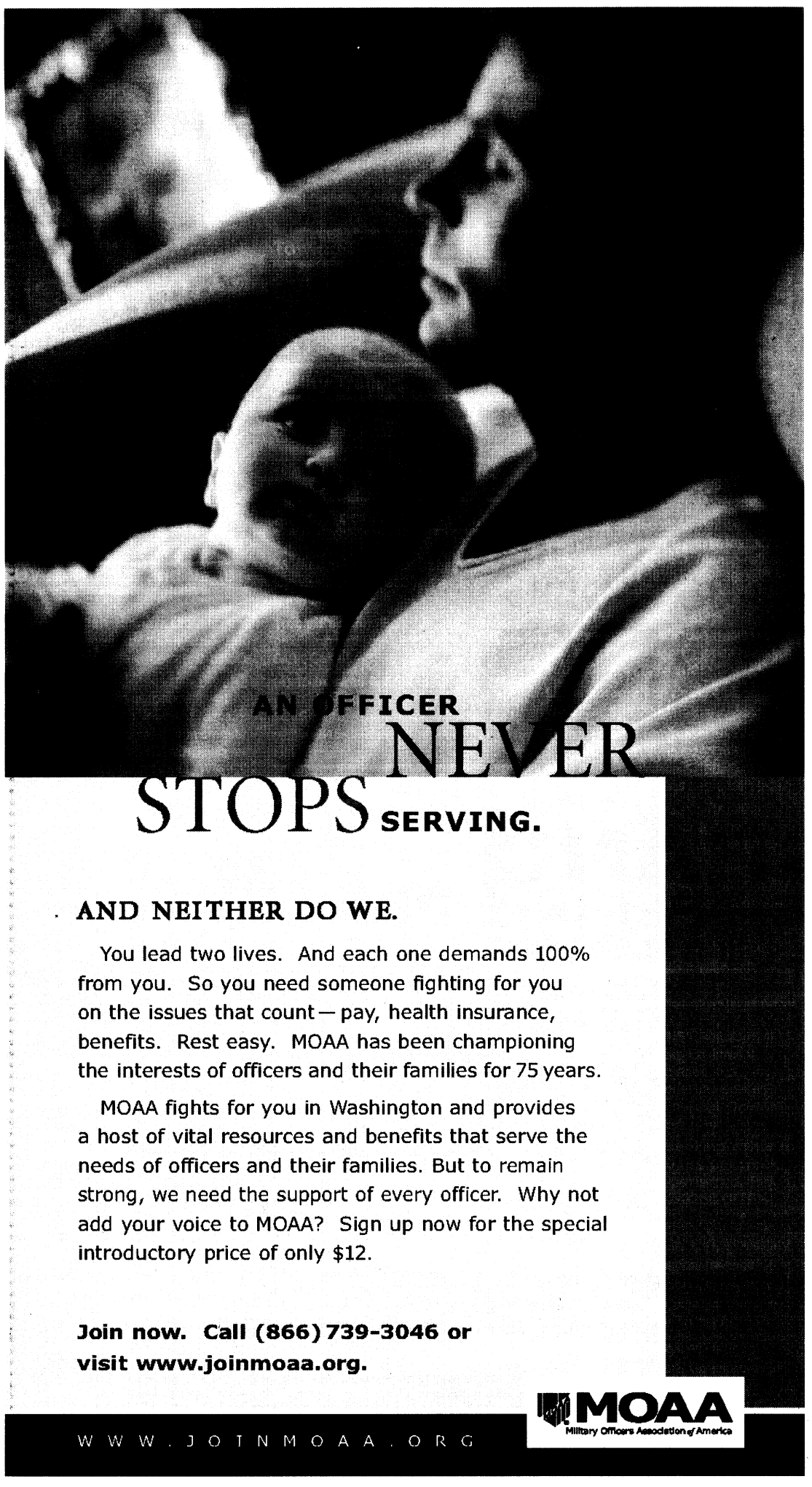



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Guest speaker lights fire in leadership

Retired general talks to troops

Melissa House
Bayonet staff

Marshall Auditorium was filled Tuesday afternoon with Soldiers waiting to hear retired Gen. Charles Krulak, the guest speaker for the Combat Leader Speaker Program.

Fort Benning Chief of Staff Col. Charles Cornwell introduced Krulak, the former 31st commandant of the Marine Corps, now the chief executive officer of MBMA Bank.

"He is much more than a recitation of his resume," Cornwell said. "He's the type of leader who made America great and the type we need more of."

Krulak's audience was students of the Infantry Basic and Career Captains' Courses and the Officer Candidate School. He greeted them, calling them the leaders, warriors and thinkers of the present and the future, and told them the nation appreciates them, even though few understand the great responsibility they have.

Krulak said his service itself did not make him a leader, but gave him a number of experiences and lessons about leadership he could relay to the students. He presented three vignettes to illustrate different aspects of leadership that he said would tie leadership in combat, during peacetime and in society.

In 1966, Krulak said, he was a young, "bullet-proof lieutenant, 6 feet 6, looking like Russell Crowe," who had been lucky enough to take command of a Marine rifle company.

He related the events leading up to the invasion of Vietnam by the 324B, a unit he called a "great war-fighting outfit." After the invasion, 11 battalions, including his, pushed north on a simple mission.

They landed in the middle of a dried-out rice paddy and started to move to the high ground to begin patrolling for enemy. They had only gone a few steps, he said, before a machine gun opened up on them.

"And I was only 5 feet 5, not like Russell Crowe, more like Yoda," Krulak said. "And I was scared."

During the intense fire, his radio operator grabbed his sleeve and had him look at an 18-year-old lance corporal who put his weapon on his hip, and ran straight toward the machine gun, firing as fast as he could.

He successfully diverted the enemy's attention away from his unit, letting them to take cover.

"But he didn't look back. He didn't know they were safe," Krulak said. "And he got hit."

The Marine got up again, shouldered his weapon and walked down the .50 cal gun's line of fire. After three minutes, Krulak got to the silenced gun, found nine enemy dead and his Marine lying on the gun.

Six months later, Krulak went to Washington, D.C., where that man's widow was awarded her husband's Distinguished Service Cross, holding a baby boy.

The irony, Krulak said, was the African-American Marine couldn't even buy a hamburger in his hometown.

"But he had something inside," he said. "When the chips were down, something inside of him made him get up, not once, but twice. He knew what his responsibility was and he did it. He had something very special. He was selfless."

The lance corporal's actions made Krulak think of a Latin phrase on a building at the U.S. Naval Academy — "nolo civis sed patria," — not for self, for country. One thing important in combat, he said, is to be selfless.

Krulak's second vignette was from 1969. He was married, had one son and was, in his words, "pushing recruits in San Diego" when he received a letter with a set of orders to return to Vietnam a second time.

After his wife dropped him off at the hangar, Krulak said he struck up a conversation with a young Marine who lived only a few blocks from his house. Pfc. Cameron, he said, was an only child who had never been anywhere and was petrified.

"He said he was a radio operator," Krulak said, "and I told him not to worry. He'd be in the rear with the gear."

Krulak saw Cameron several times on the trip to Da Nang.

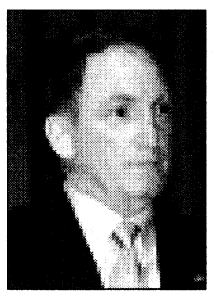
Krulak was met by his unit first sergeant, who introduced him to every Marine in the company. On day four, he said, the unit got the BNGs.

"They were the brand new guys," he said. "And there was Pfc. Cameron. If looks could kill! The only words out of his mouth were 'Sir, so this is in the rear with the gear?'"

Krulak decided that God had meant for the two men to have a relationship, so he made Cameron his RTO.

"This relationship was bonded by fire, bonded by stress for the next nine months," he said. "And at the end of those nine months, we were given a simple mission."

On that simple mission, a bullet whizzed by Krulak, he said, "and right into that precious kid."



Krulak

He dropped to his knees, applied a bandage to the huge wound and cradled Cameron in his arms until something hit him hard on the side of the head.

"The first sergeant had beaned me," he said, "and asked me what the hell I was doing."

The rifle company had continued to fight its way up the ridgeline and Krulak, the commander, was out of the fight.

The first sergeant took over with Cameron, and Krulak went up the hill. When they met again at the command post, the first sergeant apologized. With tears running down his cheeks, Krulak said the first sergeant told him that Cameron didn't make it.

The first sergeant, a huge man and a veteran of Korea, was only six months from retirement, Krulak said.

"He put it all on the line by assaulting and battering his company commander," Krulak said. "But he saw that his commander had lost it, and he had to get my attention. He had the moral courage to take action when he saw something was wrong."

Krulak told the students their commanders will be looking for leaders who are truthful. Although physical courage in combat is important, he said, commanders are looking for a different brand of courage — moral courage.

His third vignette centered on a friend, Capt. Tom Drowdy, who took a squad leader into a deadly village to find a missing Marine and incurred the wrath of his battalion commander.

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> **Retired Gen. Charles Krulak**
> Commandant of U.S. Marine Corps

The commander went "ballistic," Krulak said, and told Drowdy he would be relieved if he did something like that again. Drowdy promised he would not, then turned to walk away.

"He took a few steps, then turned," Krulak said, "and said he would do it again if he had to. The battalion commander relieved him."

Drowdy started to walk to his executive officer to turn over the company when the assistant division commander arrived by helicopter. He had listened to the fight on the radio and told Drowdy he was proud of him and his Marines.

"And he told the colonel that with commanders like Drowdy, he probably had the best battalion in the division," Krulak said.

Drowdy kept his job and went on to become the assistant division commander of the 1st Marine Division in Operation Desert Storm.

"What you need to know," Krulak said, "is the Marine Corps was his life. He did three tours in Vietnam, two Silver Stars and four Purple Hearts. He bled scarlet and gold, but he was willing to give it all up in three steps."

Krulak said Drowdy got back the only thing he owned in those three steps — his integrity.

"Integrity. Only you can give it away," he said. "No one can wrestle it away from you."

Krulak said he's often asked what the most important leadership trait is and told the audience to be men and women of character to be successful.

"You're the best the Army has to offer," he said. "You're smart, talented, but it's nothing more than a gift. Character is a choice, and that's a big difference. You choose and build it by making hard decisions."

Krulak told them if they make enough of the tough decisions that made their palms clammy and their stomachs churn, they'll be able to find the inner strength to be successful and victorious when the time comes. And those the audience had seen who were victorious, but not men of character, Krulak said were not true leaders.

"Their victories are never sweet and will never stand the test of time," Krulak said, "and will never serve to inspire anybody.

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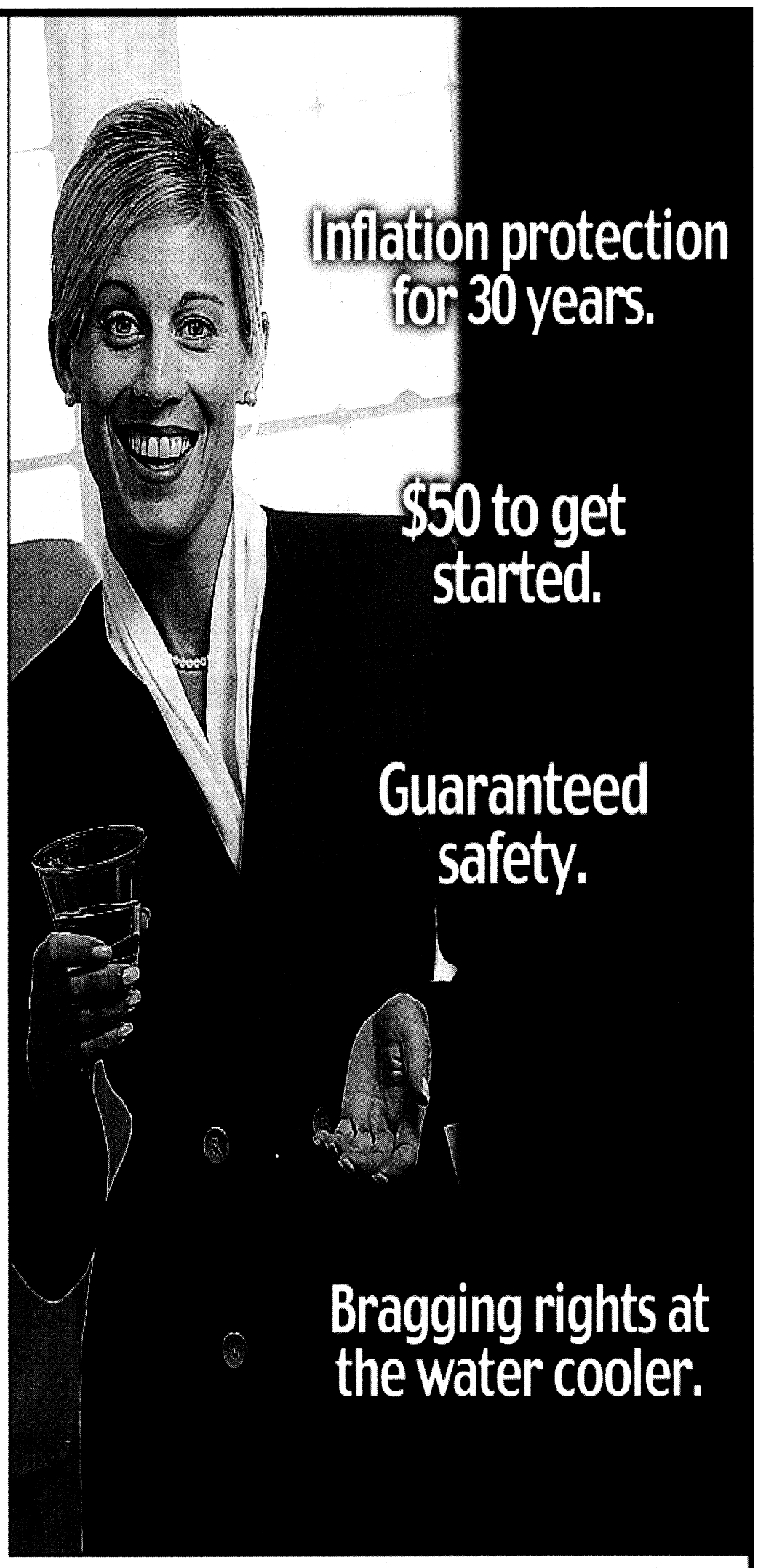

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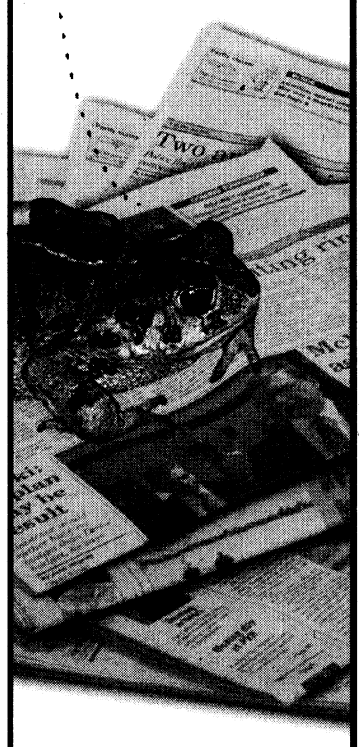

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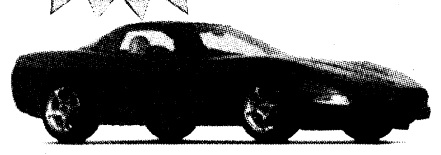

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German Liaison NCO goes out with bang

Makes D-Day jump before heading to Texas

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

The 60th anniversary of the D-Day jump into Normandy was a great day for many veterans and paratroopers. It was a day of remembering the past and for some it was a once in a life time opportunity to be part of history.

For Sgt. Maj. Manfred Jerabek, German Liaison NCO, it was the single best experience in his 25 years in the military.

"I was the first German paratrooper to ever participate in a D-Day commemoration jump," Jerabek said with pride. "It was the best time I've had in my entire military career."

Although many young men are drafted into the German army, Jerabek volunteered at the age of 18 to serve his country as a German paratrooper.

Jerabek still remembers his father's pride and his mother's sadness when he left for the Army.

"I'm the youngest of four. When the youngest leaves, it's a tragedy for the mother," Jerabek said. "But I went home to see her on weekends."

He's proud to say he's a paratrooper and will correct anyone who asks why he wanted to be an infantry soldier.

"I'm not infantry; I'm airborne," Jerabek said matter-of-factly.

"In my army, all the airborne battalions do special (missions), because they are specially trained. They have special equipment, and they have a special feeling of honor and loyalty. That's exactly what I was looking for and I found it.


Jerabek

"I've been in airborne battalions my entire 25 years, and at Fort Benning for the past four years," Jerabek said. "It's all about the airborne experiences.

"(The Normandy jump) was the highlight of my military career, the highlight of my time at Fort Benning and the last jump of my airborne career," he said.

Jerabek will leave Fort Benning next week for a non-jump status assignment at the Sergeants Major Academy in Fort Bliss, Texas. After he completes his assignment at Bliss, Jerabek will return to Germany and a new assignment.

He will not be assigned to an airborne unit because of his age.

"After 47, German paratroopers are no longer assigned to airborne battalions," Jerabek said.

The thought of not jumping again does not upset Jerabek. He said everything is done at a certain age and he isn't that young anymore. Jerabek turned 43 Wednesday and he says it's important to begin thinking about his long-term health and his family.

Jerabek and his wife, Krimhilde, have been married for 10 years.

"We met dancing on the Fourth of July," Jerabek said with a smile. "She's my best comrade, friend, advisor, counselor and my best critic," he said.

Jerabek's current assignment is the first assignment he's been able to spend time with Krimhilde.

"In Germany, I could only go home on the weekends. Here, I spend every day with her. Now we're going to Fort Bliss for another four years.

"That's eight years with my wife — what a great gift," he said.

Jerabek will be replaced by Sgt. Maj. Peter O'Grady, with whom he served about 10 years ago.

O'Grady was only a sergeant then and Jerabek was a platoon leader.

"He was an idol to me. He was more than a platoon leader; he was a teacher, a mentor," O'Grady said. "He's the reason I wanted to come to Fort Benning. I knew he'd give me the best handover anyone could give.

"There are two types of leaders in our army — the modern thinkers and the modern thinkers with traditional values," O'Grady said. "He's one of the second. That's what makes him so respected."

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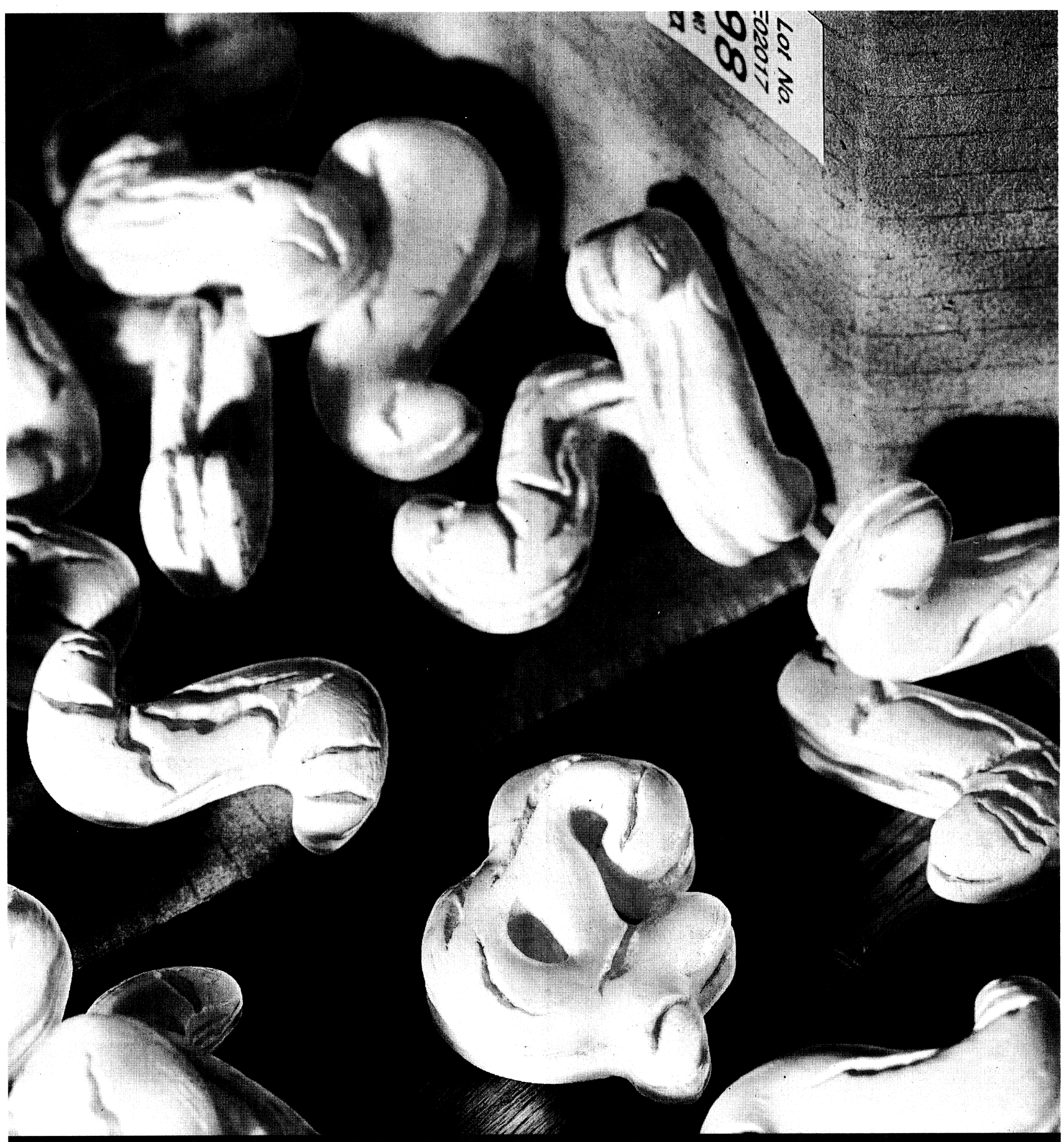

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'YOU CAN'T PUT A PRICE ON THAT'

Reunions offer veterans valuable therapy

Bridgett Siter
Bayonet staff

Veterans reunite almost weekly here during the summer months. They come by the dozens or the hundreds to hug old friends and heal the hurts they tried to bury 30 years ago, some longer.

Veterans' reunions, especially Vietnam veterans, are among the most costly (we're not talking money here) and valuable events to take place on post, but by definition, they're exclusive to a degree. Family and friends and the occasional reporter are welcome to attend, and they're welcome to share in the laughs, help themselves to a plate of barbecue and maybe ask a question or two. But there are some places you just can't go, unless you were *there*.

Take for instance, the reunion last weekend at Uchee Creek. Fifty-some Vietnam veterans were there. Some wore hats with the yellow shield of the 1st Cavalry Division. Some had "C Co. 1-5" on their shirts, others had "Charlie Co., 1st Cav." When asked to clarify, there was a moment of speculation, a few snickers, and then, from the back of the room, "Ask Dan over there. I bet he can tell you."

Turns out, he could. According to retired Maj. Dan Terry, the Columbus resident responsible for this year's event, the reunion was the fourth annual meeting of the veterans who served between 1965 and 1970 in C Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division — quite a mouthful, even by military standards. But the veterans don't seem overly concerned with the correct unit identification. It matters little what you call them (they've been called worse), as long as you don't call them heroes. They're really uncomfortable with that.

There were lots of heroes, but they're "sitting over there," they say as they point across the room. Then they tell their stories about the men who saved their lives. They're one-sided stories, because the heroes never own up to them.

Steve Branham was a favorite among his buddies. They called him "Sherman," like the tank, back in 1970, and it's easy to see why. Now 55, Branham is a barrel of a man who "tells it like he sees it." The problem is, he sees things differently than his friends.

They say, "He was the best warrior I ever knew."

He says, "We just did what we had to do to survive."

They say, "He was like Audie Murphy."

He says, "B--- s---."

Kirk Randleman recalled the bloody battle that earned Branham the Distinguished Service Cross but cost him his assistant machine gunner. Though reluctant to share the details, Randleman credited Branham with single-handedly saving the platoon.

"He was calm under pressure and he knew what he was doing. He was a born leader," Randleman said. "We trusted him. He had as much to do with running the company as anyone else."

That's not the way Branham remembers it.

> "I come here to get answers. I wanted to know if I'd been a good NCO over there. I know I tried my damnedest, but I needed to know how they felt."
>
> **Les Tarkington**
> Vietnam veteran

"We got into a real bad situation. It's not like we had a choice. We had to keep our heads on straight if we wanted to keep them on at all," he said.

The qualities that made Branham successful in the jungle didn't set well with society, Randleman said. Such was the case for many vets.

"He was a natural leader over there and it made him a hero to us, but back here it was a problem," he said, noting that C Co. had contact with the enemy 270 days in one year's time and lost at least two Soldiers per week for a four-month period. "And then it was over. You were in combat one day, home the next. There was no time to decompress. You were supposed to move on. Some of us couldn't do it. Some of us did it for a while."

Unlike today, when Soldiers are sent overseas in units, C Co. was populated with a constant trickle of replacements, Randleman explained. Soldiers arrived in ones and twos and left by themselves, some never knowing if their buddies made it back alive.

Many, if this group is any indication, turned to alcohol and drugs. A staggering number married, then divorced. They quit hunting and got rid of their guns. Some questioned God, others gave their lives to him.

"You know, I get veterans asking me all the time why they made it back when their buddies didn't," said Tim Workman, who led the group in prayer before dinner. "Think about it, man, if that wasn't hell over there, I don't want to see the real thing. God spared us for a reason. He's got a purpose for us."

As these veterans near retirement age, many are searching for that purpose.

Ed Cobbler figures he chose a career in law because all he ever wanted to do was join the Army. Vietnam "poisoned" him, he said, but law enforcement gave him another chance to serve. Now he speaks to veterans groups about his experience and the need to heal.

Randleman plays bluegrass music and uses his talent as a forum for talk. A veterans' advocate who once contemplated suicide, he now promotes his brand of healing.

"It's going to come out one way or the other," the Hickory, N.C., resident said. "You need to talk about it."

Fernando Escalante, "Fred" to his friends, is leery about retirement. He's finally dealing with the memories of Vietnam he tried to erase. The reunions have given some measure of closure, he said, but it "comes in stages," and with retirement approaching fast, Escalante is apprehensive about having too much time on his hands.

"Maybe I'll visit these guys," he said, gesturing around the room. "We lost 13 guys from my high school. I think maybe I should find a way to honor them, like at our reunion. I just feel like I should do something."

For many of the veterans, healing comes in fits and spurts. At 35, Staff Sgt. Les Tarkington was a seasoned vet when he joined C Co. in Vietnam. He served two tours and retired from the Army in 1974. Then, he said, he buried himself in the bottle for 10 years. It cost him his first marriage and nearly destroyed his second. Now he attends therapy for PTSD twice a week, takes medication to calm his rage, and stays in touch with his old buddies. And he attends reunions, like last weekend's three-day affair.

"Every time I come, I learn something new, something about myself," Tarkington said. "I come here to get answers. I wanted to know if I'd been a good NCO over there. I know I tried my damnedest, but I needed to know how they felt."

The reunions cannot assuage the guilt Tarkington feels for making it out alive, but they make it a little easier to deal with. And like so many said, they help "fill in the holes."

Monday evening, as the men from Tarkington's platoon sat talking, someone mentioned "anniversary anxiety," and several men nodded.

"November 21, 1966," Dave Combs said.

That was the date C Co.'s 3rd Platoon was ambushed on its march out of Cambodia. Twenty-six died. One survived, severely wounded.

Tarkington was on R&R in Hawaii when the ambush took place. Had he been there, he believes, things would've turned out differently. As an experienced NCO, he would've "handled the situation differently." Tarkington cried as he recounted the event.

Cobbler sighed deeply and said: "I was in the hospital with malaria. I was supposed to be on a plane back to my company. Something happened, and the plane was delayed an hour. One hour."

The irony of their survival and the guilt they've shared unknowingly for nearly 40 years was apparently therapeutic. Tarkington dried his tears.

"See what I mean? That's another hole filled," Combs said. "The hardest thing I ever did in my life was come to one of these, but it was the best thing, too. Different personalities deal with it differently, but I think talking about it helps everybody. Not that it's easy, but it gets easier."

That's the "value" of reunions, Escalante said.

"We want closure, and this is the only way to get it. We chip away at the anxiety until we get to a place where we can laugh again," he said. "There was a time I never thought I'd get to this point. I can see we've changed, but we're all OK. You can't put a price on that."

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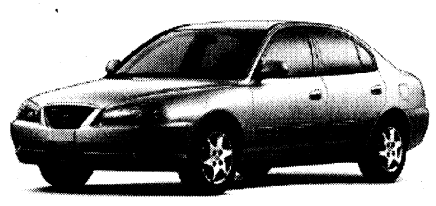

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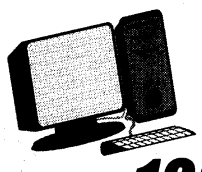

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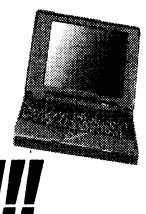

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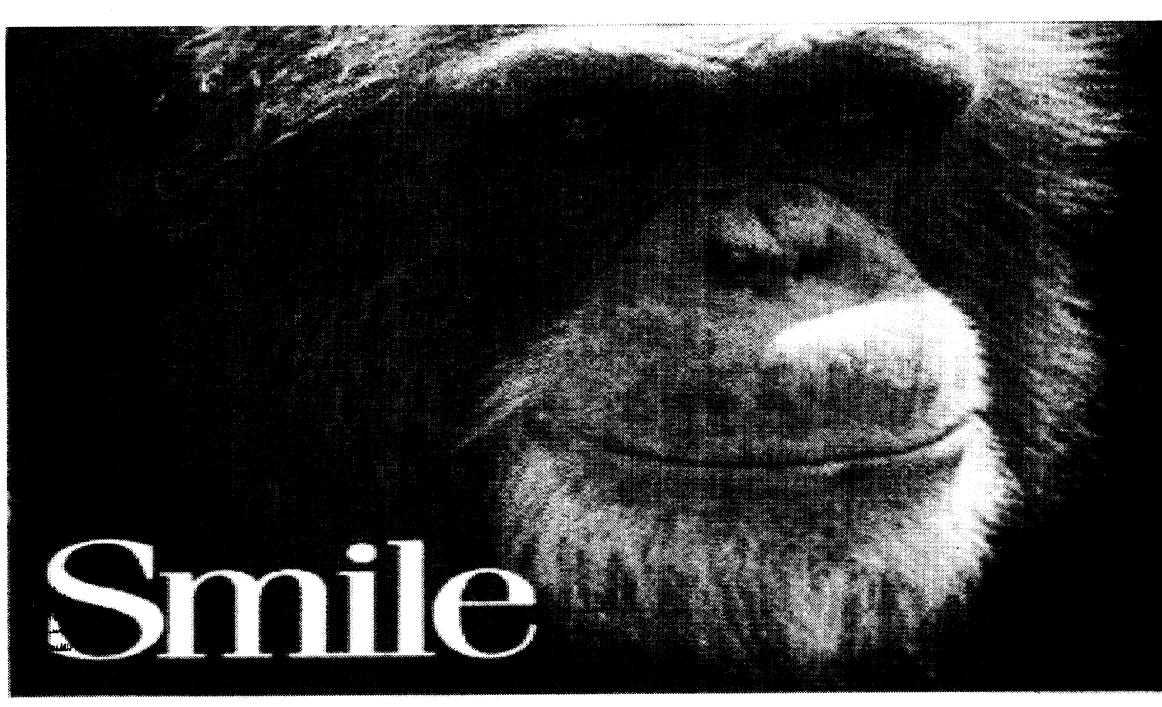

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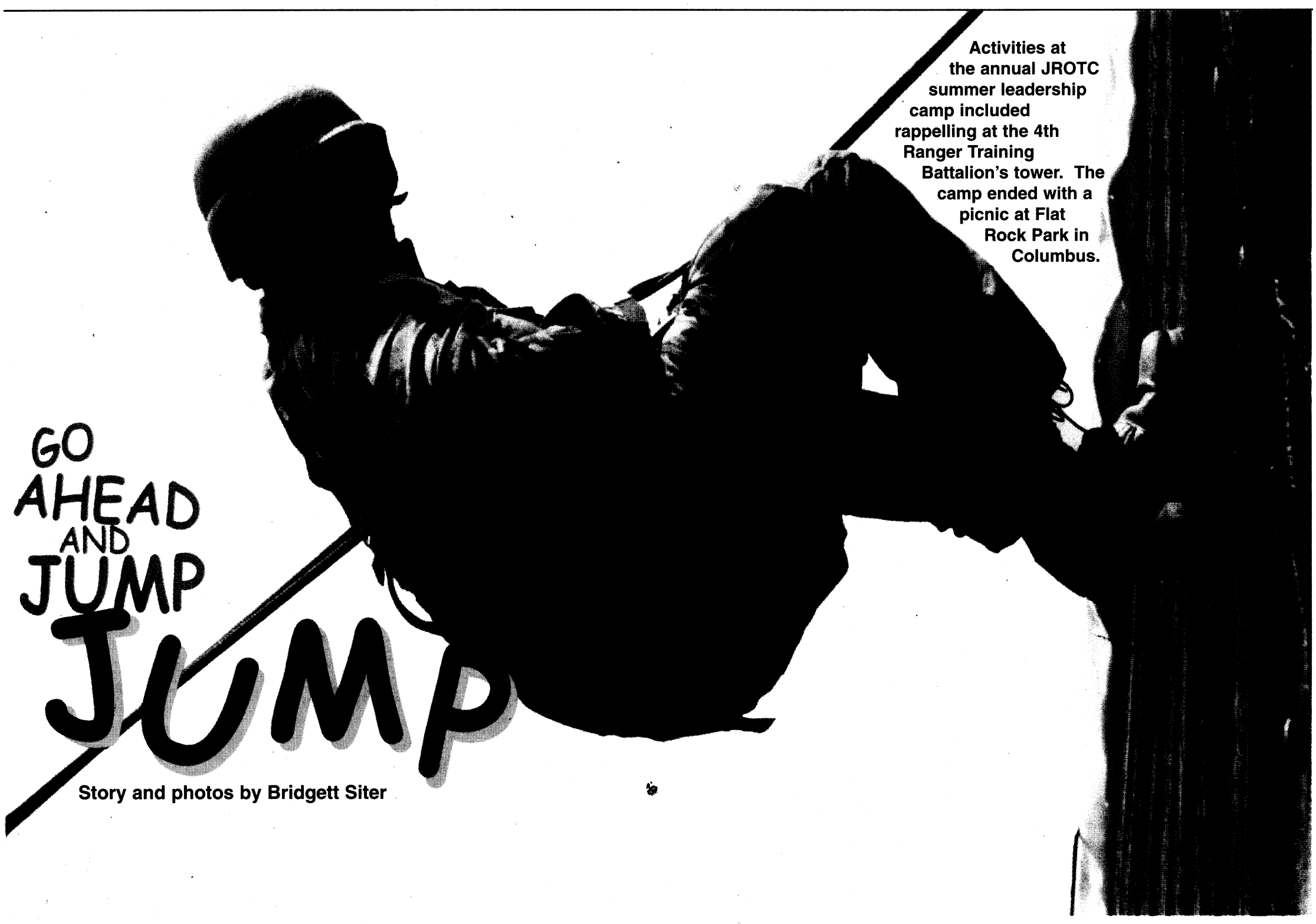

Activities at the annual JROTC summer leadership camp included rappelling at the 4th Ranger Training Battalion's tower. The camp ended with a picnic at Flat Rock Park in Columbus.

Story and photos by Bridgett Siter

No loafers allowed: Atlanta's inner city cadets accept camp challenge



A cadet participates in the water confidence course during the first day of camp for the Atlanta-area schools' JROTC.

At 5 feet, 2 inches and 105 pounds, with laughing brown eyes and an engaging grin, 16-year-old Norris Williamson does *not* strike an imposing figure. But he's a giant among his peers, more than 400 students in the junior class at Benjamin Mays High School in Atlanta.

Lt. Col. Grandvial Quick singled Williamson out last week during the annual JROTC summer leadership camp for Atlanta's inner city schools. Quick, the protocol officer for the camp, said the third-year cadet is a fine example of what the corps can do for teenagers.

"He's a leader," said Quick, as Williamson volunteered for a second go at the Ranger rappel tower. "These kids come here and do things they never thought they could do, and they leave wanting to do it again. It gives them confidence, and it takes confidence to be a good leader."

JROTC has long been recognized in Muscogee County and the surrounding areas as a worthy program, given the proximity to Fort Benning and strong local ties to the military. But inner city kids like Williamson and his classmates stand to gain a lot more from the corps, said Lt. Col. Nicholas Burke, a senior JROTC instructor.

They might not be able to articulate — or even recognize — the need for structure and discipline in their lives, Burke said, but JROTC "fills that void."

"Most of them come from a different environment than you see around here, and (JROTC) gives them a place to fit in," he said. "No one's wearing $300 loafers in JROTC. It's an even playing field. Anybody who wants to succeed can succeed. Every kid can't be a football player, but every kid can be in JROTC."

Lt. Col. Tom Torbert, the deputy director of Army instruction for Atlanta Schools, said the cadets typically experience "a degree of culture shock" when they enter the program — "We don't put up with nonsense." And though the corps models West Point's policy of student leadership, the cadets ultimately look to the cadre for guidance.

"If they're doing PT, we're doing PT. They're watching us," Torbert said. "They want someone who's really going to walk the walk."

The results speak for themselves, Burke said.

"The difference between these cadets and other students? They're focused," he said. "They graduate."

As for the weeklong camp, which emphasizes leadership and teamwork, Burke said nothing the corps does during the school year can compare to the week at Fort Benning.

"You've gotta realize, most of these cadets have no ties to the military whatsoever. This is their first time on a military installation and their first time doing a lot of these events," he said. "Fort Benning is the neatest place in the world. You can't get this kind of training anywhere else."

Williamson agreed. He came away from the experience believing "I can do great things."

"The obstacle courses totally blew me out," he said. "I was hyped. It's like, wow, I completed this basic training course many grown men can't complete. It was exhilarating. It motivates you to want to do more."

Williamson ranks in the top 10 percent of his class academically. He's the vice president of his church youth group and second in command on the school's drill team. He owes much of his success to JROTC, he said.

"It changed me from this shy kid who didn't say much to this whole different person," he said.

"Now I'm boisterous. My favorite thing to do is call cadence. People say, 'Boy, you've got a big mouth to be so small.'"

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Lt. Col. Grandvial Quick
protocol officer for
Atlanta area schools' annual
JROTC summer camp

Firearms: Policy offenses subject to post-level review

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subordinate commanders are no longer able to initially dispose of incidents involving firearms, which means company or battalion commanders will not be able to decide the punishment a Soldier receives when charged with a firearms violation, unless Freakley permits them to.

In cases involving firearms, commanders will forward the preliminary inquiry or report of investigation, statements and any other relevant information through the chain of command and the Criminal Law Division, OSJA, to Freakley.

Each packet will contain chain of command recommendations as to appropriate disposition, and Freakley will review the recommendations and offenses to determine the best course of action.

"By bringing the authority to my level, we can look at each case based upon the merits of the issue and consider each Soldier and each case independently," Freakley said.

"However, we can act upon the case with many options from verbal reprimand and counseling to a court-martial," he added.

According to the policy, violations include, but are not limited to, possession of an unregistered firearm, unlawful possession or transportation of a firearm on Fort Benning, carrying a concealed firearm, and any other UCMJ offenses involving a firearm.

"We are taking these steps to enforce our regulations and to impress upon Soldiers the serious repercussions from failing to follow the regulation," Freakley said.

Shuey said the new policy doesn't provide OSJA more power to prosecute offenders, but by having each case reviewed at post level, there may be an increase in visibility that will help convince Soldiers to do the right thing.

For more information on Soldiers' responsibilities involving firearms, see Garrison Regulation 210-5 Chapter 9.

Questions about the policy should be directed to unit trial counsels in the OSJA.

July 1: Use parking plan

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Iraqis: Sovereignty on way

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About 1.3 million Iraqis currently work for the national government, Senor said.

"By the end of this week, all of them will be reporting to Iraqi supervisors and Iraqi ministers," he said, "several days before the June 30 handover."

All of Iraq's governments, at the provincial level, are up and running now, Senor said.

About 90 percent of Iraq's municipality-level governments have operating, functional councils capable of carrying out business.

"And so, the gradual sovereignty process that we've pursued is not just limited exclusively to the national government," Senor said.

"It is also thriving at the provincial and municipal levels."

Upcoming changes of command

The 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, will change command at 9 a.m. June 29 on Kanell Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Allen Smith. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Richard Hickenbottom.

The 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, will change command at 9 a.m. July 7 on York Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Gregory Kane. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Mark Edmonds.

The **Ranger Training Brigade** will change command 9 a.m. July 13 at the Ranger Memorial. The outgoing commander is Col. William Kidd. The incoming commander is Col. K. K. Chinn.

The **1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment,** will change command at 9 a.m. July 14 at the Airborne Memorial Walk. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Aidis Zunde. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Sean McCaffrey.

The **3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment**, change of command is 7 p.m. July 16 on York Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Paul Lacamera. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. John Castles.

The **U.S. Army Dental Activity** change of command is at 9 a.m. July 21 at Love Dental Clinic. The outgoing commander is Col. Robert Lutka. The incoming commander is Col. Conrad Bodai.

The 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, will change command at 9 a.m. July 27 on Kanell Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Robert Freehill; incoming commander is Lt. Col. Randolph White.

The **Infantry Training Brigade** will change command at 9 a.m. Aug. 3 at Kanell Field. the outgoing commander is Col. Brian Baldy. The incoming commander is Col. Scott Henry.

The **1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment,** change of command is 9 a.m. Aug. 4 at York Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Alan Neyland. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Marlon Blocker.

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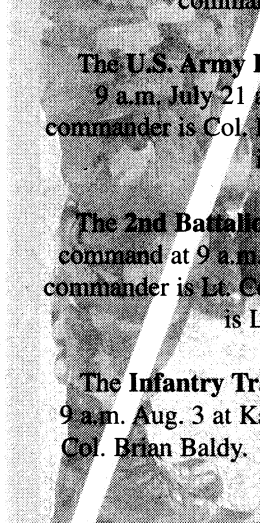

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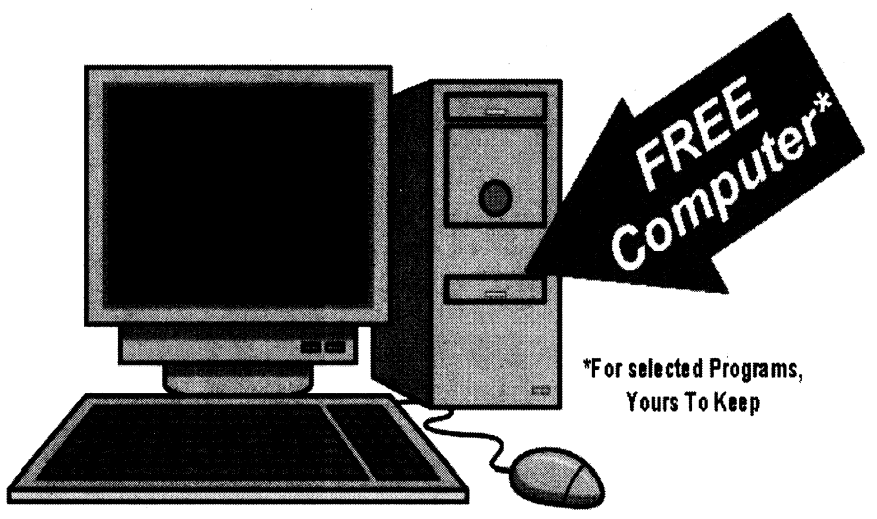

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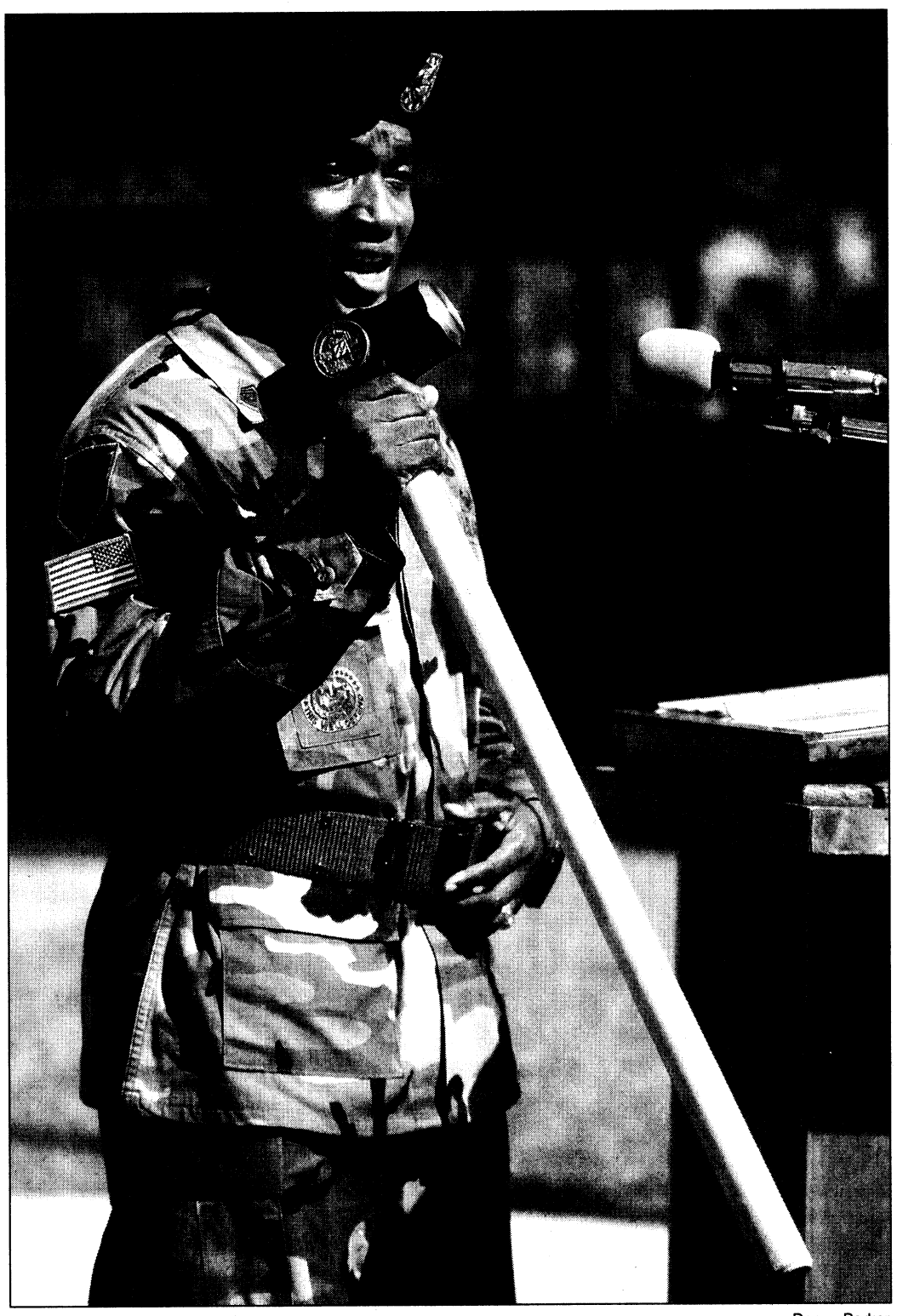

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Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews takes the sledgehammer during the 3rd Brigade change of responsibility ceremony Wednesday on Sledgehammer Field. Andrews replaces outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Baker, who retired during the ceremony. Baker said the last 22 years "were the best, but it's time to get to know my family."

Pentagon fields 100K Army Campaign Plan CDs

Provides transformation information

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army senior leaders have the same concerns of Soldiers about multiple and long unit deployments, but they're letting Soldiers know that changes to lessen those concerns are on the way.

The Army sent out 100,000 compact disks with multimedia briefings known as the Army Campaign Plan to inform active-duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers, and their families, that the Army is significantly changing while it is at war.

"We are an Army at war, supporting a nation at war — this is not business as usual," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston. "If you look at it in the long-term, that isn't going to change. The good news is that we're going to grow our deployable combat forces by 30 percent."

But that growth of modularizing the Army — going from 33 combat brigade teams to 48 brigade-sized units of action — is going to take some time, said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker in one of the three video presentations on the Army Campaign CD.

The three videos target separate audiences — Schoomaker addresses the active Army; Lt. Gen. James Helmly, chief of the Army Reserve, talks to Reserve troops; and Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard, and Maj. Gen. Schultz, director of the Army National Guard, address Guard Soldiers.

In addition to the videos, the campaign includes slide presentations for each of the audiences and an additional brief for family members. Preston said that a single briefing wouldn't work as the active force, Army Reserve and Army National Guard all had separate issues that impact them.

The briefings are for officer and enlisted leaders down to company-level so that they can chain teach.

"There is big interest out there about what does transformation mean," Preston said. "I tell Soldiers that is about predictability and stability for you and your family."

In addition to modularity, the active Army video and briefing discuss force stabilization. The initiative is about Soldiers being based at one installation for most of their careers, rather than moving from fort to fort every two to three years. It also includes assigning Soldiers as a unit at the same time for a three-year period.

There are several advantages to force stabilization, Preston said: Unit readiness is increased as Soldiers have the stability of working with the same team members and same leaders, rather than constantly losing people due to a Cold War era individual replacement system; though Soldiers will likely deploy several times in a career, spouses know the community and can keep on working in a career instead of having to starting all over again in a new job with the constant moves the older system required.

"There are some concerns about getting stagnant or not getting the right positions needed for promotion by staying at the same installation," Preston said.

"We recognize those concerns and are working to ensure that those concerns do not turn into issues."

Preston said he had spent seven years in one unit at one point during his 29-year career with no ill effects. He said that he has many friends who have spent their entire career with the 18TH Airborne Corps and advanced through the ranks at the same rates with their contemporaries who constantly moved from installation to installation every two to three years.

The biggest issue for the Army National Guard is modularizing into mirror combat formations with the active force while continuing to fulfill each unit's state militia mission, according to the Army Campaign Plan briefing.

For the Army Reserve, the issue is becoming more expeditionary while reducing the number of units in order to man the remainder at 100 percent with Soldiers fully qualified to deploy.

"As the Army grows, we can make some other changes to do something about deployments — maybe cut them to nine months or maybe back to six," Preston said.

The briefings and video presentations can be viewed online at www.army.mil/thewayahead/acp.html.

AROUND POST

Guest speaker for ITB graduation

The guest speaker for today's D Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, is Columbus Mayor Bob Poydasheff. The graduation ceremony is at 9 a.m. on Kanell Field. The public is invited to attend.

Farewell ceremony for French LNO

There will be a farewell ceremony for French liaison officer Lt. Col. Christian Tertrais today at 1 p.m. in the Bayonet Room of Infantry Hall.

For more information, call Susan Berry at 545-1132.

Honorary colonel induction ceremony

The 11th Infantry Regiment will conduct an honorary colonel of the regiment induction ceremony at 5:30 p.m. today at the Airborne Walk. The honorary colonel is retired Col. James M. Jones.

Upcoming changes of command

The **2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment,** will change command at 9 a.m. Tuesday on Kanell Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Allen Smith. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Richard Hickenbottom.

The **2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment,** will change command at 9 a.m. July 7 on York Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Gregory Kane. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Mark Edmonds.

The **Ranger Training Brigade** will change command 9 a.m. July 13 at the Ranger Memorial. The outgoing commander is Col. William Kidd. The incoming commander is Col. K. K. Chinn.

The **1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry** will change command at 9 a.m. July 14 at the Airborne Memorial Walk. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Aidis Zunde. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Sean McCaffrey.

The **3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment**, change of command is 7 p.m. July 16 on York Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Paul Lacamera. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. John Castles.

The **U.S. Army Dental Activity** change of command is at 9 a.m. July 21 at Love Dental Clinic. The outgoing commander is Col. Robert Lutka. The incoming commander is Col. Conrad Bodai.

The **2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment,** will change command at 9 a.m. July 27 on Kanell Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Robert Freehill; incoming commander is Lt. Col. Randolph White.

The **Infantry Training Brigade** will change command at 9 a.m. Aug. 3 at Kanell Field. The outgoing commander is Col. Brian Baldy. The incoming commander is Col. Scott Henry.

The **1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment,** change of command is 9 a.m. Aug. 4 at York Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Alan Neyland. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Marlon Blocker.

Thrift Savings Plan

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Combat leader guest speaker

Medal of Honor recipient Buddy Bucha will speak at 3 and 7 p.m. July 13 in Marshall Auditorium. The public is invited.

Reclamation sale hours

The reclamation sale hours at Building 224 on Upton Avenue will be 8 a.m. to noon July 9.

For more information, call 545-1104 or 545-1972.

Women's Equality Day luncheon

The Women's Equality Day Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Fort Benning's Officers' Club. Tickets are $7.50.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Office at 545-6665 or 545-6596.

Freight office relocates

The Transportation Freight Office has relocated from Building 280 to Building 1836, which is the old historic white railway station, northeast across from Building 280.

The phone numbers remain the same.

Hatch Act

It's election time and time to remind government civilian employees of the restrictions on their political activities.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has issued a letter identifying in detail many of the prohibitions relating to political activities. The letter can be viewed by employers and employees at www.osc.gov/hatchact.com.

For more information, call Nancy Skates at (703) 325-1334, DSN 221-1334 or e-mail nancy.skates@asamra.hoffman.army. mil.

2004 elections

To be eligible for absentee voting in the 2004 elections, you must be registered to vote. To register, complete a Federal Post Card Application and mail to the state where you vote.

To get the FPCA, contact your unit Voting Assistance Officer or download it from www.fvap.gov. The deadline to mail the FPCA is Aug. 15. The deadline to mail the absentee ballot is Oct. 11.

Tax center remains open

The Fort Benning Tax Center remains open and will still prepare federal and state tax returns for the 2001, 2002 and 2003 tax years. The off-season location is Building 5, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Appointments are required.

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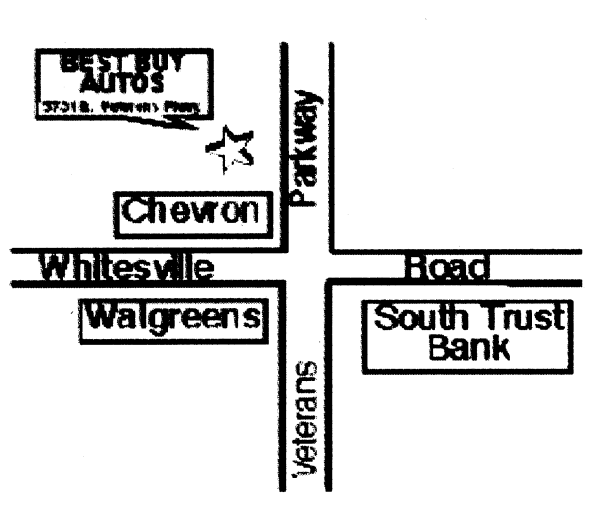

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Change of command heralds name, mission change



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Col. Jeffrey Haun accepts the guidon from Brig. Gen. George Weightman, 44th Medical Command commander, during the 14th Field Hospital change of command Monday. Lt. Col. Glenn Iacovetta was the outgoing commander. The 14th Field Hospital was redesignated as a combat support hospital and will gain approximately 150 Soldiers.

14th Field Hospital becomes Combat Hospital

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Lt. Col. Glenn Iacovetta, commander of 14th Field Hospital, bid farewell to his Soldiers during a ceremony on York Field Monday as he handed the reins to Col. Jeffrey Haun.

Brig. Gen. George Weightman, 44th Medical Command commander, spoke to the Soldiers of the 14th Field Hospital as they farewelled Iacovetta and welcomed their new commander and a new unit name.

From here on, the 14th Field Hospital will be the 14th Combat Support Hospital. In the past year, the 14th Field Hospital has changed from a custodial unit to a full-on combat support hospital, with an increase in personnel and a repackaging of equipment.

The transition of the unit also changes the commander's rank from a lieutenant colonel to a colonel, signifying the increase in missions and responsibility for readiness the unit now has, Weightman said.

"(Haun) will lead where (Iacovetta) has left off in determining what's the right list of equipment and what support it now needs," Weightman said. "It's a very dynamic organization, and we're very blessed to have Fort Benning here giving them the support that they need.

"Under the command of Iacovetta, the unit has performed magnificently in every task you've attempted," he said. "You've managed to get through these tremendous challenges and changes without missing a beat. (Iacovetta) has provided the leadership so that you can serve Fort Benning well, as he worked with both the Engineer Group and Martin Army Community Hospital.

"My hat's off to you for the leadership you've shown this organization," Weightman said.

"(Haun) brings with him a wealth of experience and is combat-tested. I'm confident he will take the 14th CSH to the next level as he shoulders his new responsibilities and missions," he said.

"Today marks another step toward the full transition to the combat support hospital," Iacovetta said.

"I'm proud to say I have served with these Soldiers. They have done so much during the past two years to improve the readiness of the hospital, from individual and collective training to ensuring the equipment transition was completed to standard, all the while making sure the hospital (was) ready for deployment at any time," he said.

Iacovetta assured Haun that the Soldiers of the 14th CSH stand ready to meet any challenges he may have and that he has the best of the best.

Iacovetta will be assigned to the Chief Medical Evacuation Proponency Branch in Fort Rucker, Ala.

Haun pointed out to the guests that the 14th CSH has come a long way, increasing its staff to 138 Soldiers, which is two times what it had six months ago.

"In six months, there will be another 120 to 150 Soldiers as a part of this organization as we continue to transition to the CSH and prepare to execute our mission in returning Soldiers to their families or back to the battlefield," Haun said.

"We will continue to be a great partner to this great installation. Soldiers, we have a job ahead of us, we have a great team to kick this thing off and get these Soldiers moving to the next level, and I appreciate that opportunity," he said.

Haun's last assignment was the commander of the 61st Area Support Medical Battalion, which served in both Fort Hood, Texas, and Iraq. He and his wife, Mary Ann, have three children.

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> **Brig. Gen. George Weightman**
> 44th Medical Command commander

Mission 'rock steady' as unit changes command

Nelson hands reins to Brittain

Melissa House
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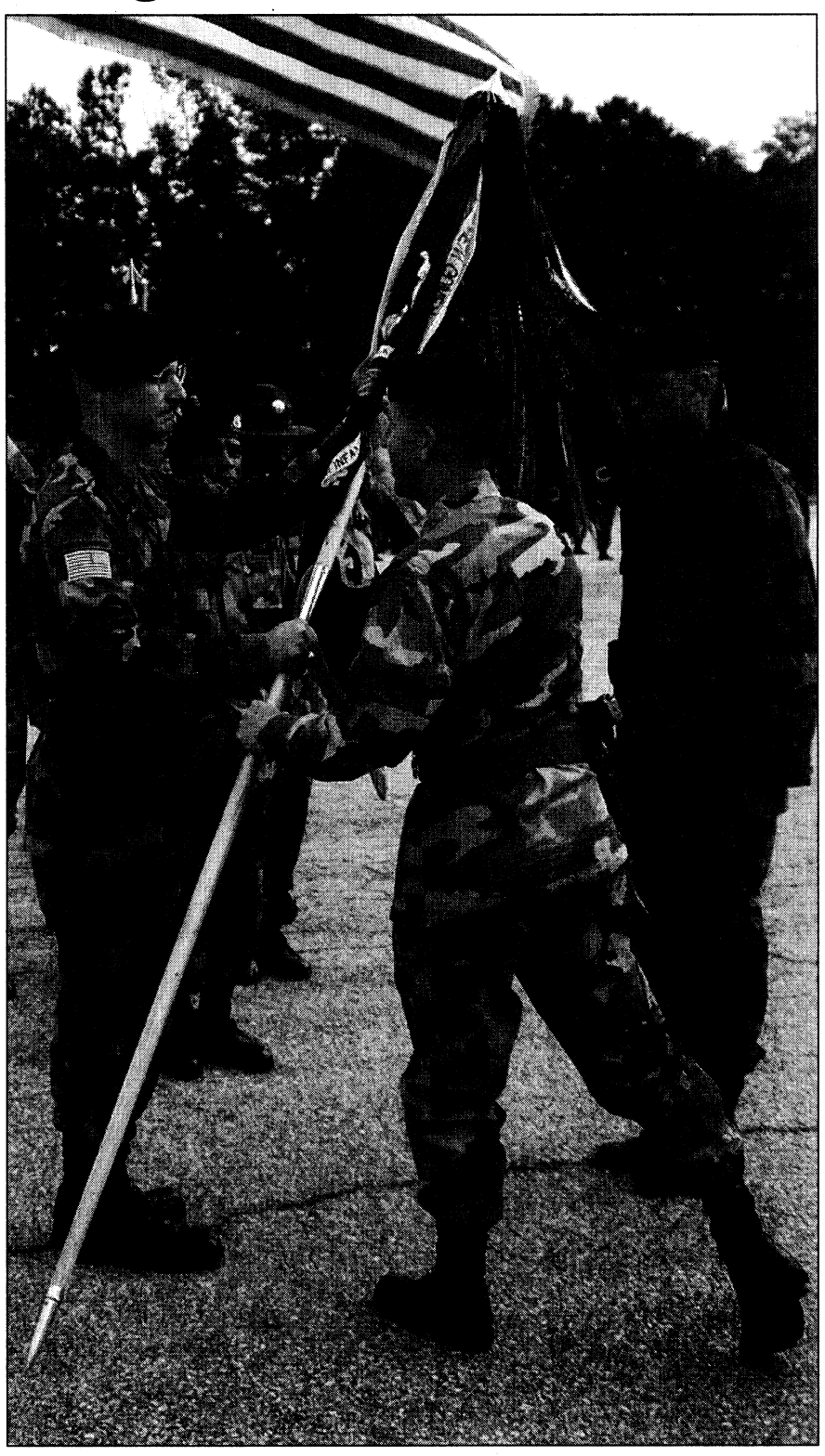
The Infantry Center Band passes in review at the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment change of command.



Lt. Col Thomas Brittain, left, accepts the guidon from Infantry Training Brigade Commander Col. Brian Baldy. Brittain took command of 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment from Lt. Col. Bradley Nelson Tuesday at Kanell Field.

Following a time-honored Army tradition, Lt. Col. Bradley Nelson handed the colors of the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, to Lt. Col. Thomas Brittain in a ceremony Tuesday at Sand Hill's Kanell Field.

"Today, we will start a new chapter in the battalion's history," said Infantry Training Brigade commander Col. Brian Baldy, "and pay tribute to the two commanders."

Baldy began his remarks by thanking Nelson's wife, Andrea, for all the work she had done for the battalion and the ITB.

"Your commitment, hard work and loyalty to this organization are appreciated, and you will be missed," he said.

Baldy welcomed Brittain's children, Jessica, Lauren and Thomas Jr., telling them they should be very proud of their father. He recognized the newest of the Army's infantrymen on the field, from those in their fourth week of training to those graduating today, who were participating in their first change of command.

Baldy asked the audience to observe a moment of silence in memory of Pvt. Van Ryan Marcum, a C Company Soldier who was electrocuted during a freak accident on Monday.

"He was in pursuit of a personal dream of becoming a Ranger, and we pray for him and his family," Baldy said.

Baldy said the change of command represented an opportunity to gather publicly to honor the outgoing commander and recognize his efforts in making his unit and the Army better.

The mission of the 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt., is to "graduate well-disciplined, physically fit, mentally tough, technically and tactically proficient infantrymen who are instilled with a willing desire to defend our great nation against all enemies, foreign or domestic."

The unit, established in 1861, draws its motto, shield and crest from the steadfastness shown in defending the left flank of the Union Army at the Battle of Chickamauga in 1863.

"Lieutenant Colonel Nelson has sent thousands of skilled and confident Soldiers into the Army," Baldy said. "He has impacted everything — training readiness, discipline, maintenance and quality of life. His vision, perseverance and hard work ensured this outcome."

Baldy said Brittain, who served as the brigade's deputy commander, was no stranger to the unit, having been "in the thick of every fight and project conceivable" and will excel in command.

An emotional Nelson said the past two years had been tremendous for his family.

"I am filled with pride and thankful for the privilege of serving with the 'Rock Steady' team," Nelson said.

He thanked the senior leadership at Fort Benning for setting the tone of professionalism on post, and his command sergeant major, John Mosby.

"We've shared many great days," Nelson said, "and I'm proud of him and thankful to have him as a personal friend."

Nelson thanked his junior officers for showing the "right concern for Soldiers," and first sergeants for setting the tone in their units.

He told the audience the Army is in great shape because of his leaders, especially the "phenomenal drill sergeants who do some incredible things with the youth of America."

Nelson's next assignment is with the U.S. Forces in Alaska.

Brittain promised the formation and the audience he would not let the Soldiers or cadre down.

"The best job in the Army is to train Soldiers to answer the nation's call," he said.

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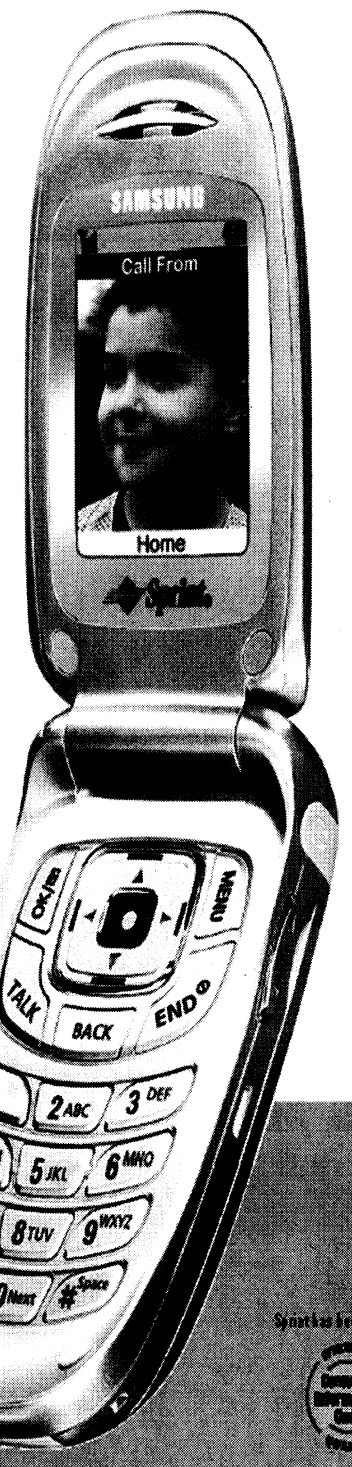

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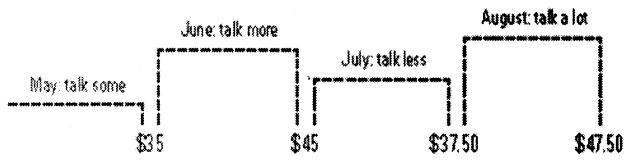

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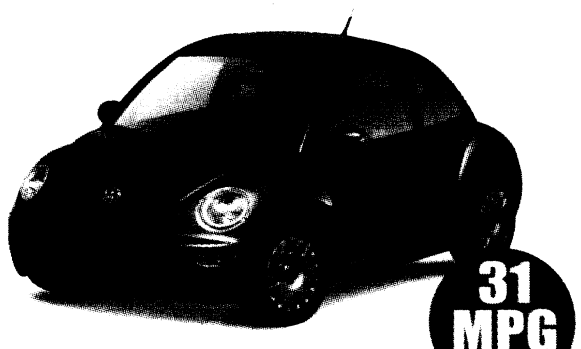

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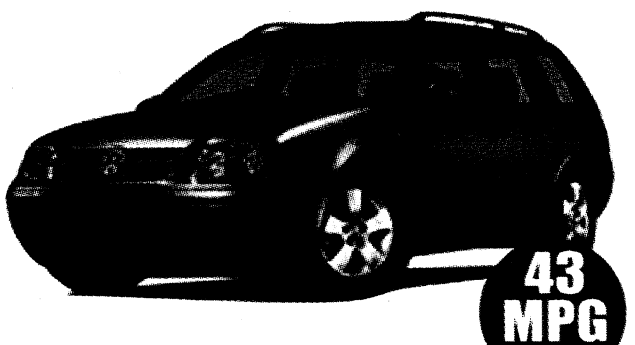

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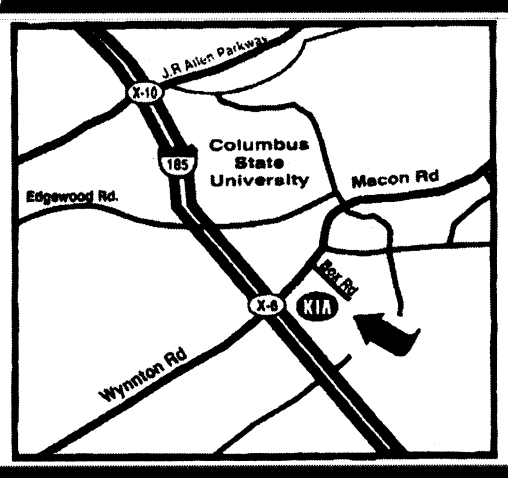

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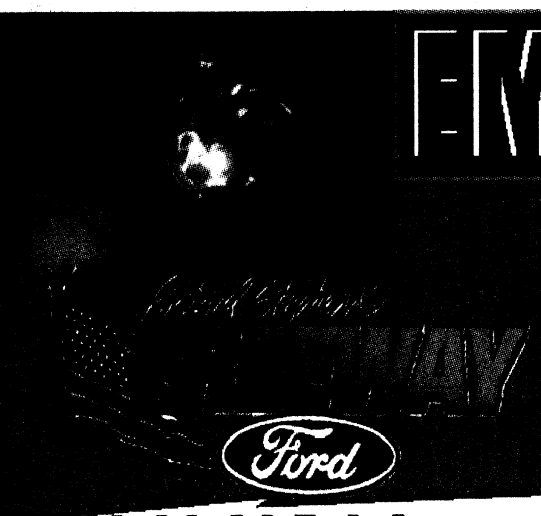

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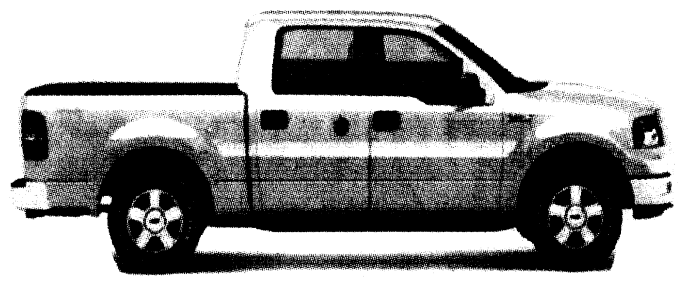

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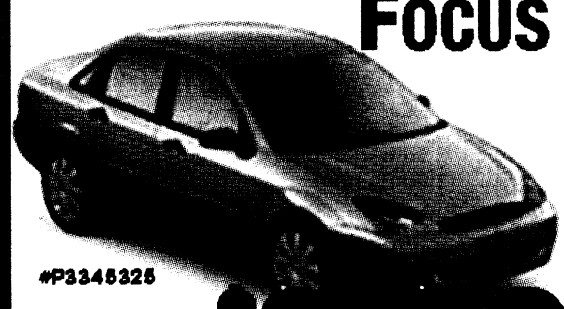

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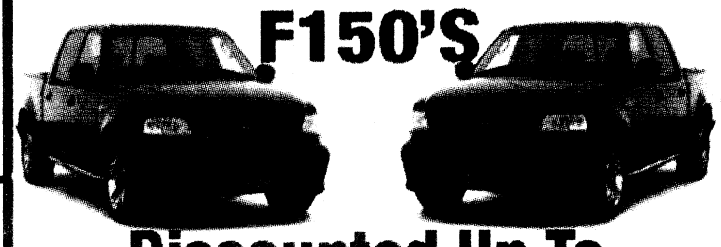

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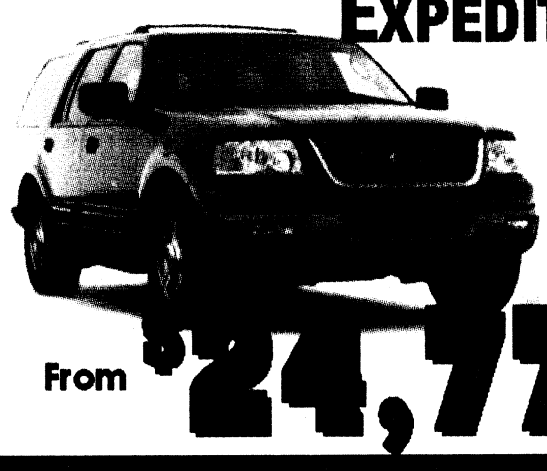

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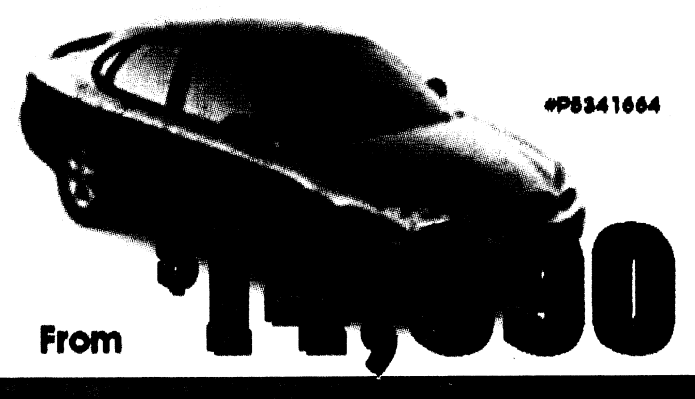

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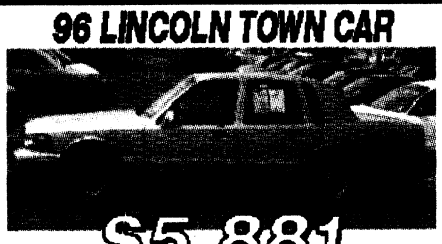

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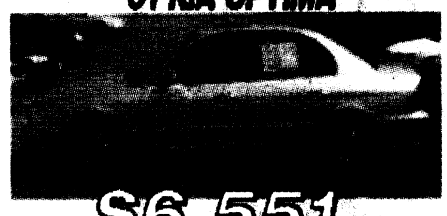

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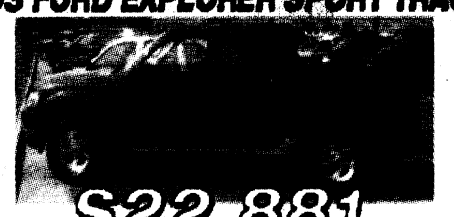

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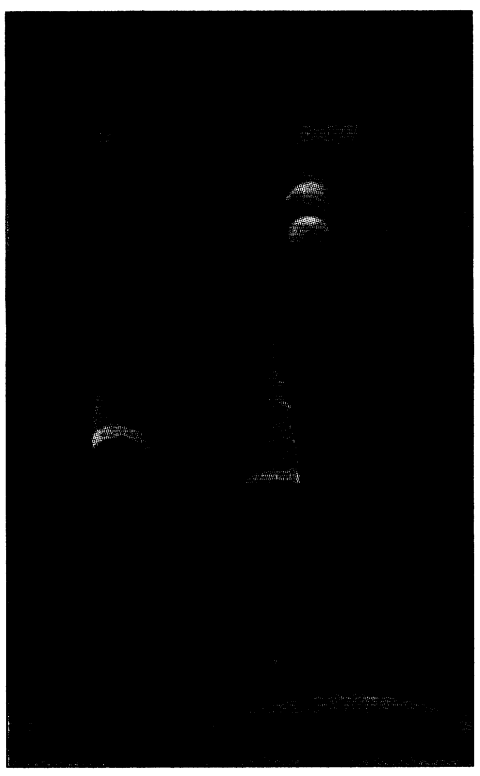
1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Absolute Airborne outfielder Rene Martinez takes a monstrous swing at the ball during post intramural softball action Tuesday night. This swing landed Martinez a double and set him up for a successful steal at third base. That steal left Martinez with an injured ankle and a hospital trip. Martinez's two hits and three RBIs helped Absolute Airborne beat the 36th Engineer Group Seahorses 16-4, raising Airborne's record to 3-1.

Photos by Spc. Nikki St. Amant

Airborne reins in Seahorses



36th Engineer Group Seahorse shortstop Jackie Jenkins catches a throw at second base Tuesday.

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff

It was smooth sailing for the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry's Absolute Airborne team as they overwhelmed the 36th Engineer Group Seahorses in a 16-4 win in post intramural softball action Tuesday night.

Strong bats led the way for Absolute Airborne in the top of the first inning. With one runner on-base, Absolute Airborne infielder Raphael Cast nailed an in-the-park homerun, snagging an RBI and taking the score to 2-0.

With the score 3-0, the Seahorses took the field in the bottom of the inning and failed to score with three quick outs broken up by a double.

In the top of the second, Absolute Airborne racked up three doubles, including one by Cast, which earned him two more RBIs. Absolute Airborne used a combination of aggressive hitting and effective base stealing to advance runners, which brought the score to 10-0 by the time the Seahorses shut the high-flying paratroopers down.

The Seahorses countered the Airborne onslaught with two runs in the bottom of the second, putting them on the board and eight runs down.

In the top of the third, it looked like the Seahorses were on a comeback. The struggling engineers, with their backs to the wall, held the opposing Absolute Airborne at a standstill, allowing no runs and only one hit.

But, alas, it was the last stand of the foundering Seahorses, who failed to counterattack in the bottom of the inning. After nailing a triple and a double, the team failed to capitalize and bring the runners home, closing out the inning with an easy pop-up third out.

Absolute Airborne regrouped and continued the airborne assault on the Seahorse defense in the top of the fourth, racking up three more runs off of great hitting, but lost outfielder Rene Martinez after he injured his right ankle in a sliding steal at third base.

With the score 13-2, another near rebound by the Seahorses in the bottom of the fourth netted the Seahorses two runs to take the score to 13-4.

But the short-lived streak stopped there with a controversial call by the umpires on the third out — a close tag at first.

Going into the top of the fifth, Absolute Airborne was absolutely confident in its nine-run lead, but added insult to injury by knocking another three batters around the corners to take the score to 16-4.

The Seahorses succumbed in the bottom of the inning, scoring no runs.

The Seahorses have a 1-2 season with this loss to Absolute Airborne.

"The season was going all right until today," Seahorses coach Paul Shire said.

"A lot of these guys just got back from deployment — this is the first time five of them have even played with us. They're good players; we just just have to pull together as a team. We'll be OK.

"For us, the game just couldn't have gone any better," Absolute Airborne coach Joe Trull said. "The other team played great; we just had excellent hitting."

Cruisers finish 2-2 in Columbus rugby tournament

Local ruggers host sevens tourney

Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

They may not have walked away with first place, but Columbus' and Fort Benning's only rugby team, the Cruise-a-Matics, came off the pitch with some lessons learned and some star performances Saturday afternoon.

The team, which hosted its annual sevens tournament at the Cruiser Dome this weekend, placed third, losing out to teams from Atlanta and Mobile, Ala.

The Cruisers headed out to a great start during their first game, dominating the field for much of the game and beating Macon's team, 19 to 7.

Despite being pumped up from its first win, the team wasn't able to pull it off against Atlanta's Old White. They lost the game by "a lot to a little," scoring only once against the opposing team's five or six tries, said Roy MacDonald, president of the Columbus/Fort Benning Rugby Football Club.

The team fared much better in its third match — a close call at 24 to 19 — but still couldn't quite close on the win.

By the fourth game, the Cruisers were ready to reclaim the field, beating out Montgomery's team with a hard-earned 20 to 0.

All in all, the tournament was a success, MacDonald said.

"They played well," he said. "And our younger guys gained experience, which will only help us in future tournaments."

One of the problems the team faced Saturday, he said, was the players were "still playing fifteens, committing too many players to tackles and failing to spread the field."

With eight fewer players in sevens, each rugger's position on the field is key to preventing the opposition from breaking through to score. During some plays, as many as three Cruise-a-Matics players were "getting sucked in" to tackle just one player from the opposing team, leaving two men unguarded and creating large gaps in the Cruisers' defense.

This mistake cost the Cruisers several tries during their game against Old White, and in future

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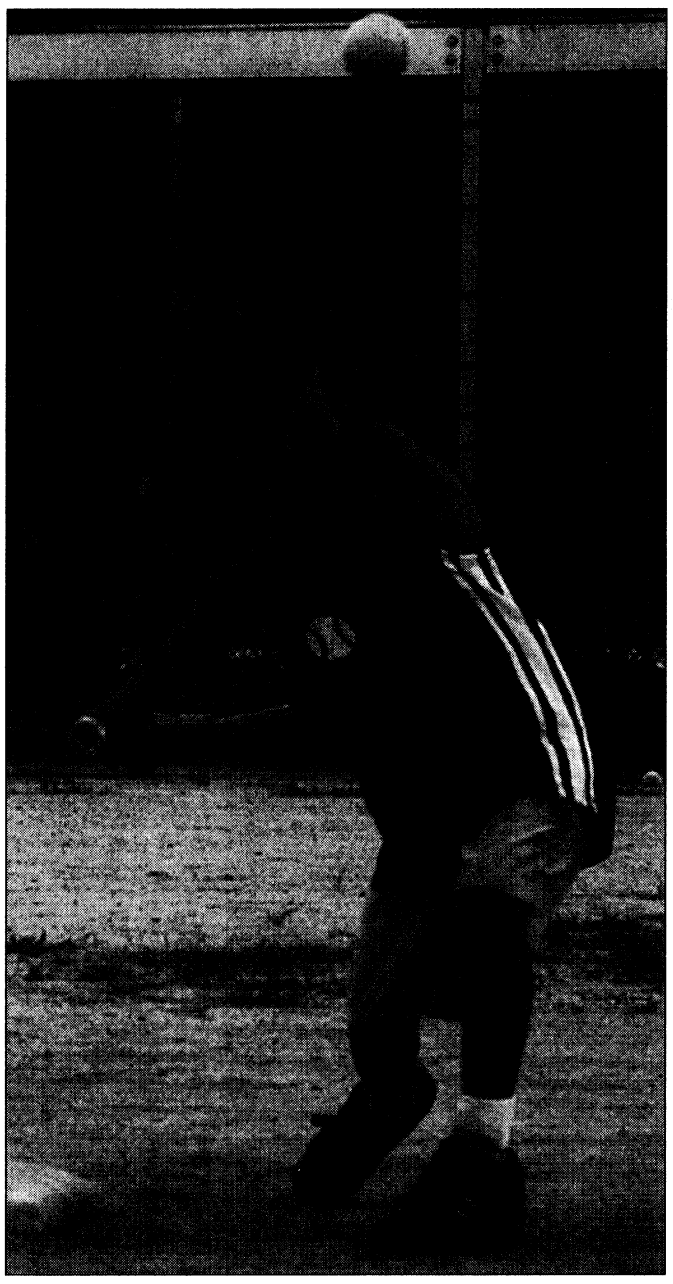
Cruiser Sean Schaeffer plows through the opposing team's defense during Saturday's tournament.

Swing away!



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A young man takes a shot at the ball during a baseball camp at the Youth Sports Complex Tuesday. Volunteers from Harris County High School's Tigers baseball team were on hand to show Fort Benning youths how to play ball.



Photos by Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Pvt. Adam Farlow, Sand Hill's Holdover unit, helps Juliana Angel, 5, fix her fishing pole Saturday.

Post kids reel 'em in on Sand Hill

Junior fishers catch more than 300 fish

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Competitors from the Russ Pool fishing rodeo met for a rematch Saturday at Sand Hill's children's fishing pond for its second annual fishing derby.

More than 60 children signed up for the event, sponsored by the Infantry Training Brigade, and caught a total of 293 catfish.

Some of the winners from the Russ Pool fishing rodeo two weeks ago were at the children's pond — and if they didn't hold on to their titles, they at least placed in their age categories for the number of fish they caught.

Tyler Welty won first place for the 11- to 15-year-old category at Russ Pool and at the children's pond.

"This makes you the best fisher in your age category," Tyler's father told him as they walked away from the pond.

Tyler's sister, Sarah, won the second-place award for the 11- to 15-year-olds at Sand Hill and at Russ Pool.

The Truelove family walked away smiling after their 2-year-old daughter, Izzy, won first place for the 1- to 3-year-olds. Izzy caught a catfish three-fourths her size with a Tigger fishing pole.

"I just caught a snapping turtle," said Shailee Barnes, who was fishing with her dad, Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Barnes, and her sister, Mackenzee.

Mackenzee used chicken livers to win second place in the 4- to 6-year-old category.

"I don't really like to eat fish, but I like to fish for my dad and my sister," Mackenzee said.

Sage Miska, 8, was using wiggle worms as bait and her dad's fishing pole to fish. She went home with 10 fish as opposed to the one fish she caught at the Russ Pool fishing rodeo.

"Last time, she was so excited to catch one she just wanted to go home and show her mom," said Sgt. 1st Class Gene Miska, Sage's dad.

But this time, Sage stuck around and was excited to say she was taking all her fish home.

"We're going to go home and eat them," she said.

The Sand Hill children's pond is now open for children up to 15 to fish for free with parental supervision.

It will close in November to stock with more fish for next year's fishing season, said Capt. Carl Hyde, event coordinator.

Hyde makes sure the fish are fed three times a week and that the pond is stocked twice a year. The catfish were donated by the Dawson Hatcheries. Michael Fuller, a fish and wildlife technician with the Directorate of Public Works, built a feeder ring and monitors the fish.

"Events like these provide Soldiers and government civilians with an opportunity to enjoy free family recreation. It's a day of nothing but win-win situations," Fuller said.

The winners of the fishing derby were:

1- to 3-year-olds — Izzy Truelove, 12; Elizabeth Pitz, 8; William Lind, 7.

4- to 6-year-olds — Tavious Hill, 9; Mackenzee Barnes, 3; Addison Nash, 3 and Hunter Straton, 3.

7- to 10-year-olds — Christina Aponte, 20; Katie Hader 11 Taylor Pitz, 11.

11- to 15-year-olds — Tyler Welty, 20; Sarah Welty, 18; Tevin Hill, 17.



Juliana Angel shows off her catch of the day — a huge catfish.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

Purple and Gold Golf Tournament — The Follow Me Golf Course will present the 25th annual Purple and Gold Golf Tournament Saturday and Sunday.

Entry fee is $90 with riding cart and refreshments included.

Shotgun start will be at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, visit purpleandgoldonline.com.

Youth Soccer Camp registration — CYS Sports and Fitness will hold registration for Youth Soccer Camp, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through July 9 at the CYS central registration office, Building 359.

The camp is open to family members, ages 4-15, of active duty, retired military and Department of Defense civilians.

The soccer camp will be 9 a.m. to noon July 12-16 on French Field.

Participants must have CYS membership cards and pay a $65 camp fee.

For more information, call 545-3582.

Youth summer golf clinic — CYS Youth Sports and Fitness will have registration for the Youth Summer Golf Clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 5-16 at the CYS central registration office, Building 359.

The clinic is open to family members, ages 8-17, of active duty, retired military and DoD civilians.

The clinic will be July 19-21 at the Fort Benning Golf Course. Participants must have a CYS membership card. Cost for the clinic is $20 per child.

For more information, call 545-3582.

Briant Wells closure — The Briant Wells Fitness Center will be closed July 12-16 to paint the inside and install new filters in the swimming pool and install new ceiling fans and lights.

Fort Benning Power-lifting Team — Fort Benning's Powerlifting Team members set new Georgia and Alabama state records at the annual World Association of Bench Press and Deadlift Riverfest in Gadsden, Ala.

Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Broadwater, team coach, lifted 451.7 pounds, setting a new record in the 259-pound weight class for class one and master's class lifters.

Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Thompson set new state records for Georgia and Alabama for the 275-pound weight class, master's division, by lifting 485 pounds.

Sgt. 1st Class Alfred Jackson took first place in the bench press for the 165-pound weight class.

Susan Jackson's 358-pound deadlift established a new state record for the women's 198-pound weight class in Alabama.

For more information or to become part of the Fort Benning Powerlifting Team, contact Broadwater at 544-2660.

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Special Olympics volunteers — The 2004 Special Olympics Masters Bowling Tournament will be July 17-18 at the AMF Peach Lanes in Columbus. Volunteers are needed. Volunteers need to be at least 16 years old.

Shifts are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and noon to 6 p.m. July 17 and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 18. For more information, call Myra Tinney at 464-4950.

Golf tournament — The community is invited to participate in the Kenneth Walker Memorial Golf Tournament, a regional event intended to promote unity and raise scholarship funds for children whose mothers or fathers have passed away.

The tournament will be held Sept. 2 at the Bull Creek Golf Course, 7333 Lynch Road in Midland, Ga., just off Highway 80 (the North Bypass).

For more information or to become part of the Fort Benning Powerlifting Team, contact Broadwater at 544-2660.

Cruisers: Hold their own in tourney

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tournaments, "more experienced teams will definitely take advantage of that," MacDonald said.

But the mistakes will only serve to strengthen the team, he said, showing the team what it needs to work on before upcoming tournaments in Birmingham, Ala., Panama City, Fla., and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Despite a few blunders here and there, the Cruisers were bolstered by an experienced back row, MacDonald said. Veteran ruggers Sean Schaeffer, Josh Guell, Brian Carr and Joe Sandoval carried the team through several tough moments, and Schaeffer and Guell scored the majority of the team's tries throughout the tournament.

Overall, the team performed well, MacDonald said.

Something Cruiser Joe Kolojay echoed whole-heartedly.

"We may not have won, but we played well together and learned a lot," said Kolojay.

For Kolojay, Saturday's tournament was somewhat bittersweet. It was his last with the Cruise-a-Matics. He headed home to Illinois Tuesday.

"It was an awesome way to go out," he said. "I had a lot of fun with these guys."

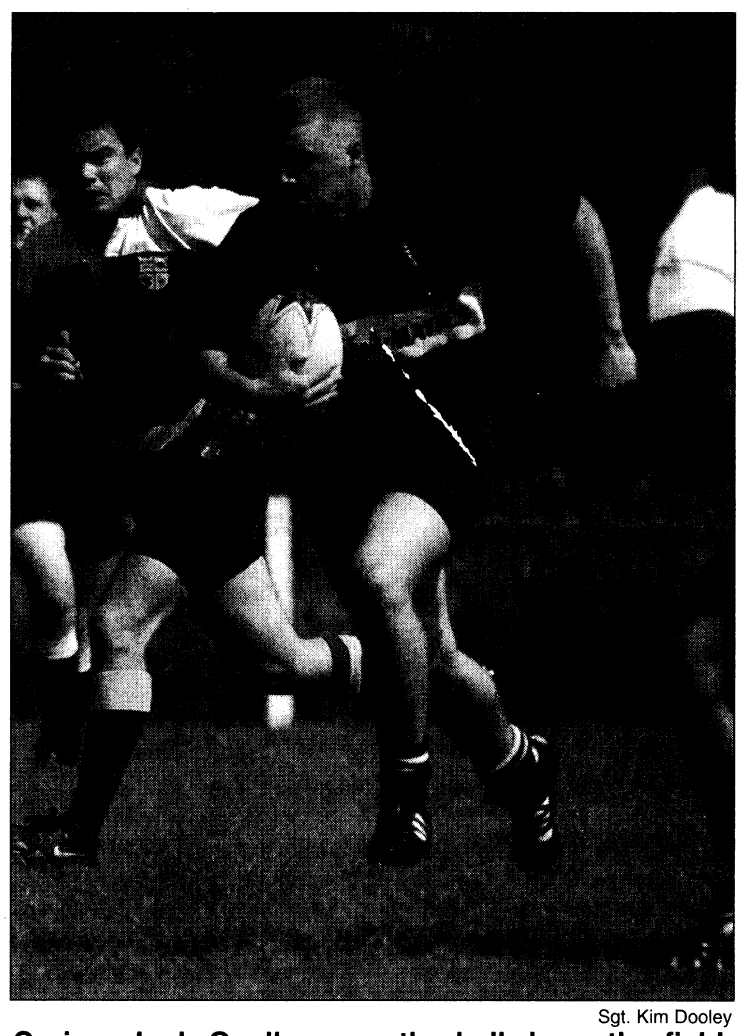
And that's what it's all about, MacDonald said.

With Kolojay and several other players lost, there's always room on the pitch for more ruggers, MacDonald said.

This is actually the idea to come out and get acquainted with some of the basics, he said, explaining that fifteens season will kick of in August.

The team practices from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the "Cruiser Dome," behind Dolly Madison Bakery on Victory Drive.

To get to the pitch from Interstate 185, take Exit 1-A onto Victory Drive. Drive until you come to 22nd Avenue and take a right (you should be at a stoplight and see Dolly Madison Bakery on your right side). Follow this road across the dirt road and straight through the gate.



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Cruiser Josh Guell moves the ball down the field. Guell was one of the team's top scorers Saturday.

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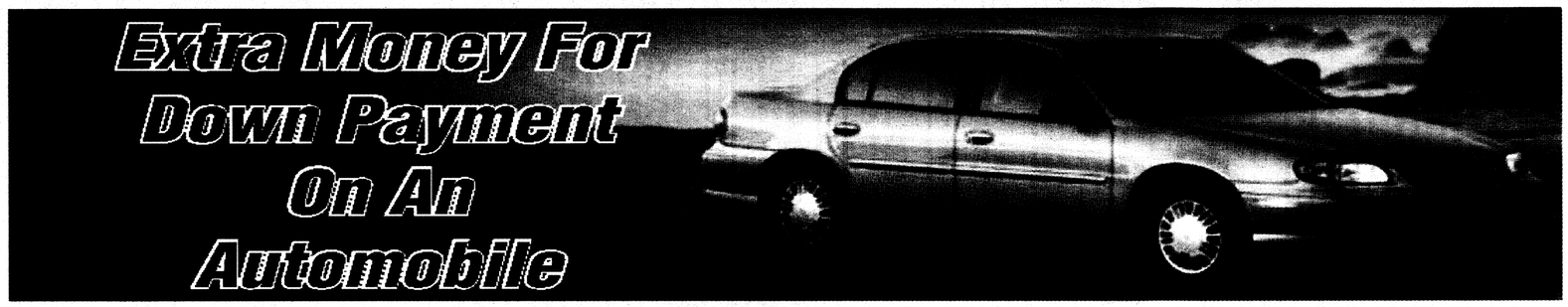

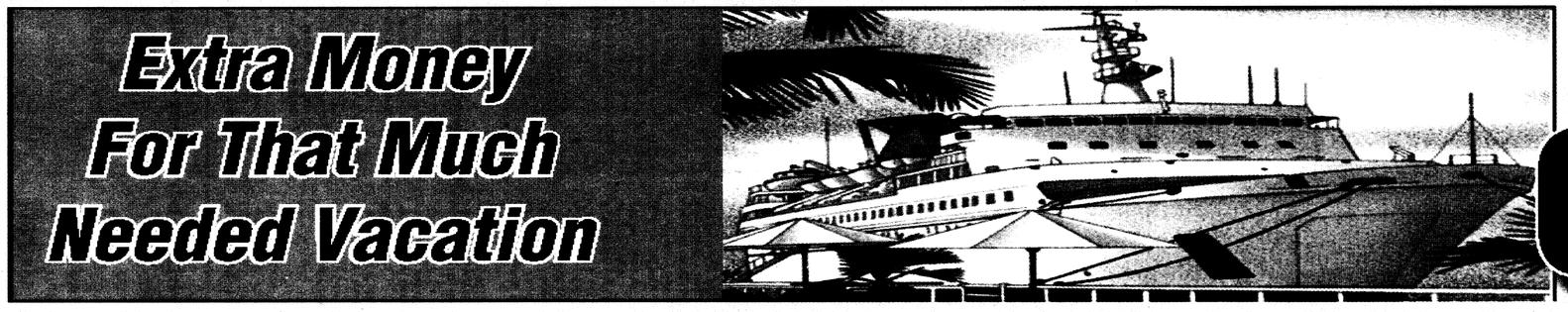



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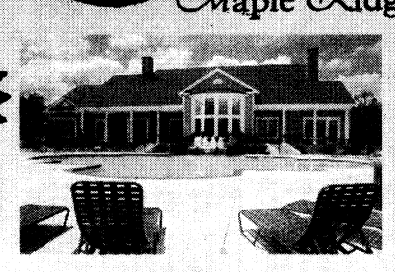

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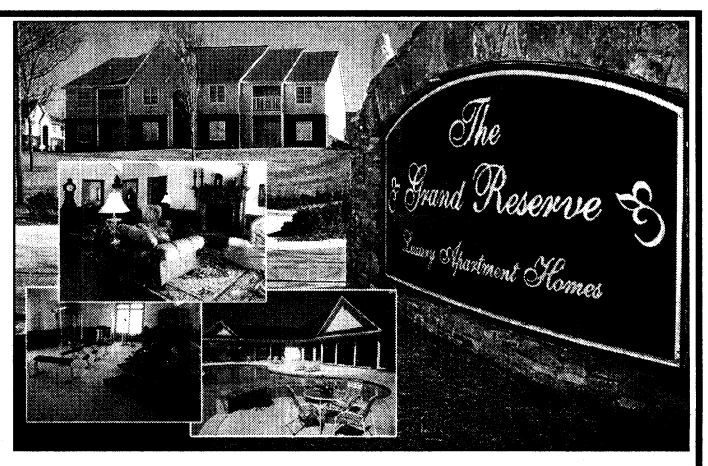

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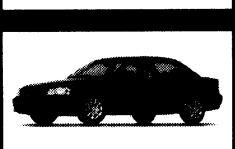
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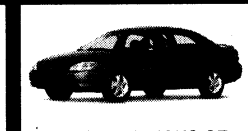
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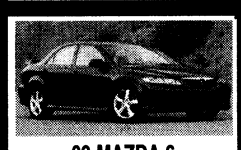
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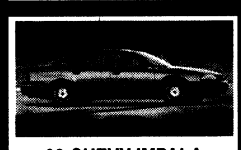
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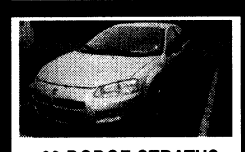
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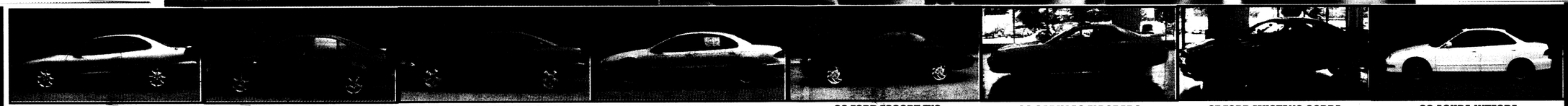

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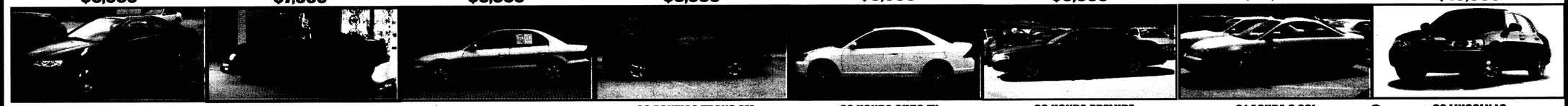

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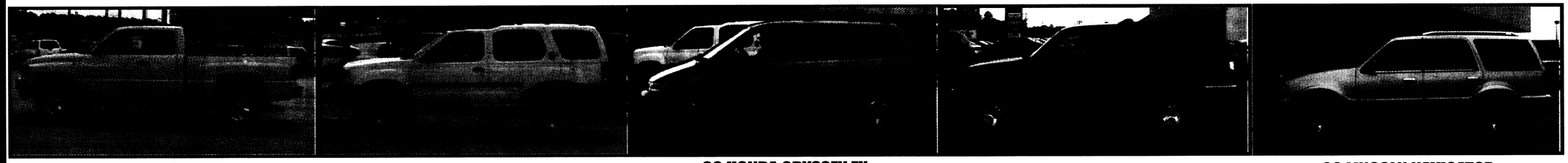

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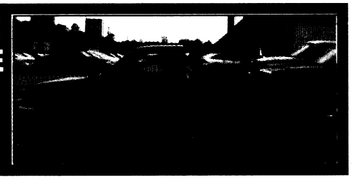

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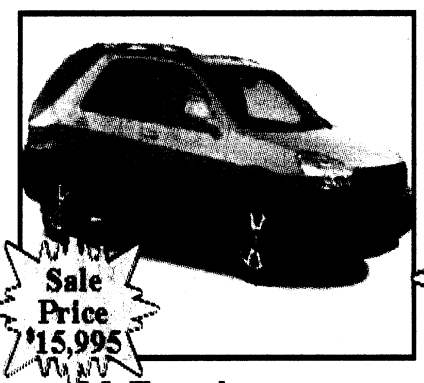

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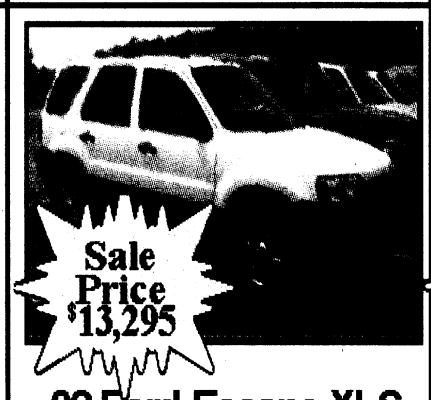

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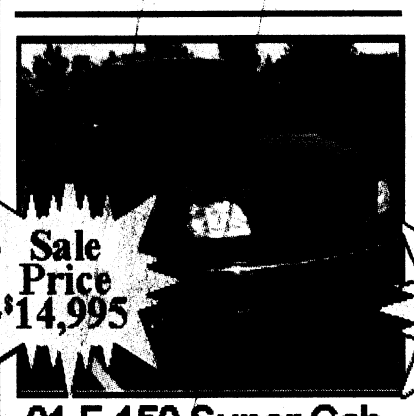

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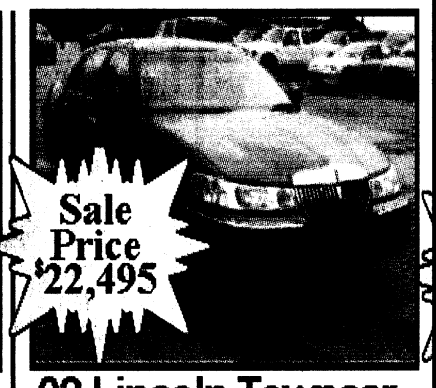

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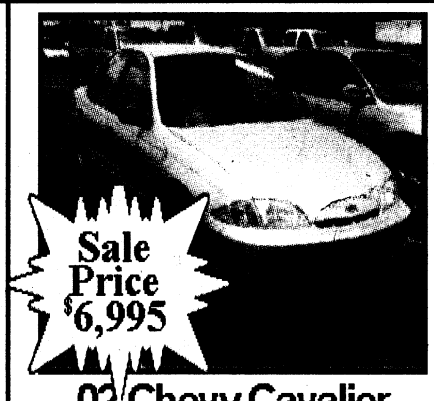

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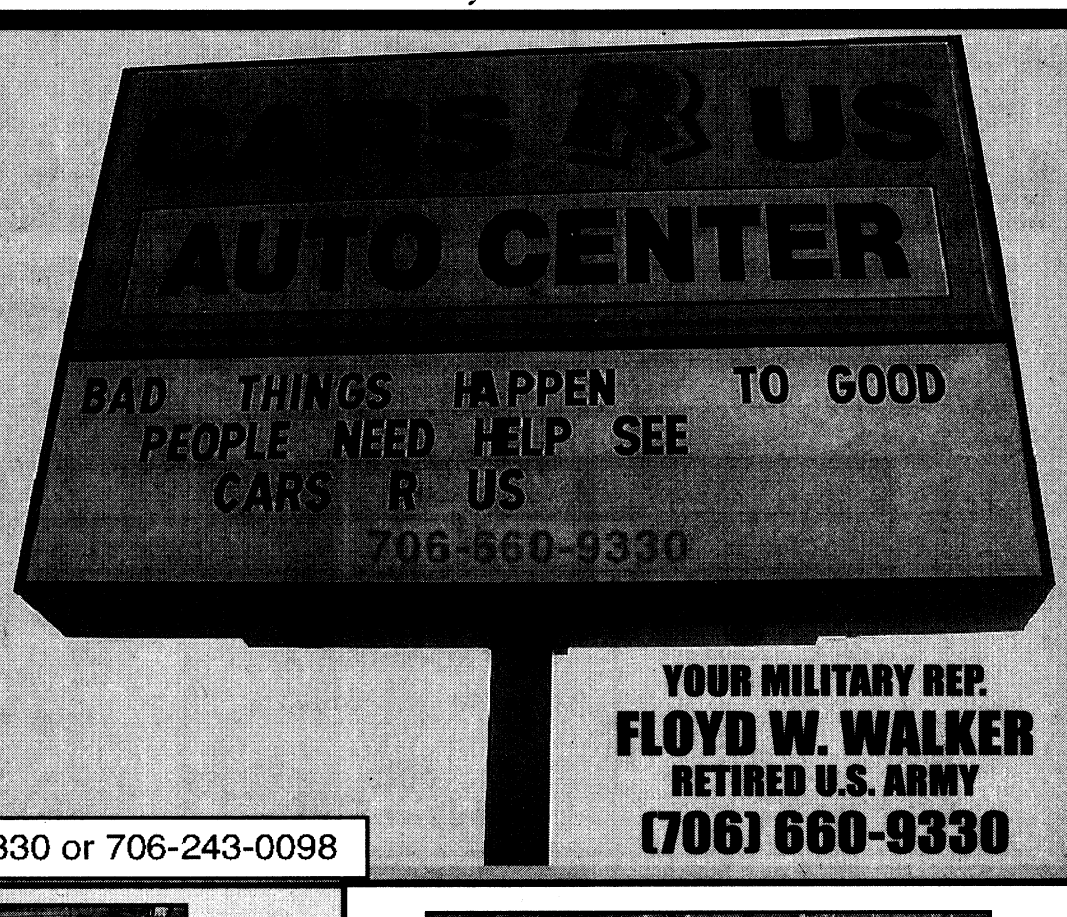

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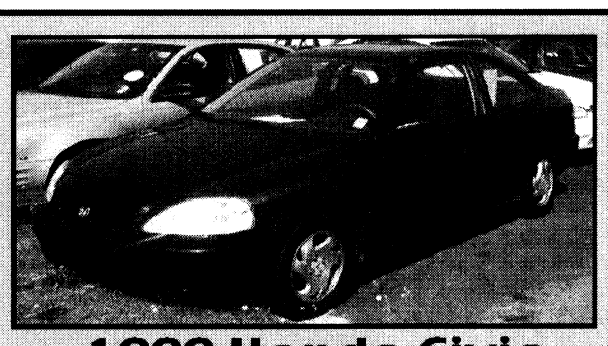

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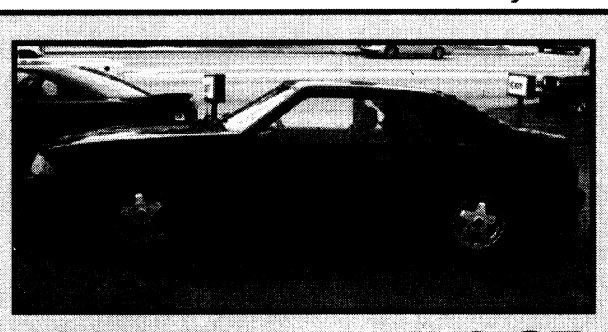

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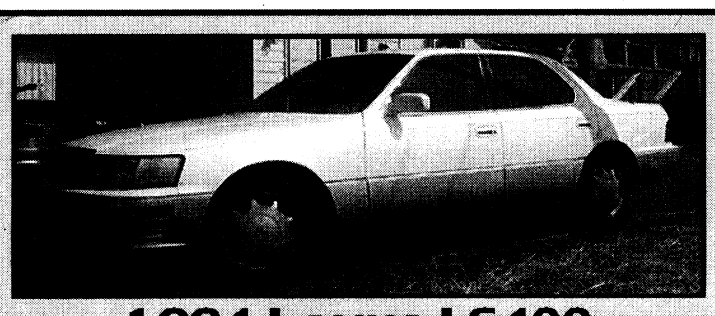

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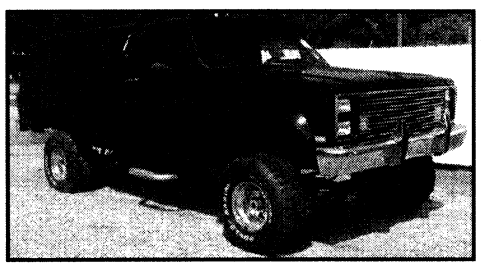

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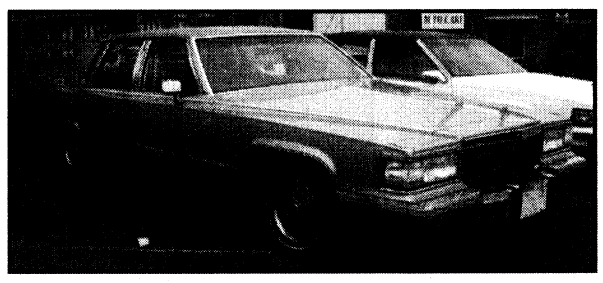

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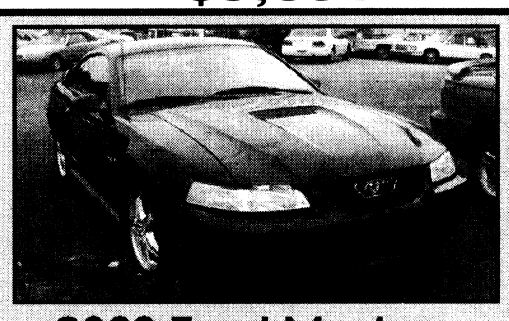

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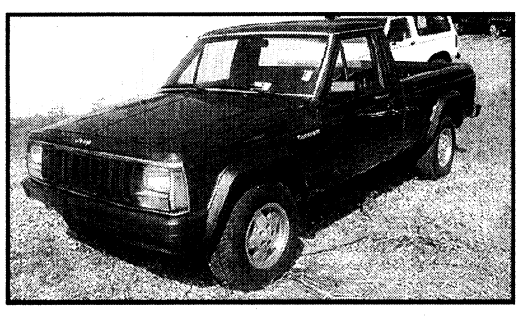

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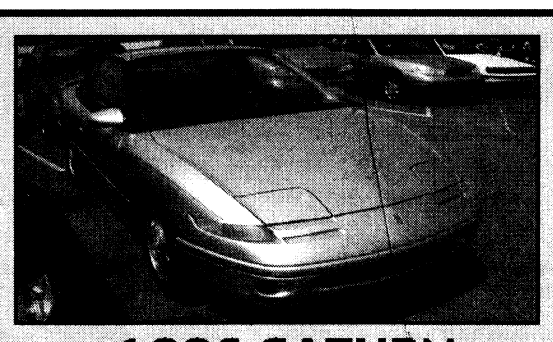
Gray, 5 Speed **$2,626** #49001C



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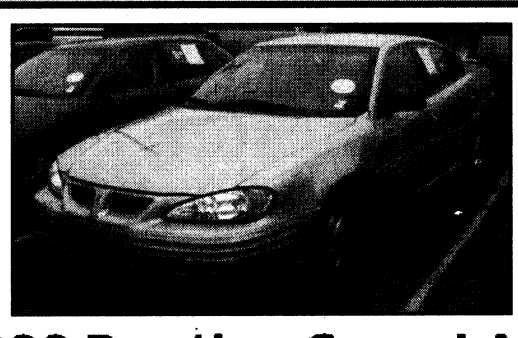

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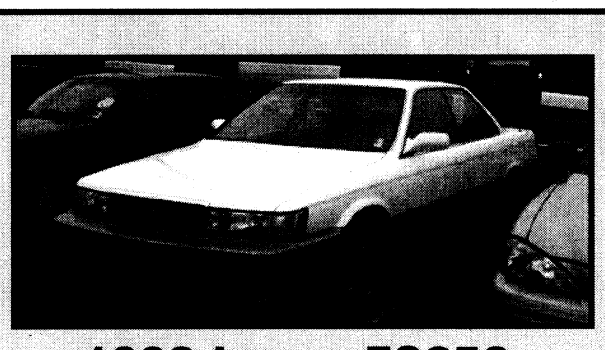

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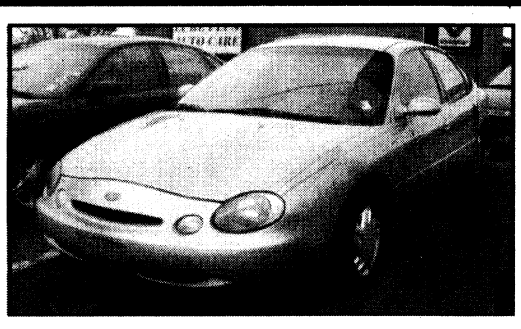
White, 5 speed Std., Clean, Gas Saver, Must see **$3,995** #BW101



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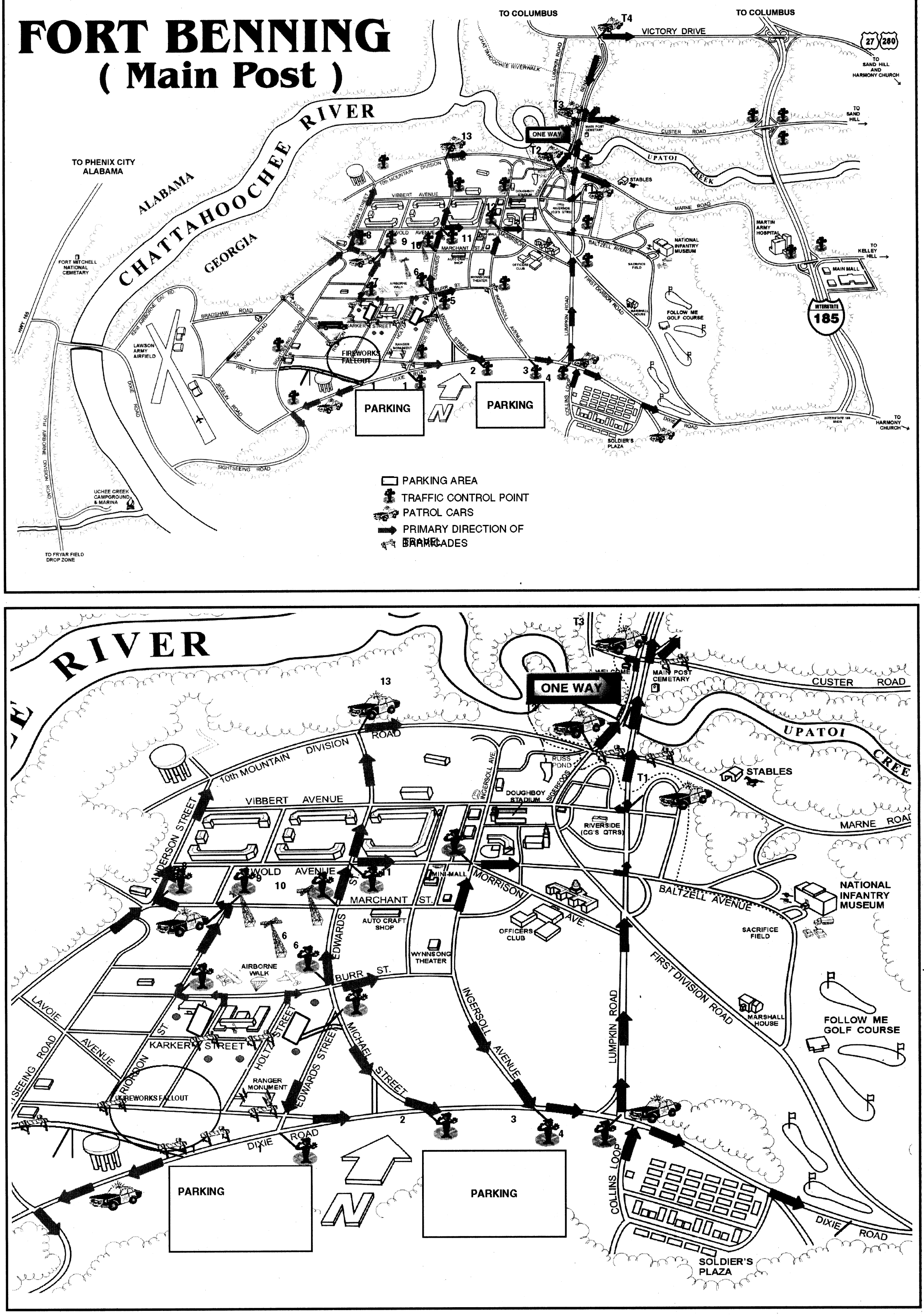

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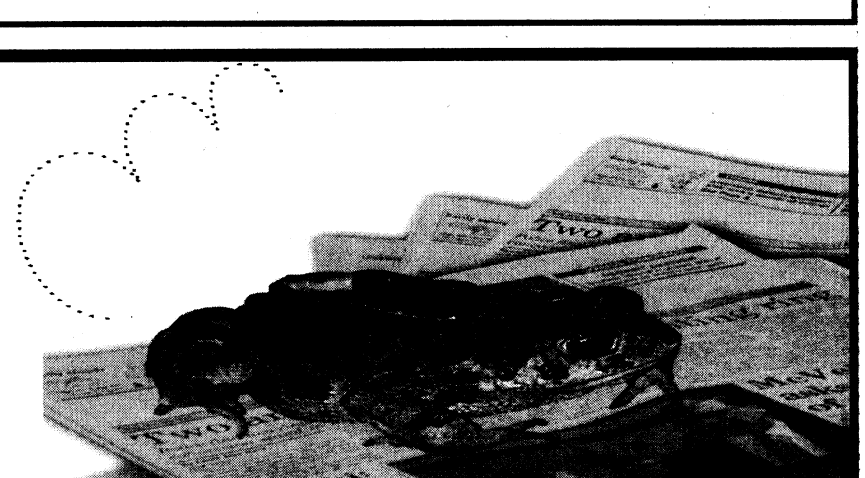

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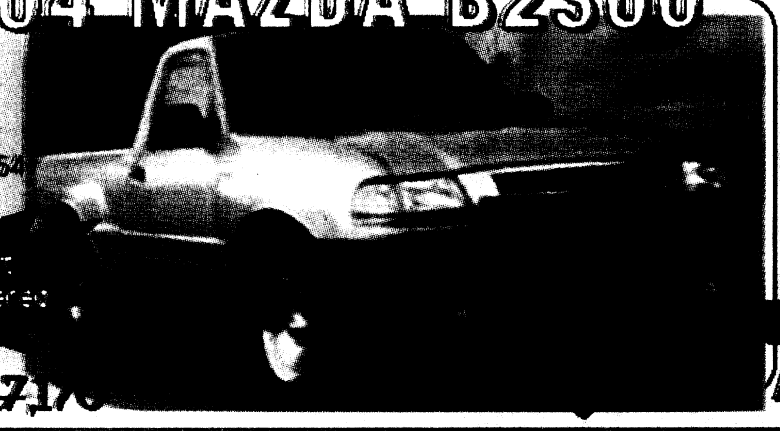

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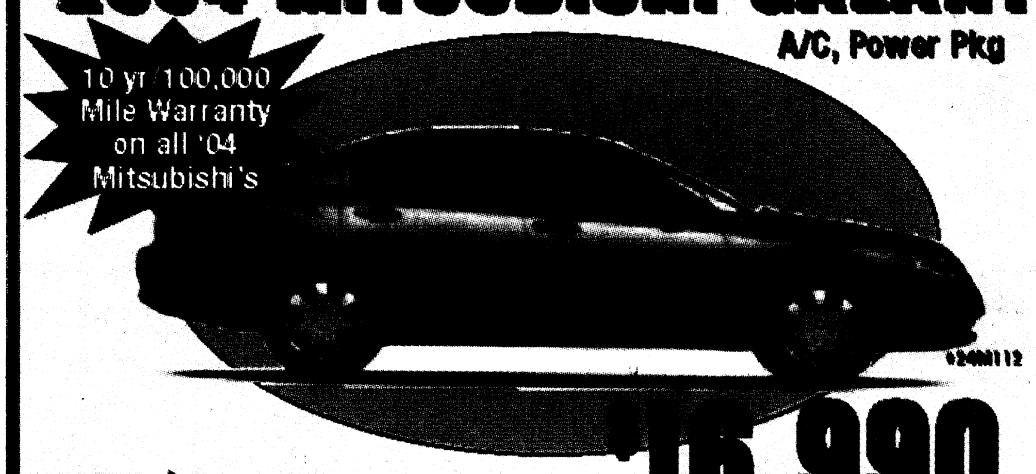

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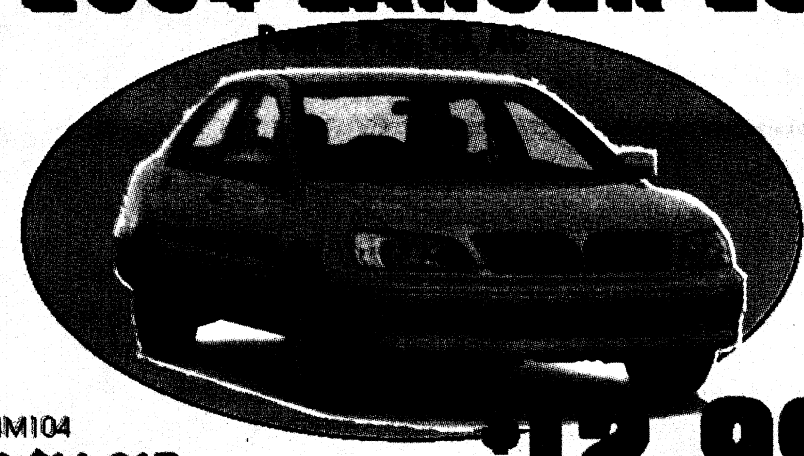

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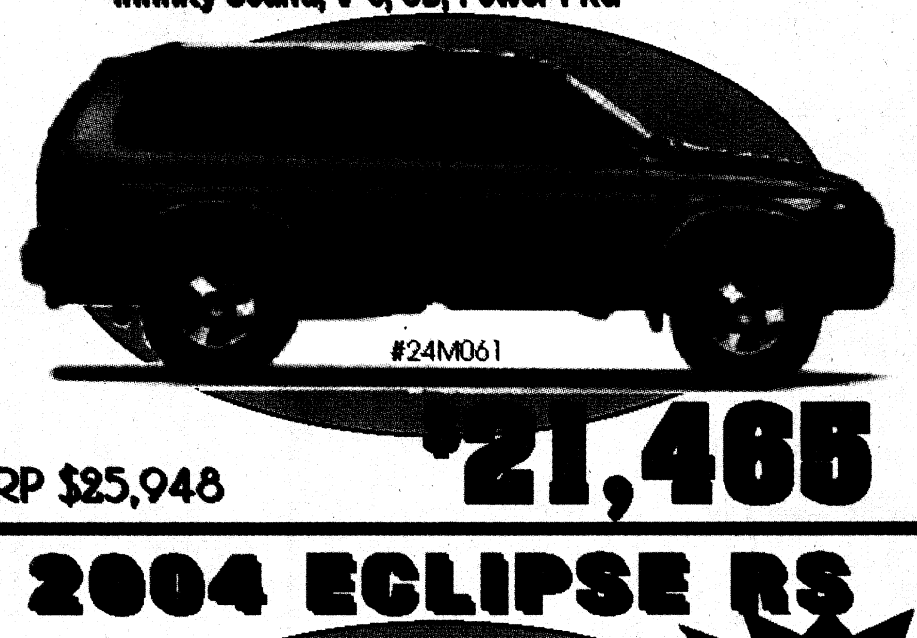

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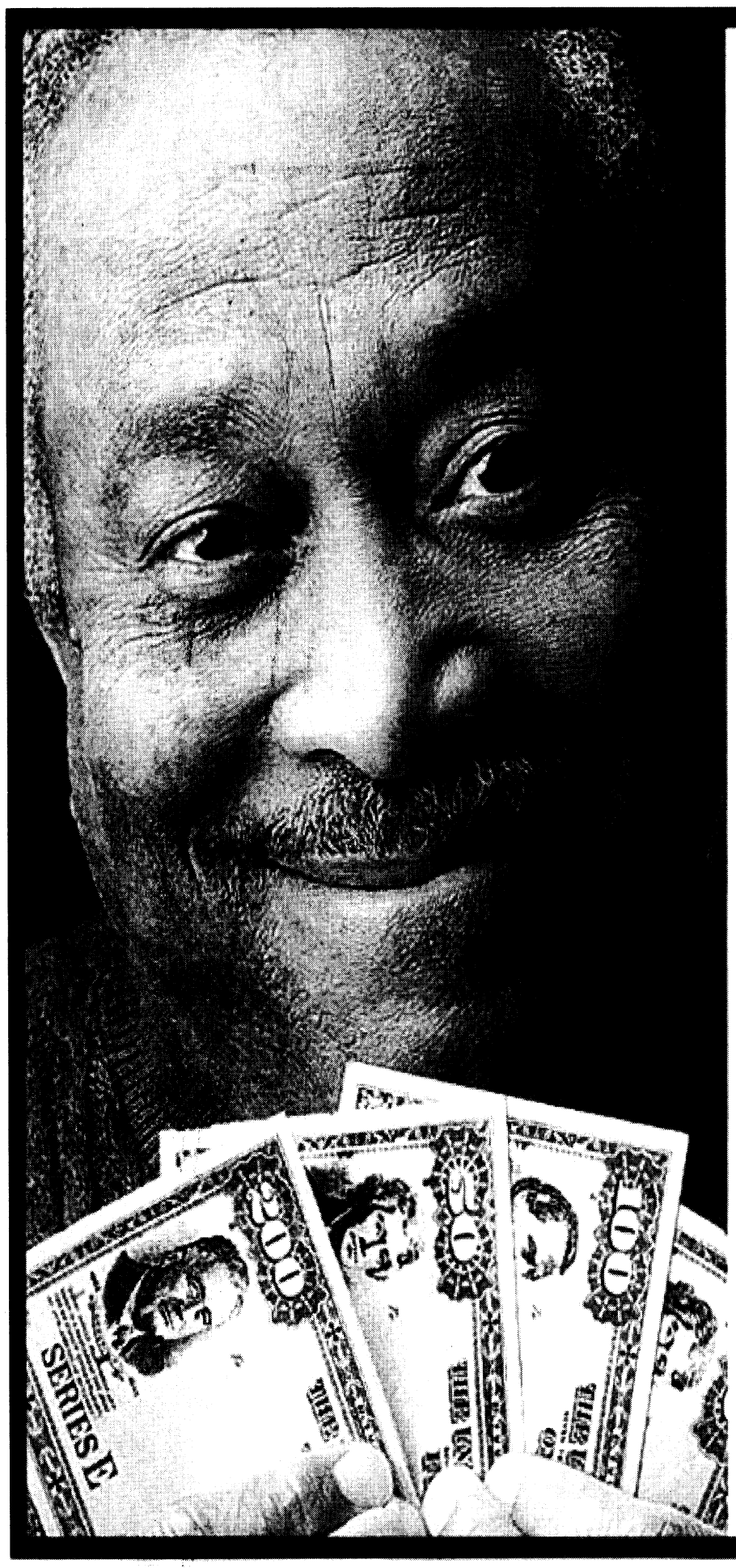

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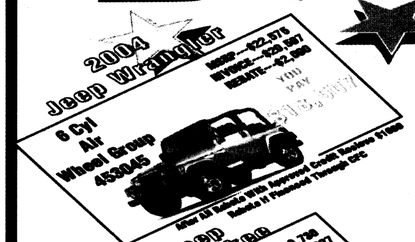

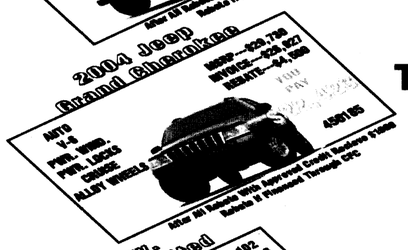

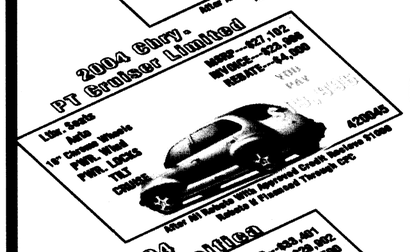

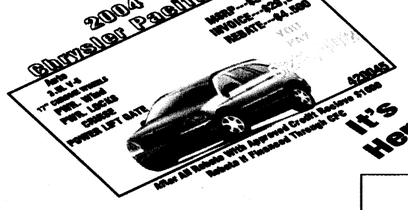

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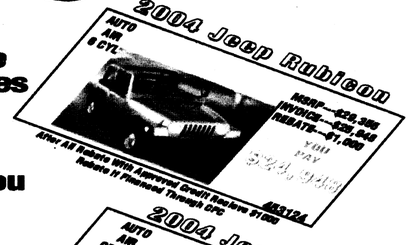

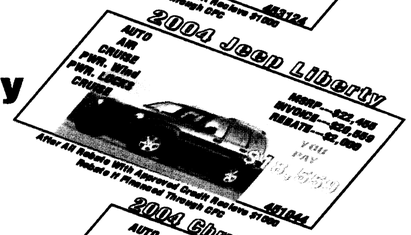

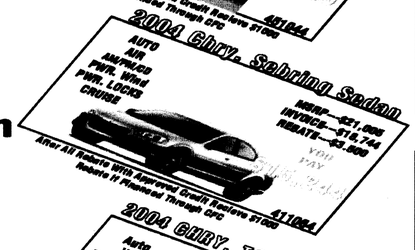



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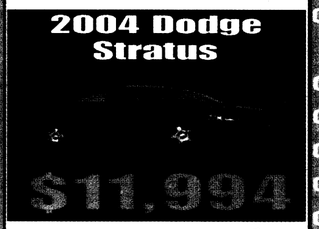

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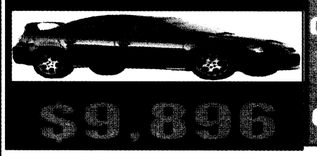

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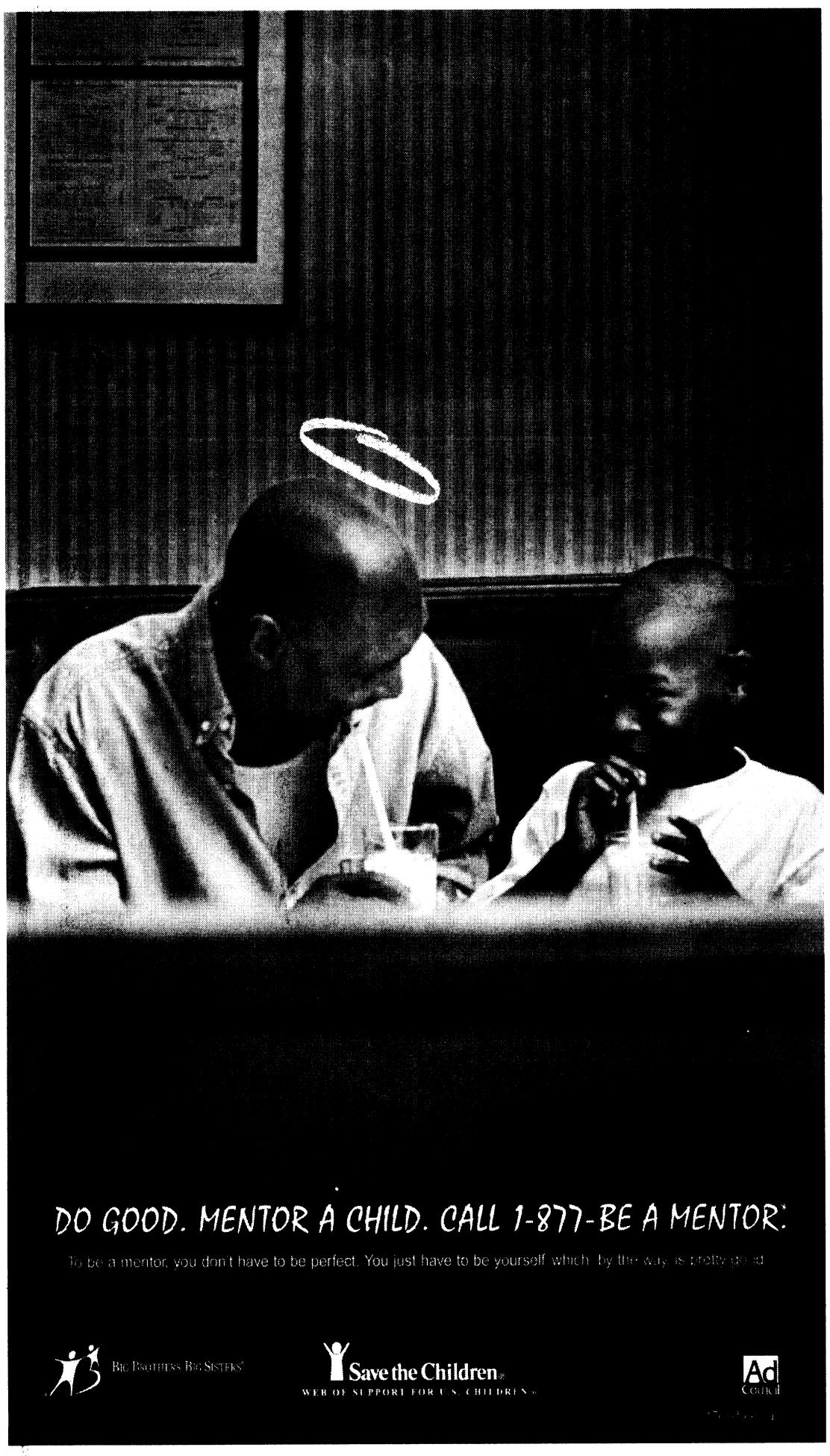



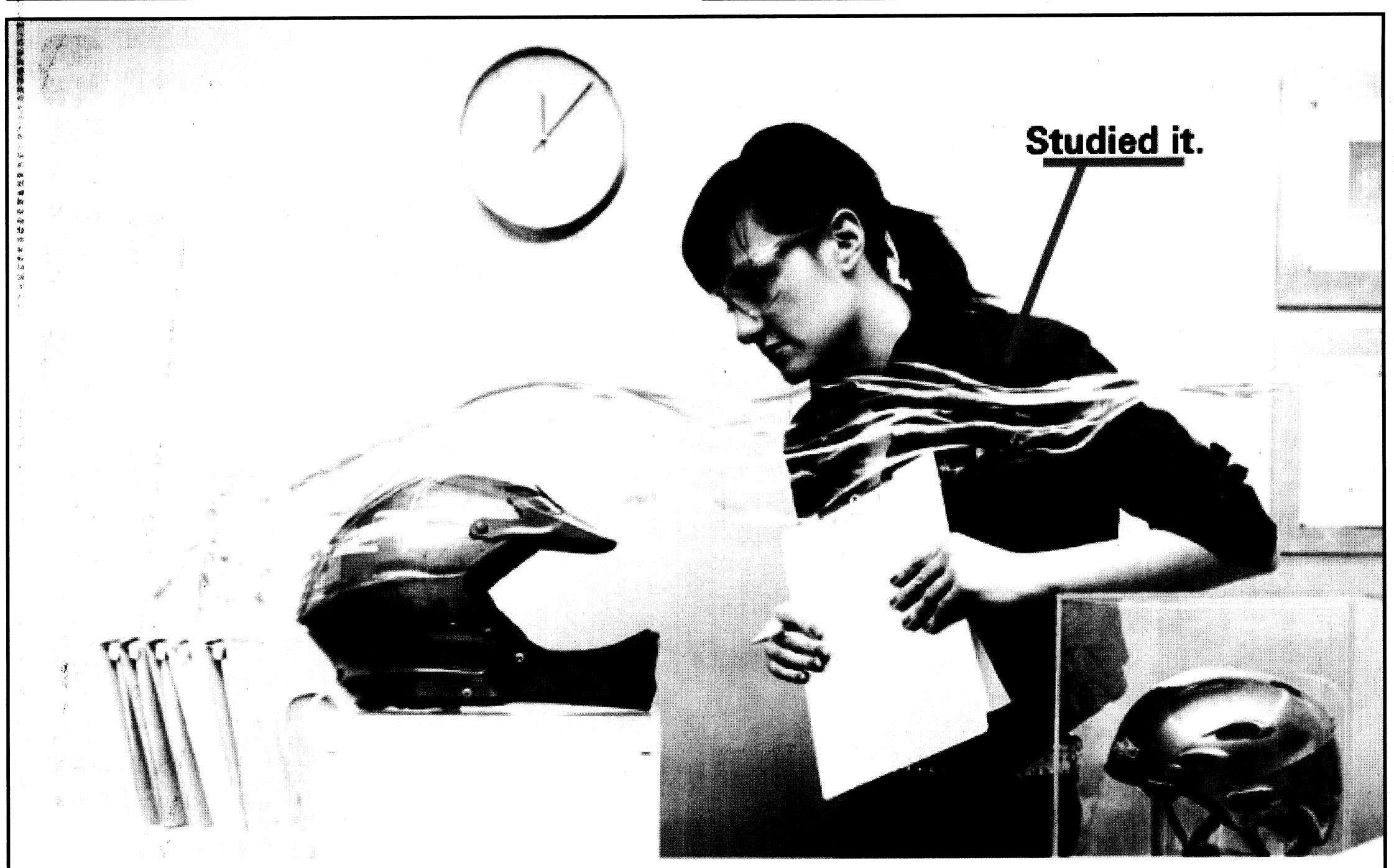

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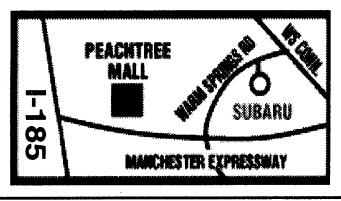

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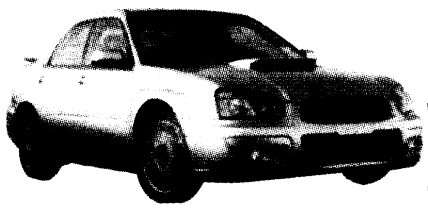

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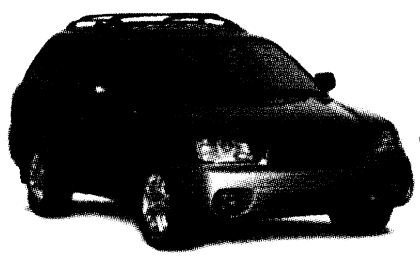

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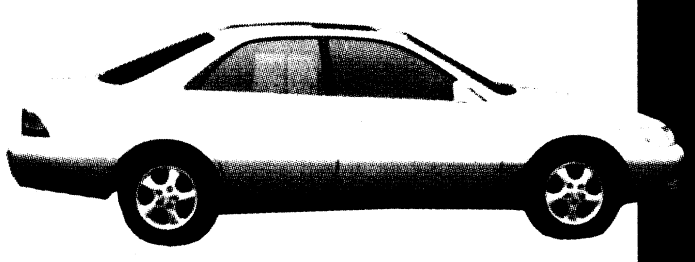

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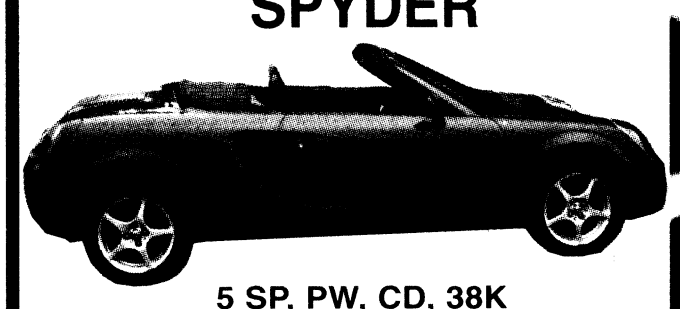

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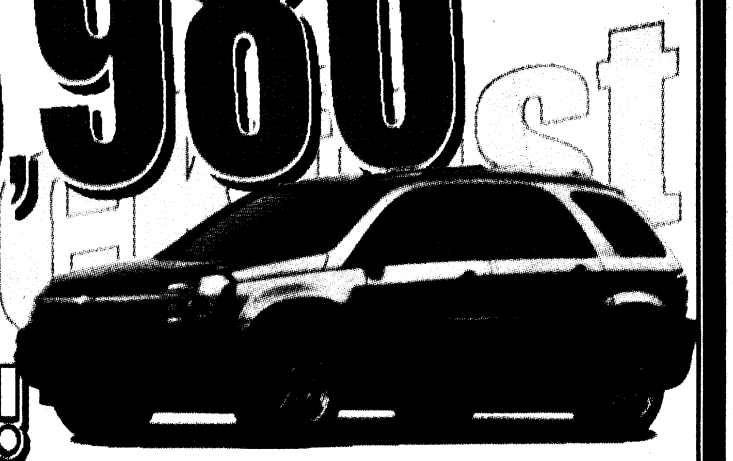

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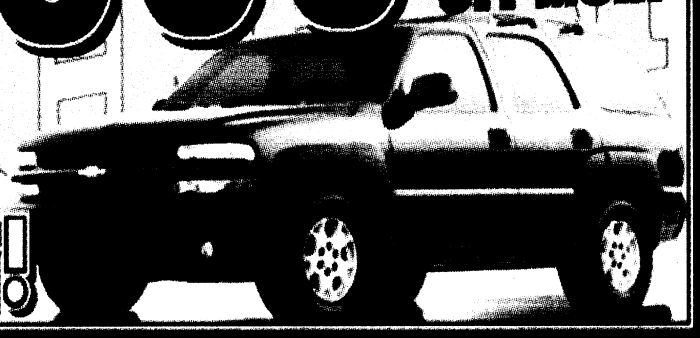

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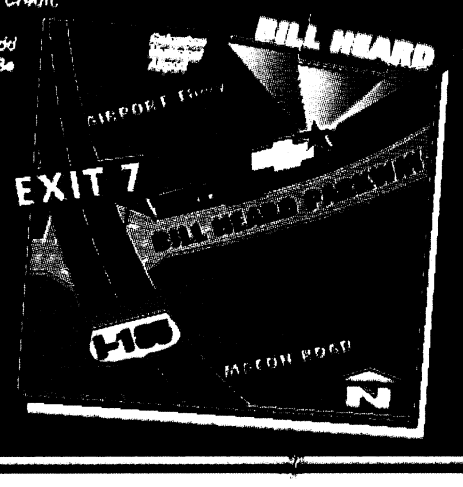

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Friday, June 25, 2004

Independence Day fun.

How NOT to blow yourself up, get arrested, crack your skull open, put an eye out or set your dog on fire

Spc. Nikki St. Amant
Bayonet staff



Yep. It's that time of year again. Old Glory marks 228 years of independence July 4 and most of Fort Benning will have a nice, long four-day weekend to celebrate.

The landscape of any celebration can be spotted with dangers like exploding grills, driving fatigue, alcohol-induced stupors, fireworks mishaps and a wide range of other accidents.

One way to avoid having this year's Independence Day festivities take an ugly turn is to always put safety first.

It may seem ridiculous to conduct a risk assessment on your precious time off, but it doesn't take much, just a little common sense and some practical planning to avoid trouble, said post command sergeant major Command Sergeant Major Mike Kelso.

If you are of legal drinking age and plan to indulge yourself this Fourth of July weekend, keep in mind the rules of engagement for alcohol use and plan ahead.

The Army has a zero-tolerance policy for drinking and driving that could cost you your career — if you are lucky enough to live.

On top of prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and letter of reprimand from the commanding general, you could face up to an $800 fine, according to the recorder's court.

Capt. Kevin Pelley, the military police operations officer in charge, said drinking and driving is a serious offense and isn't taken lightly.

"Our mission is safety, not to ruin Soldiers' fun..." he said. "Have a plan before you even start drinking. Give your keys up before the alcohol sets in, get a dependable designated driver, have phone numbers for your chain of command and staff duty and check with your unit and find out if they have a fund for paying for cab rides if you find you shouldn't be driving."

Alcohol-related accidents accounted for 17,448 deaths in 2001, according to the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration.

Don't let yourself, your passengers or the innocent family you plow into become statistics. Call a cab, call your unit or just sit tight and sober up.

"Sitting in your car while intoxicated, with or without the keys in the ignition, still constitutes a DUI," Pelley said.

Mixing fatigue and driving can be just as dangerous as drinking and driving, said Regis Beighley, the post safety manager.

"Even if you are using stimulants containing caffeine and you are sleep-deprived, you are still likely to have 'micro-sleeps,'" he said. "These are brief naps lasting only four or five seconds. At 55 m.p.h., you travel more than 100 yards — that's plenty of time to kill you."

He said no matter how well you think you can drive without enough sleep, the dangers are real.

"A drowsy driver doesn't process information as fast or as accurately as an alert driver and is unable to react quickly enough to avoid most collisions," Beighley said. "Drowsiness also narrows a driver's field of vision, so that objects or people at the side of the road cannot be seen until it is too late."

If you do decide to brave the holiday traffic and are in the car, buckle up. Seatbelt use increases the chance of survival in an accident by 50 percent, according to the NHTSA, and it saves you the trouble of getting a $15 ticket.

Roadway accidents aren't the only way to cut your holiday weekend short.

Grill accidents account for more than 60 deaths and hundreds of injuries each year, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Almost all those accidents are attributed to user error.

Gas grill accidents can be avoided by following simple rules like properly maintaining gas grill hoses and tanks, protecting tubing from grease drippings, storing tanks in an upright, cool location and following manufacturer's instructions for use, according to the USCPS's Web site. Take 15 minutes and do a quick check of your gear to ensure that when you hit that ignition button you aren't lighting up everything within a 20-foot radius.

Charcoal grills are generally safer than gas versions, but can be just as deadly if used improperly, the site explains.

Burning charcoal emits carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas responsible for more than 20 grilling deaths a year. To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, never use any grill inside a building, tent, vehicle or other structure where air circulation is compromised.

Using flammable liquids to accelerate the lighting of stubborn charcoal is another sure way to cause a flare-up and raise the risk of an emergency room visit for second- and third-degree burns

Never use gasoline, acetone or any other highly flammable substance, other than lighter fluid, which is specifically marketed for that use.

Fireworks are yet another way to take a few layers of skin off, lose a finger or put an eye out, so if you live in Alabama or are traveling to a state where fireworks are permitted, follow common sense rules for use.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety says fireworks should never be lit while being held and should never be used to destroy bottles, cans or any other possible shrapnel-producing container.

A container of water or a hose should always be readily available to put out contact fires caused by fireworks, the council says.

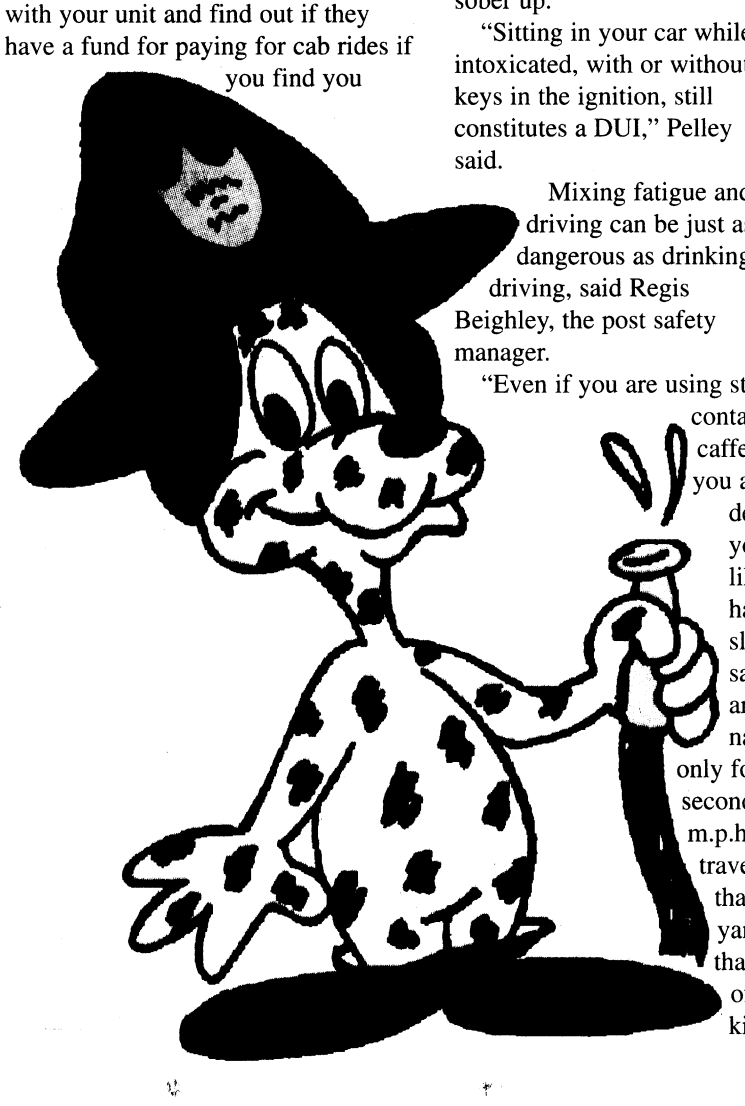
Roman candles and similar types of fireworks should never be fired at people, animals, cars, homes, brush or anything that can be damaged by contact with a 700-degree projectile.

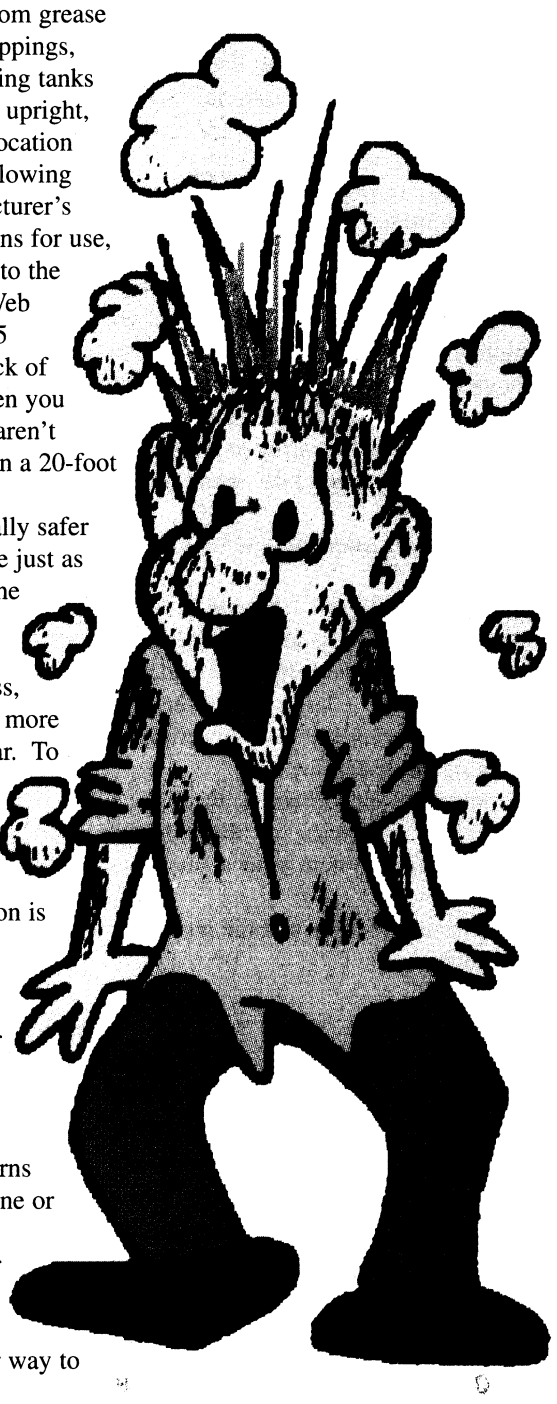
A reminder: ***fireworks are not, under any circumstances, authorized for personal use in Georgia. Fireworks for personal use on Fort Benning are prohibited by U.S. Army Infantry Center Policy 210-5, Chapter 3-14.***

Use of fireworks in these areas constitutes a crime, and you can be ticketed and fined more than $75, according to a Columbus Recorder's Court official.

The kids will probably be out, scampering around in full force for the holiday, too, so remember to make sure the little ones are supervised outside, in the pool and at large gatherings.

This Independence Day weekend can be a great time to reconnect with family and friends in the spirit of freedom and patriotism, but use your head, make sure that you put safety first and avoid a holiday disaster that could leave you blind, dead, an amputee or unemployed.





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Girls

Alexis Danielle Hamilton — born May 17 to Rhonda and Spc. Michael Hamilton.

Akhayjah Lillian Marie Dixon — born June 7 to Carissa and Spc. Wayne Dixon.

Michah JaDora Hunter — born June 9 to Amanda and Sgt. Michael Hunter.

Madeline Urban McCormack — born June 10 to Jennifer and 2nd Lt. Nathan McCormack.

Kathryn Elizabeth Clipp — born June 10 to Keri and Capt. Keith Clipp.

Tiara Bethany Aline Seals — born June 11 to Candice and Spc. Stephen Seals.

Alyssa Brooke Hutchinson — born June 14 to Rebecca and Staff Sgt. Shaun Hutchinson.

Dominique Ryann Hayes — born June 15 to Spc. Sherika Hayes.

Boys

Michael Antonio Ventura Ortiz — born June 9 to Maria Ventura and Maj. Guillermo Ventura Rodriguez.

Steven Allyn Flagg Jr. — born June 10 to Charlotte and 1st Sgt. Steven Flagg.

Tavion Elwarner Smith — born June 10 to Patrice and Spc. Elwarner Smith.

Tyree Aushaun Dukes — born June 11 to Karla and Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Dukes.

Jackson Bryce Murphy — born June 14 to Jill and Staff Sgt. Steven Murphy.

Samuel Lakeland Holley — born June 14 to Kristin and Pfc. Samuel Holley.

John Andrew DeGuzman Lanoza — born June 15 to Spcs. Marie and Jaymar Lanoza.

Marcus La'Von Evans — born June 15 to Tennelle and Sgt. 1st Class Loman Evans.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

School screenings, sports physicals — MEDDAC Family Practice and Pediatric Clinics offer school screenings and sports physicals by appointments Tuesday and July 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Services provided include immunization record review, immunization and physical exam.

Dental, hearing and vision screenings will not be provided. These can be scheduled at the Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat Clinic.

Bring the child's medical record, ID and medical card.

To schedule appointments, call 544-2273.

Camp Follow Me — Child and Youth Services and Army Community Service's Exceptional Family Member Program will offer Camp Follow Me, a special needs summer camp for grades kindergarten through eighth, July 26 to 30.

Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Activities will include bowling, arts and crafts, movies, sports activities and more. Snacks will be provided.

Registration will be Monday through June 25.

Also, both CYS and EFMP are recruiting volunteers for this program who have an interest in becoming camp assistants and buddies to program participants.

To register, call Central Registration at 545-2079.

If you are interested or need more information about the camp, call the EFMP manager at 545-7517 or 545-5521.

OSC Super Sign-Up — The Officers' Spouses' Club will host its Activities and Membership Sign-Up Night Aug. 19.

The OSC is currently taking applications for organizations and vendors interested in participating in the event.

Booth space is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

To receive a vendor application, call Georganna Rapaport at 687-9396 or grap4vt@hotmail.com or Sheryl Nix at 685-8566 or thnixes@pkfamily.com by Wednesday.

Official Army Resident Survey — The Residential Communities Initiative has mailed out surveys to current family housing residents.

The cut-off for responses is July 30.

For more information, call Lillian Salazar at 545-0667.

ACS Lending Closet needs items returned — The purpose of the Army Community Service Lending Closet is to lend household goods to Soldiers and their families who are awaiting receipt of their household goods or preparing to PCS. But the lending closet can't loan items unless others return them.

For more information, call 545-4485.

MACH News — Martin Army Community Hospital removed Allegra, an antihistamine, from the formulary, and it is longer be available. Claritin, however, will remain on the formulary as a prescription, non-sedating antihistamine.

Allegra may be obtained through a network retail pharmacy or through the Tricare mail-order system with a small co-pay.

For more information, call the pharmacy at 544-4666.

Family housing medical conditions — Family Housing Maintenance Shaw Infrastructure requests that all family housing occupants who have medical conditions provide a doctor's letters for medical exception to the Family Housing Maintenance Shop at Building 228 on Kilgore Street.

The purpose for the medical exception letter is to allow for a higher priority on service orders pertaining to air conditioning, heating and other maintenance requests.

This only affects occupants of Iron Triangle, White Elephants, Miller Loop, Austin Loop, McDonald Manor, Indianhead Terrace, Upatoi Terrace and Custer Terrace.

For more information, call Bill Napier at 545-4326.

Thrift Shop new hours — The Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop has new hours.

The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 687-4830

ACS Food Locker — Eligible personnel (active duty, retiree families and widowers of deceased Army personnel) who wish to use the Army Community Services Food Locker should visit the ACS Center, Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. After completing an application, signed by of either a unit first sergeant or commander (active-duty personnel).

The client will be directed to the Food Locker, where they can select a two-day supply of food items from stock.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The AA meetings support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

TRICARE phone numbers — If you are planning to leave the area for 30 days or longer, call the TRICARE Service Center at 685-1138 to find out how to transfer to a different region.

For more information and the phone numbers of other regions, call the Region 3 toll-free number at (800) 444-5445.

Support group for breastfeeding moms — The Family Advocacy First Steps Program sponsors a Breastfeeding Moms Group each third Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Moms are encouraged to bring their babies when the group meets in the Baby Friendly Clinic at Martin Army Community Hospital, Room 360 on the third floor.

Lactation assistance is the primary focus. Information is also available on managing sleep deprivation, fussy infants and proper nutrition.

Call the First Steps office at 544-2020 for class registration. Leave your name and phone number so a First Steps volunteer can return your call.

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Fund to help Marine family — Marine Staff Sgt. Fernando Martinez was seriously injured while riding in the Atlanta Airport Shuttle Service last week.

His is now hospitalized at the Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta and is listed in critical but stable conditions.

A fund has been set up to help the family with expenses accrued during Martinez's hospitalization.

If you have any interest in helping the family, send donations to:

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Bluegrass Jam — The VFW Post 5228 will sponsor a Bluegrass Jam, featuring live music, food and fun at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The VFW is located next to Cost Plus Foods on Auburn Road, Lee County 240 in Smiths, Ala.

Proceeds benefit Columbus Hospice, Inc. There is no cover charge.

Muscogee County Town Hall Meetings — Citizens of Muscogee County are encouraged to attend the town-hall meeting Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Northside High School, 2002 American Way.

The committee is asking area businesses to demonstrate their support by encouraging employees to participate and allow them to take time off to attend the meeting.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the process.

For more information, call 317-1863.

3rd Armored Division reunion — The 3rd Armored Division (Spearhead) will hold its fourth annual reunion July 14 to 18 in Columbus, Ohio.

This will be the first joint reunion with World War II 3rd Armored Div. veterans.

For more information, call Carl Erickson at (301) 520-3275 or visit www.3AD.org.

Girl Scout camp — The Girl Scouts of Concharty Council, Inc. offer six weeks of resident camp and five weeks of day camp for girls ages 5-17. Spaces are limited.

For more information, call 327-2646.

Port Columbus summer camp — The Port Columbus National Civil War Naval Museum will offer "School of the Sailor," a day camp for children 9 and 14. The dates are July 12 to 16 and Aug. 2 to 6. Cost for the five-day camp is $125. For more information, call 327-9798.

Columbus Hospice yard sale — The Columbus Hospice will hold a yard sale July 17.

They need donations of items for sale in good condition including clothing for men, women and children, toys and games, furniture and useable household items, along with baked goods for sale.

Volunteers are also needed.

For more information, call 569-7992.

CASA volunteers needed — America's abused, neglected and abandoned children need your voice. They need someone to take the time to figure out what's best for them.

You can make a real difference in a child's life as their voice in court. Volunteer as a CASA — a Court Appointed Special Advocated. The Chattahoochee CASA is currently seeking volunteers.

For more information and an application, call Program director Mattie P. Hall or Volunteer coordinator Cynthia Walker at 323-3687.

Night With the "Stars" — The Habitat for Humanity of Russell County, Inc. will present the Annual Night With the "Stars" at 6:30 p.m. July 30 at the Central High School Cafetorium, 2400 Dobbs Drive, in Phenix City.

Chuck Leonard of with WTVM Channel 9 will be the emcee.

Tickets are $20 and can be purchased at Citizen News, the HFHRC office, from Lion's Club members, HFHRC board members or by calling Peggy Martin at 298-3963 or 297-2174.

Air Force reunion — An Air Force reunion for Torrejon Air Base, all years, will be held Sept. 3 to 6 in Dayton, Ohio.

For more information, write Burnethel Sanford, P.O. Box 3492, Riverside, CA 92519, call (909) 781-4819 or e-mail BurnethellFrCa@Webtv.net.

Scholarship available — The American Legion has established the American Legacy Scholarship for children of members of America's armed forces who died while on active duty on or after Setp. 11, 2001.

To obtain a scholarship application, visit www.legio.org and click on "community" or send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to American Legacy Scholarship, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN. 46206

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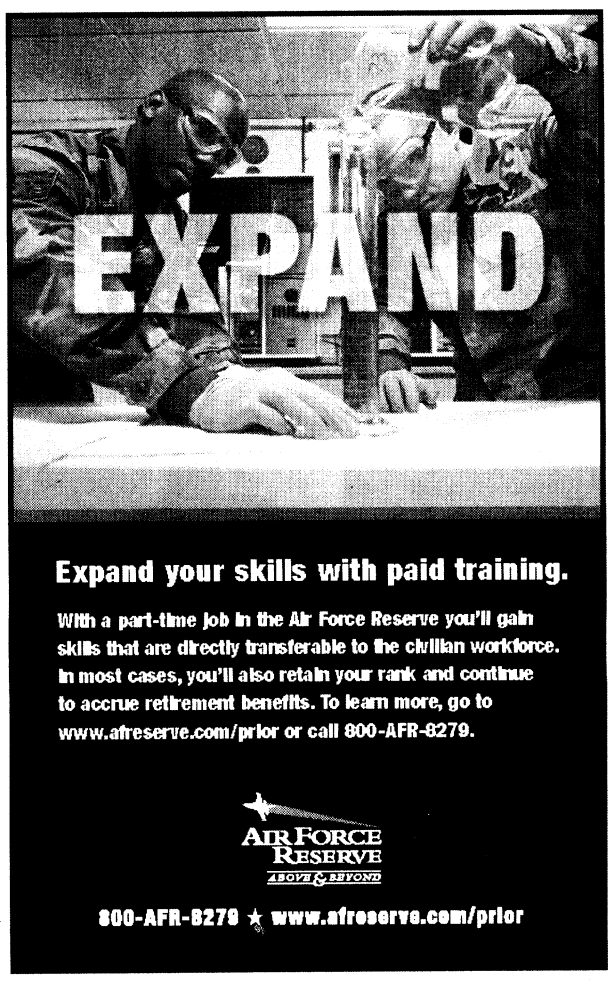

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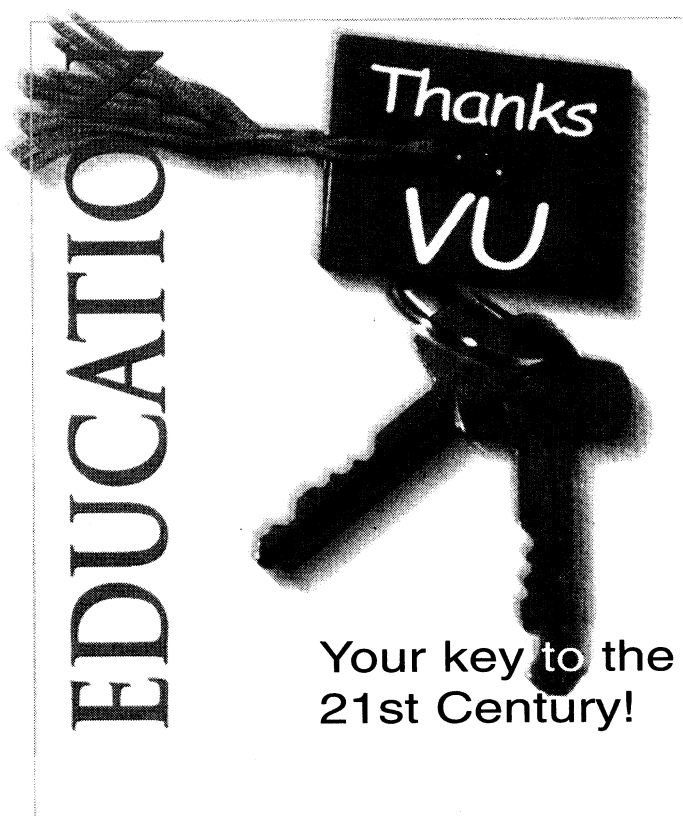

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Sgt. Kim Dooley
Bayonet assistant editor

As a transplanted Yankee, just about the only thing I knew about the South when I came to Fort Benning was that legend of "Southern hospitality." So imagine my surprise when, as part of initial counseling, my NCOIC cautioned me (with a straight face), "Oh, and make sure you get your shots updated before you go to Alabama."

But in true, liberal Northerner fashion, I shook off the warning and proceeded to Seale, Ala., for the Possum Trot Auction.

Convinced by my conniving coworkers (who, by the way, drag every Soldier new to the office to this office, kicking and screaming or not), I tagged along to this truly unique auction in a tiny little place just off Highway 431.

It was an interesting experience, to say the least, and one I haven't yet repeated. But I'll tell you, it's something we should all do at least once while we're in this neck of the woods.

My experience kicked off in the parking lot, where a little boy perched on a bench, swinging his feet — precious in cut-off overalls and bare feet — greeted me, "You shore are perty."

Then to my Soldier (this was an office outing), "Is thatcher girlfriend?"

Still chuckling, I wandered into the Possum Trot Cafe, which is right next door to the auction house. The first thing I saw when I walked in was a stuffed possum, hanging upside down on the wall. This interesting wall ornament confirmed my belief that possums (and armadillos) are born dead on the side of the road (something I picked up in Fort Sill, Okla.).

But once you get over the shock of the roadkill decor, it's a quaint, little place. A place you can picture the locals sittin' around, gossiping and passing the time.

The auction itself is a hoot. You crowd into the room with a mix of outsiders like yourself and, of course, the locals, including two Possum Trot staples — a world-renowned folk artist, and our elderly friend, Arnold, who's always fond of the lady visitors (wink wink).

After perusing the merchandise before the show and tallying up your highest bids in your head, you squeeze into a church pew with your bid card and wait for your treasure to come up for dibs.

My favorite part of the auction was actually the auctioneer. I've always been quite fascinated with how fast these guys can talk, but the Possum Trot auctioneer has a unique style. He's a bit of an improviser.

He sure talks fast, but most of what I heard was either a foreign language, or as a I suspect is more likely, a prolonged hum.

It sounded something like, "Hummenah, hummenah, hummenah, 50 cents. Do I hear a dollar? Hummenah, hummenah, hummenah. Sold for 50 cents."

But whatever he was saying, it gave the evening that true auction feel.

The items up for grabs range from collectibles to furniture. So, it's actually a good stop for someone interested in what some people call "picking."

I know the women in my office always end up leaving with a priceless treasure. For instance, the rather scary coconut "head" that now sits atop boss' bookshelf, complete with a pirate patch and frightening fangs. Really, there are no words for this thing.

Since I know you'll want to see all this for yourself, let me offer you a few tips for survival:

• Bring bug spray. Douse yourself before you even set foot near the door. The gnats and mosquitoes are out in full force, and there's nothing like a light to attract them.

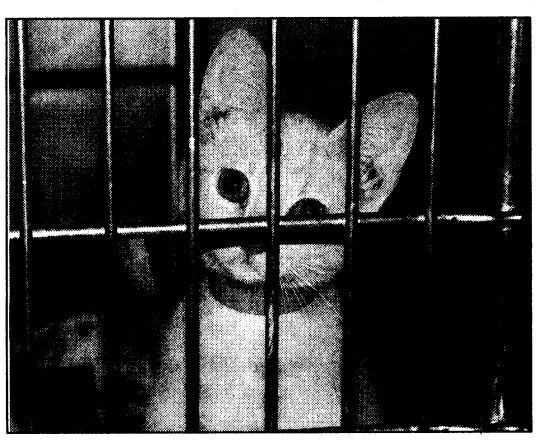
• Bring money. You'll be surprised at the nagging urge to buy something, anything, just to remember your experience by.

• Don't bring a camera. The auctioneer is absolutely anti-papparazzi.

If you're still scared to venture out alone, call Lori. Lori Egan, that is. My editor in chief, and a true Possum Trot fanatic, always enjoys sharing this experience with newcomers.

So, check it out. I would advise a group trip just to see it once and relive it forever. If nothin' else, it's a fun outing. I know it was for me.

To get to the Possum Trot, take Highway 431 toward Seale. Take left into Seale and it will be on your right.



Pets of the Week

These are just two of the pets available at the Veterinary Clinic. Call 545-4444 for more information.

Photos by
Spc. John Dickerson



The 2004 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 analysis, 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.

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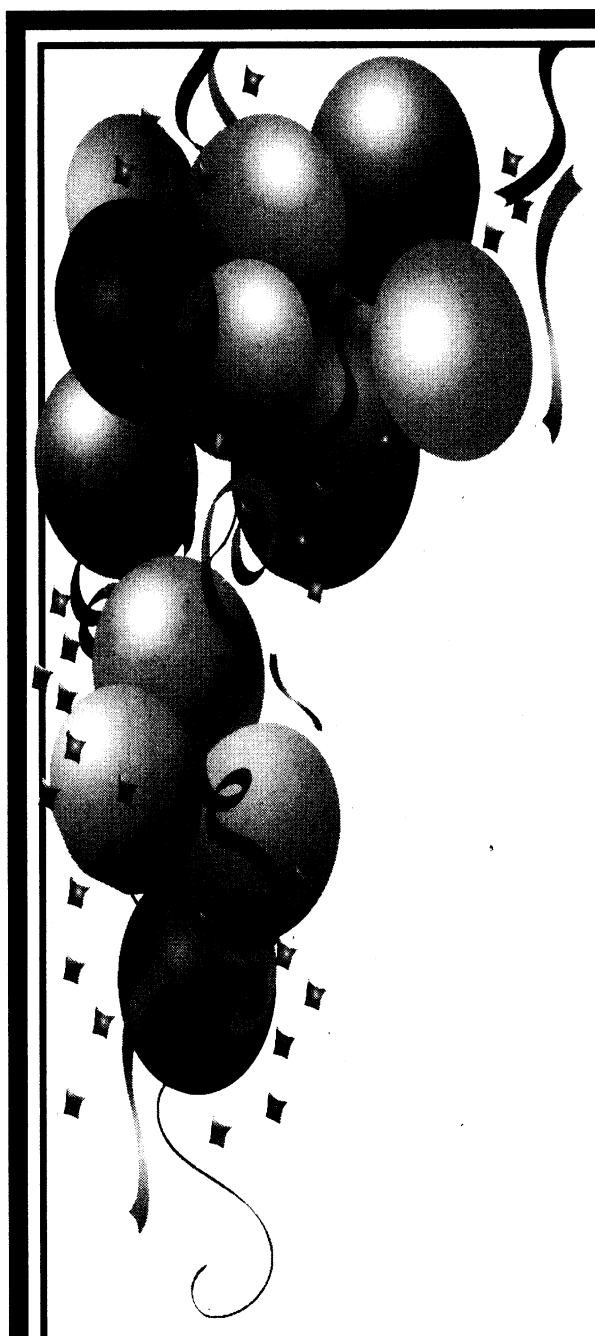

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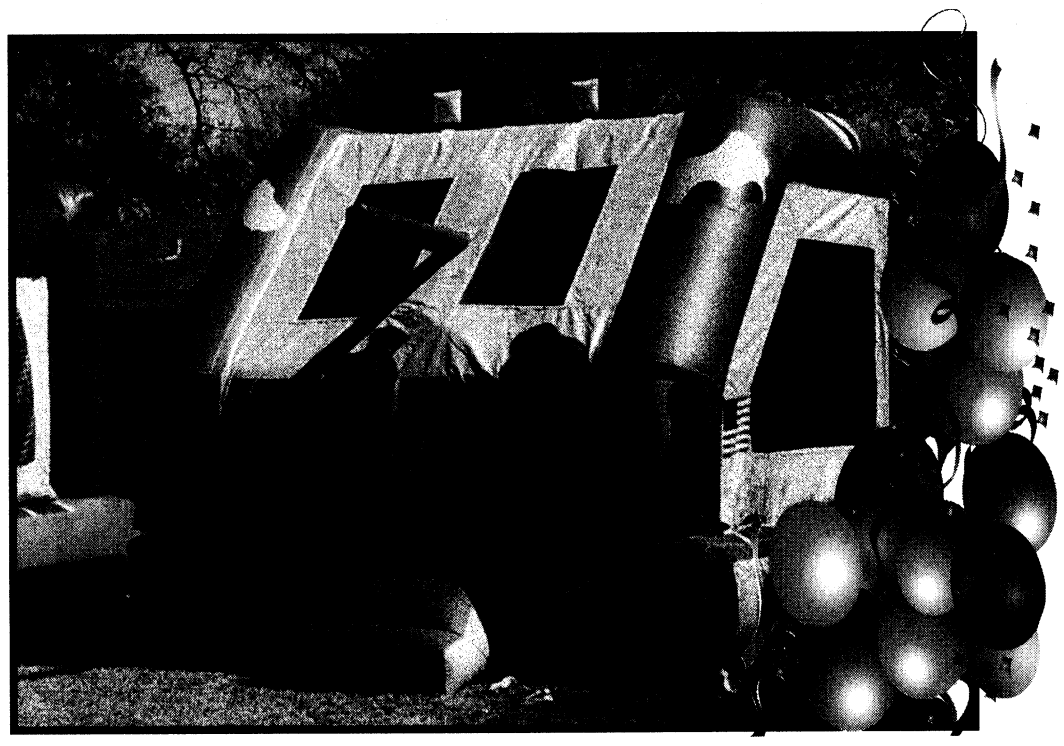


NCOs POLICE FORT BENNING

Patrols on lookout for standard violations

Courtesy patrol will cite inconsiderate

Spc. Eliamar Castanon
Bayonet staff

Mind your manners.

Fort Benning NCOs will be on the look-out for Soldiers, in or out of uniform, civilians, family members or retirees who violate Fort Benning's standards of conduct, said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso, post command sergeant major.

"It's been brought to our attention that we have many violations of the Fort Benning standards," Kelso said. "Bottom line is, if we're not prepared to follow the standards, then we will put NCOs out there to help remind us of what the standards are."

Kelso is referring to those people who use profanity in public, dress inappropriately, blast their music in their cars or speed on post.

"By no means do I want to imply that we have a major issue of this on Fort Benning, but sometimes, young Soldiers forget the standards," Kelso said.

The courtesy patrols, as they'll be called, will consist of two teams of NCOs patrolling two specific areas — the Main Mall Post Exchange area, including the bowling alley, Commissary and the Class Six, and the Main Post mini mall, the bowling alley, the Class Six, the Afterhours Club and the gas station, Kelso said.

Each patrol will have two NCOs, ranking from sergeant to sergeant first class, with at least a staff sergeant on each team at all times. The NCOs will wear a brassard similar to the Military Police brassards, except it will read Courtesy Patrol.

The CPs will carry a standard DD Form 1408 booklet, commonly known as the MP traffic ticket, and will use it to record violators.

Tickets issued will be turned over to Kelso, and he will then inform the Soldiers' command sergeants major about the violations.

The units will then take necessary action to deal with the Soldiers, Kelso said.

Woe to the Soldier who gets written up more than once.

That Soldier, depending on the seriousness of the offense and the number of times it was committed, may end up in Kelso's office.

"These courtesy patrols are acting on behalf of the commanding general. They are official, and it would behoove people to pay attention and be courteous to the courtesy patrol if they're approached," Kelso said.

Those civilians or retirees who believe they cannot be touched by the courtesy patrol are wrong — their post privileges may be revoked.

Kelso said civilians and family members also need to be corrected if they are not following the standards. If residents do not follow the guidance of the patrol NCOs, they will be moved off post.

"Living on post is a privilege, not a right," Kelso said. "This is the greatest post in the Army for all who live and work here, whether it's in uniform or out of uniform, and we expect all to follow the standards of good conduct, which can be found in the standards booklet on the Benning Web site."



Spc. Eliamar Castanon

Beginning July 7, courtesy patrols will be on the lookout for "standards violators" in and around the Main Mall Post Exchange and Commissary, the Main Post mini mall, the After Hours Club and the gas station.

Courtesy patrol duty is scheduled to begin by July 7.

Units whose NCOs will participate include the Basic Combat Training Brigade, the Infantry Training Brigade, the Ranger Training Brigade, the 11th Infantry Regiment, the 29th Infantry Regiment, the NCO Academy, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation and the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, said Sgt. Maj. Jim Davis, command sergeant major of the Directorate of Operations and Training.

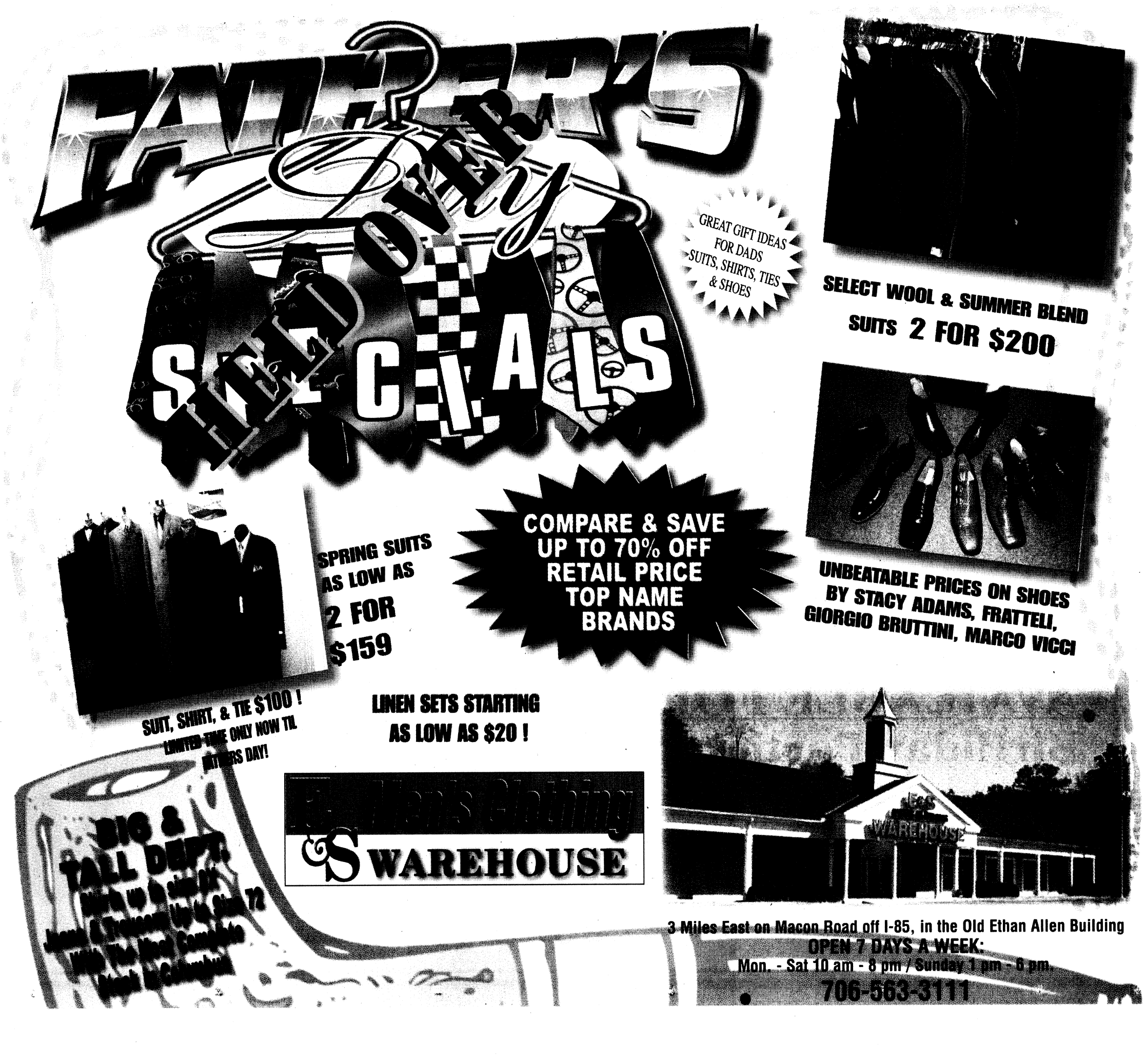
"Since NCOs are the keepers of the standards, they are going to be out ensuring that these issues are addressed," Kelso said.

NCOs will be briefed by post staff duty prior to duty. Rosters have not yet been made, but NCOs will be notified by their chains of command.

The policy will be in effect as long as it's necessary, Kelso said.

"If our patrols tell us they're not very active, maybe we won't need them anymore," he said.

"Until then, if it takes someone having to get written up, so be it. We're not out to be (uptight); we just want a decency on Fort Benning, as established in the U.S. code of conduct," Kelso said.



Dads' role important

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Hawkins
Family Life Ministries Center

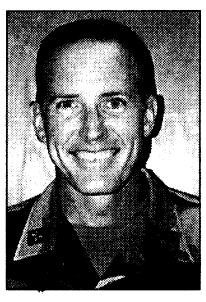
Have you seen the movie *Cheaper By The Dozen*? There's a great scene toward the end of the flick that beautifully illustrates what I think most dads truly want.

After Steve Martin makes the tough call to give up his football coaching job, which he's dreamed of for years, and in which he's "highly successful," he finds himself alone on the 50-yard line wondering, "Did I do the right thing?"

It's at that very point the camera pans over to an empty sideline to find all 12 of his kids, plus his wife, holding up huge placards that read, "We love the coach!"

In essence, he sacrificed becoming a championship football coach to become, instead, a championship dad. He chose to fail at something good so that he could succeed as something even better — and more important!

Don't you think that deep down, most dads want to be "Championship Dads?" Don't you think that virtually every dad wants to be his child's hero? Don't you think that the vast majority of dads want to win at the most important relational game they'll ever play? I do! And from what I've seen and read, it seems to me there are four critical roles a dad should play if he wants to be a championship dad:



Hawkins

• **Doctor** — A championship dad is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to meet the emotional hurts and needs of his children. When your child experiences an "emotional hit-and-run" at school, is there a listening and sympathetic ear at home? When they are cut to the bone by some words or actions in the neighborhood, to whom do they run? Is there a doctor in the house?

• **Coach** — A championship dad is there to build his child up in a world that will try and tear his child down. What do your children most associate with your moments of interaction — building them up or tearing down?

• **Teacher** — A championship dad transfers timeless truths that will last a lifetime. Your child will only be taught by one of two people — you or "them." Who is "them?" "Them" is the most powerful multimedia culture in the history of the world. Will it be MTV's, Jerry Springer's, Cartoon Network's or Carmike Cinema's values that get passed down to your grandkids ... or will it be your values? Your role is powerful and pervasive. Use it!

• **Minister** — A championship dad leads his child to a vibrant, authentic faith in Christ. As we used to say in Special Forces, "Speed of the leader, speed of the team."

"Follow me!" Jesus Christ said it long before the infantry ever got a hold of the slogan!

Want more coaching on how to become a championship dad? Then give me a call at the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760 or come see me at CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at 11 a.m. Sundays on Kelley Hill!

I look forward to meeting you ...

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.	CrossRoads Contemporary Chapel at Kelley Hill
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- Friday	

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, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12:15 p.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3220

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, Classroom 1, Building 3305

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Saturday Worship Service

8:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Weaponeer Building 3954
9:45 a.m.	Lutheran, The Soldiers' Chapel, Building 3420
1 p.m.	Samoan, Custer Terrace Chapel
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Rehab Holding Unit, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, The Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

Thanks for independence

Chaplain (Capt.) Charles D. Wood
Ranger Training Brigade

Independence? Well, that depends ... It's time for fireworks, flags and picnics. It's the time of the year when American patriots celebrate our independence. We will joyously commemorate our freedoms, especially in light of recent events as we fight for freedom from the tyranny of terrorism.

But let's consider our independence with a little more thought than what it takes to flip that next hamburger on the grill. Take a minute and think about your freedom.

A friend of mine and I were discussing Independence Day, and we both concluded one thing — independence isn't so independent.

Consider this: In order to live in the freedom we enjoy today, we must first submit our wills to a set of established laws.

In order to be free from tyrannical domination, we must depend on an elected government.

In order to experience true liberty, we must abide by the principles set forth in our Constitution.

In all our independence, there seems to be quite a bit of dependence on our American values.

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We are also very dependent on public servants to secure our liberties. As our country entered into a new and dangerous era, we found ourselves dependent on our police, fire departments, FBI and many others for homeland security.

We are dependent upon the men and women in our military in far away places, keeping the enemies of freedom at bay. Many of these "servants of society" have paid for our freedom with their very lives. We depend on them.

We see that our independence is contingent on so many others. We depend on the farmer to bring his crops to the market, the manufacturer to construct the necessities of life, the electric company to maintain the flow of vital energy.

How much of our independence would continue if these did not faithfully perform their duties?

We are dependent on our family and friends for encouragement and support. They offer us the camaraderie and companionship that sets us free from the bonds of loneliness and isolation.

Our kids are dependent on us in their youth and we are dependent on them in our waning years. We are dependent on our fellow man for our very existence.

But in all our dependence on humanity, we are supremely dependent on the almighty. When our nation came under attack, didn't we cry out to God in a declaration of holy dependence, asking for his protection and guidance?

When we are confronted with the familiar shackles and bonds of life like sickness and heartbreak, don't we seek him for liberation?

Our independence is very closely connected to our dependence on our heavenly father. And so it should be, because he is the author of true independence. As the Scriptures say:

"You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)

During our celebrations of independence, let us remember to be thankful for the many who enable us to experience such liberties and freedom.

Pat a Soldier on the back and offer that firm handshake of gratitude for their toil in preserving the peace.

Give a friendly wave of thanks to a policeman or fireman. Express your appreciation to your family and friends in a tangible way, letting them know how important they are to you.

And above all, let us take a moment to bow before God to give thanksgiving for his wonderful benevolence that gives us the true independence we enjoy in our country today.

"A wise child makes a glad father, but a foolish child is a mother's grief."
— Proverbs 10:1

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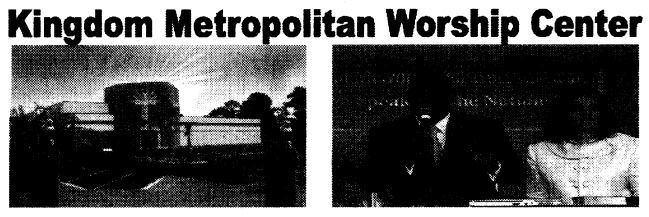
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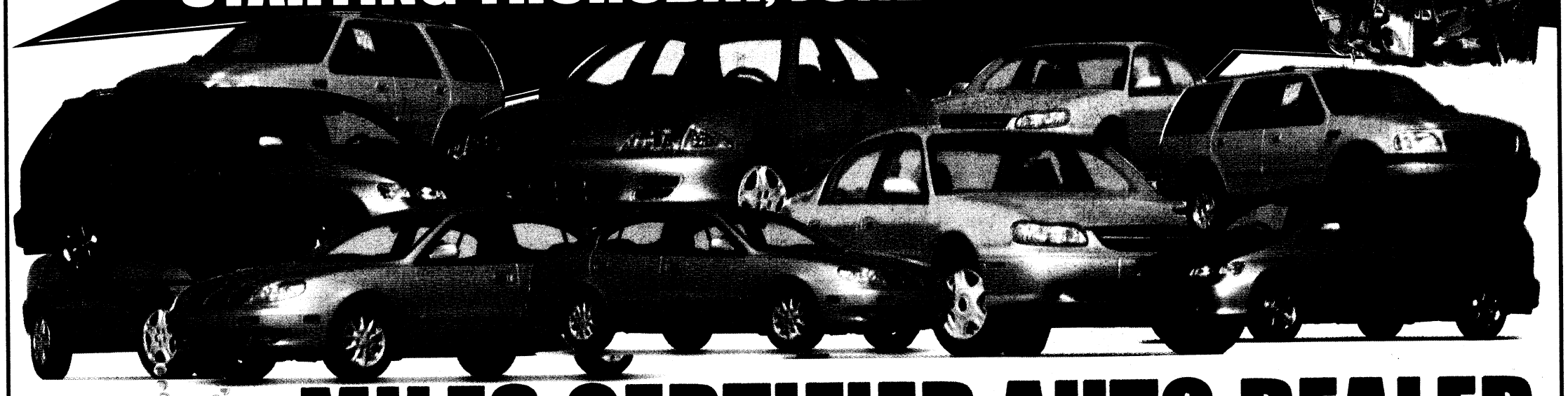



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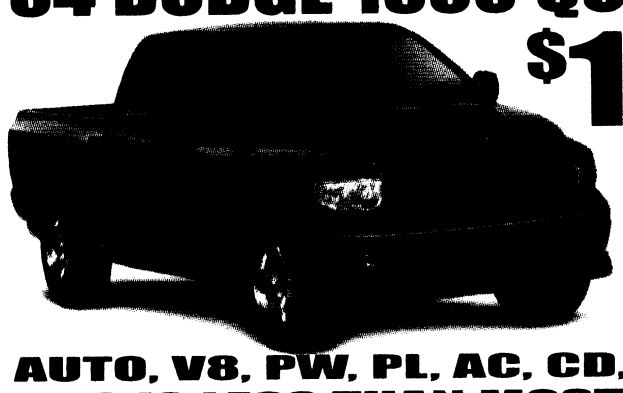

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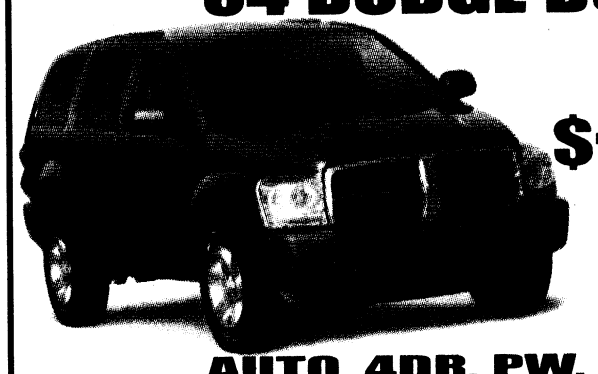

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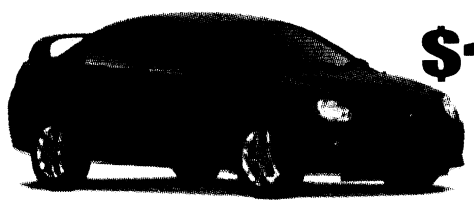

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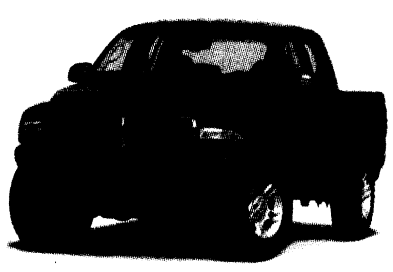

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